The Vision Continues...
REMEMBER, RENEW,
REBUILD & RECOMMIT
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
Houston, Texas
THE VERY SUCCESS OF PART ONE OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN, AND THE FUTURE SUCCESS OF PART TWO, IS BASED ON EQUAL SACRIFICE, NOT EQUAL GIFTS. MAY OUR GIFTS, THEREFORE, BE A REFLECTION OF OUR TRUE APPRECIATION TO GOD FOR THE GIFTS HE HAS BLESSED EACH OF US WITH.
Dear St. Clare Community,

It is hard to believe that it has been almost 3 years since we held our original Remember, Renew, Rebuild and Recommit campaign with the goal of constructing a Family Life Center and removing the modular buildings. We began Part One of the Campaign in the Fall of 2013, and broke ground in the Spring of 2014. The new building was dedicated by Cardinal DiNardo in August of 2015. We are now entering our second year of enjoying and utilizing this wonderful facility!

We all enjoy the Family Life Center and have seen our faith community grow and flourish. Visitors to our new facility never fail to voice how impressed they are at the beauty and functionality of our facility. We are indeed blessed! All of this was made possible by the many parishioners and friends who gave or pledged to Part One of the Two Part Capital Campaign.

We stated at the beginning of the campaign in 2013 that it would be necessary to have a second part of the campaign in order to pay off the remainder of the construction loan. Within three years, we have paid 53% of the original cost of the Family Life Center. This is a major accomplishment and I thank you. Without your generosity, we would not be enjoying the blessings we now do.

Along with paying off the remainder of the construction loan, it has become necessary to also include in Part Two of the Campaign the installation of new pews in the church. After more than 20 years of use, I believe we would all agree that new pews are needed at this time. The goal is to have the new pews installed by Easter of 2017.

The objective of this campaign, entitled The Vision Continues... Remember, Renew, Rebuild and Recommit, is to obtain from all members of our Community, over the next few weeks, a commitment to achieve the goal we set in 2013 along with the additional cost of new pews. Our goal is to pay off the entire building debt on or before November of 2019! To accomplish this and pay for the new pews, $2,830,000 in gifts and pledges are needed.

In order for us to retire our parish debt and continue moving forward, we must all prayerfully consider our individual contributions in achieving our parish goal of $2,830,000 by giving generously and encouraging every parishioner to do likewise. Obviously, because personal resources and obligations vary, not every person or family can pledge the same amount. But we can all make the same size sacrifice. Indeed, the very success of Part One of the Capital Campaign, and the future success of Part Two is based on equal sacrifice, not equal gifts. May our gifts, therefore, be a reflection of our true appreciation to God for the gifts He has blessed each of us with.

As the Lord has blessed us in the past, may He bless us abundantly once again as The Vision Continues...

Sincerely In Christ,

Fr. Vincent Nguyen

Father Vincent Nguyen
Pastor
In 2013, we, the Community of St. Clare of Assisi, moved forward with the vision of our Family Life Center. The 6-year plan to finance this $5,495,000 project was to be completed in two parts. At the conclusion of Part One, we have paid $2,405,000 of the original construction costs along with an additional $514,000 in principle payments. This leaves us with $2,576,000 of remaining debt for the Family Life Center.

The parishioners of St. Clare have also expressed a critical need to replace the aging pews in the Church. After more than 20 years of use, new sturdy pews are needed. We previously had extra pews that were purchased at the time the original church was built however, over the years, they have all been used to replace broken ones. As we have heard your concerns with the pews, and consulted with parish councils, plans are now in place to replace all of them by Easter of 2017. The cost for the construction and installation of the new pews is $250,000.

The Vision Continues... campaign seeks to raise a minimum of $2,830,000 to both retire our parish debt and purchase new pews for the church.

As a community, we have the unique opportunity to meet this challenge, as the addition of the Family Life Center has allowed us to better meet the spiritual, social, educational and ministerial needs of our parish community. Seizing this opportunity will not come without sacrifice. Throughout the history of St. Clare, our community has made the necessary sacrifices in all aspects of parish life and Stewardship to further the Mission of Christ. We are confident that together we will meet this challenge with the same degree of commitment and participation we have shown in the past.

OUR Challenge

During this campaign, we are asking everyone who calls St. Clare of Assisi home to:
1. Pray for the success of the Campaign.
2. Be an ambassador for St. Clare of Assisi by getting involved and by sharing this information with as many people as you can with enthusiasm and encourage them to get involved.
3. Make your sacrificial pledge.

Whether you participate by attending a campaign reception, responding at Mass or by mail, or by graciously receiving a parish volunteer into your home, it is your act of involvement that will make this campaign a success.
Throughout *The Vision Continues... Remember, Renew, Rebuild and Recommit* Campaign, Father Vincent the Capital Campaign Committee and volunteer workers will reach out to all members of our community to convey our parish’s dreams for the future and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events are being held in order to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

1) Every registered family will be invited to attend one of a series of campaign receptions. These receptions will allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and learn about the needs of our parish.

2) The families that do not attend a reception will be able to read about our plans through this brochure, which will be mailed to their homes. These families will also be asked to consider all the information contained in the brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort.

3) Those who do not respond by Commitment Weekend will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners, volunteering their time over several weeks for the success of achieving our goal. These volunteers will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of making home visitations and increasing the awareness of Part Two of the Campaign.

**PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

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*This is the total amount of principal that will be paid through the November 2016 loan payment. There has also been $87,324.94 paid in interest.*

“NOT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE GIFT, BUT EVERYONE CAN MAKE THE SAME SIZE SACRIFICE.”
St. Clare of Assisi has set a goal of $2,830,000 for Part Two of this Campaign. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

We invite you to prayerfully consider how your generosity can reflect your gratitude for the gifts that God has given you. We know that a sacrificial pledge will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so.

In Deuteronomy 16:10 we are reminded that:

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“The measure of your own free will offering should be in proportion to the blessing the Lord has bestowed on you.”

Individuals who are financially capable of pledging $25,000, $50,000, $100,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Pledge Plans on the following page and choose a plan that is right for you.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE PLEASE REMEMBER
• Payments may be made over a period of three (3) years. A longer period can be arranged if necessary.
• For your convenience a special envelope will be included with your monthly contribution envelopes. Please use this envelope to submit your payments.
• Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
• Please make checks payable to: St. Clare of Assisi Capital Campaign

YOUR DECISION TO GIVE
No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.
Suggested Pledge Plans

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PLEDGES VIA CASH OR CHECK

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to St. Clare of Assisi Campaign. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

PLEDGES VIA ACH DEBIT

Pledge payment can be set up as ACH debit. Please complete the ACH authorization form or contact the campaign office.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer stock. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to sell stock in order to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. In either case, the stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

GIFTS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

The IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the 2015 PATH (Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes) Act permits individuals age 70.5 or older to contribute up to $100,000 from a qualifying retirement account directly to the parish without recognizing the assets transferred to the charity as income. Please contact your financial advisor for additional information concerning gifts via retirement accounts.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS OR BEQUESTS

There are different ways to support St. Clare of Assisi both today and in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

HOW TO Make Your Pledge

Please review the pledge plans carefully and select one that fits your family’s financial situation. The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. Our success depends on receiving gifts of all shapes and sizes.

All contributions to the campaign are fully tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes. Pledges are not legally binding, but rather an indication of your intention to donate. If you have any questions about the campaign or making your pledge, please contact the parish office, 281.286.7729.
THE THREE FACETS OF PARISH GIVING

Offertory
Your weekly contributions to the general collection support the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish, including faith formation, Catholic education, liturgy, maintaining our facilities and personnel.

Diocesan Services Fund
Each year, parishioners of St. Clare are asked to support the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston through the DSF in order to supplement the many programs and services offered for the less fortunate, elderly, our parish and the other parishes, missions and schools of the diocese.

The Vision Continues Campaign
Your pledge payments to this campaign should be in addition to your regular offertory contributions and annual appeal contributions. Your campaign pledge is a restricted gift – to be used solely for the projects cited in this brochure.

YOUR PLEDGE CAN BE GIVEN IN MEMORY OR HONOR OF A LOVED ONE
Memorials are special ways of honoring the people we love, whether they are living or deceased. Naming Opportunities also can be utilized for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessings received from God. Our new Parish Life Center serves as a lasting tribute to honor the sacrifices our parishioners generously made. The good they do is not interred with them, but will remain to share in the divine activity of God on earth.

Memorials and naming opportunities are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis and will only be designated once during the campaign. Please contact the campaign office for the availability of a memorial opportunity.

There are still memorials and naming opportunities available for the Parish Life Center as well as the addition of an opportunity for the new pews in the church.

PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN
Many people contribute to the life of our parish and provide vision for our future. Our deepest gratitude extends to the members of the Campaign Committee, who have given the gifts of their time and talents to make this project a success.

And, of course, we could not have been able to reach out to everyone in our parish if it weren’t for the help of our gracious and very dedicated volunteers. THANK YOU!

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Good and Gracious God,
We thank You for providing us with the guidance to successfully build our Family Life Center.

We ask You to continue to provide us with the Grace and Blessings we need to complete this campaign. Together, as a family, help us to remain steadfast and focused to Your vision in order to grow the Church and live the Mission of our parish.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, in unity with the Holy Spirit and through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary and our patroness, St. Clare of Assisi, Amen.