DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST

Saint Philip Neri is participating in One Church, Many Disciples, alongside every parish in the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City. This first ever major campaign will build a Shrine for Blessed Stanley Rother, support faith formation ministries, and strengthen local parishes, including ours. We join with faithful from across the archdiocese who are also helping to ensure our local Church is strong and vibrant for generations to come.

As an archdiocese, we form a faith community of 200,000 Catholics in central and western Oklahoma; we truly are One Church, Many Disciples! With the Beatification of Blessed Stanley Rother, each of us has the opportunity to share in his legacy. What an occasion to live Jesus’ call to missionary discipleship!

Please take a moment to review the impact One Church, Many Disciples will have on our parish. This campaign has my full support and, as your Pastor, I hope you will embrace this opportunity here at St. Philip Neri.

Rev. Timothy Fuller, Pastor

PARISH ROOTS

Midwest City came into being in 1942 as a necessary neighbor to Tinker Field. During the war years, the small number of Catholics living in the area were served by the Tinker Chapel and by Sacred Heart Church in Capitol Hill. To accommodate the growing Catholic population in Eastern Oklahoma County after the war ended, Bishop Eugene McGuinness established St. Philip Neri Parish in March 1946. Through the years, many people have known St. Philip Neri as their spiritual home. Plans for the church and new facilities begun in 1987. Archbishop Salatka dedicated the present church on November 13, 1992.

OUR CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION

We now have an excellent opportunity to participate in One Church, Many Disciples. Through participating in this campaign, St. Philip Neri Parish will raise significant funds towards the current needs of our beloved community. We are seeking five-year pledges to achieve our goal of $1,030,000. Saint Philip Neri will receive 20% of all funds raised up to the goal, totaling $206,000. In addition, 50% of every dollar raised above our goal will be returned to our parish.
OUR SHARE OF THE FUNDS

Through the One Church, Many Disciples campaign, our parish will not only play a significant role in an historic moment in the history of our archdiocese, but will also support new projects here at St. Philip Neri Parish. Our share of this effort will help repair and refurbish the flooring in the church and narthex, install an audio/visual system in the Family Life Center as well as window treatments in the gym and St. Augustine Room, replace the carpet and ceiling tiles in the school and create a safer and more secure environment for our school.

CHURCH/NARTHEX FLOORING

The slate floor in the narthex of the church has many broken tiles through many years of use. As these tiles are no longer available, it has become necessary to replace the floor. Moreover, throughout the years of wear and water damage, the carpet in the church is in need of replacing.

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Currently we use a portable audio/visual system for any parish and school events held in the gym. A new and permanent A/V system will be able to provide for the needs of a variety of services. Window treatments in both the gym and St. Augustine room will allow for events such as receptions and parish dinners to experience a better atmosphere.

SCHOOL RENOVATIONS

This year our school is projected to have one of its highest enrollments ever, over 200 students. This is great news for our parish. Whenever a prospective family visits a school, their first impression is always the appearance of the facility. Over the years, the carpets in the classrooms have become worn and the ceiling tiles throughout the school have also become damaged and discolored. Our goal is to replace the carpet and the ceiling tiles.

INCREASED SCHOOL SECURITY

Currently, our school is well-secured; however, with increased occurrence of violence on school campuses we feel it prudent to take extra measures to keep our children and teachers safe and secure. We would like to install an electronic access key system for all exterior school doors. This would eliminate the need for multiple keys and the possibility of them being lost or duplicated.