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Dear Parishioners,

Last December, a bulletin announcement advised of the need of repairs and restoration of portions of the church and manor house based on a structural report by BECS, an engineering firm in Baltimore. We requested volunteers for a committee for planning, restoration, and fundraising. In February of this year, the Capital Campaign Committee began meeting. The Committee consists of two subcommittees, the Project Development Subcommittee and the Finance Subcommittee comprised of eleven parishioners.

With the approval of the Parish Council and Finance Committee, the parish applied to the Archdiocese for permission for a capital campaign. We were granted permission from the Archdiocese to begin the capital campaign late spring. To date, the Capital Campaign Committee has created a slogan, developed marketing materials and letter head, completed rafters and floor joists repairs, engaged BECS to oversee the project, prioritized the suggested work, and based on BECS' rough estimates, set a goal of \$1.5 million for the project. The Project Development Committee continues to work with BECS to further specify the work to be done and to assist with the Maryland Historic Trust so that we can solicit bids from contractors.

Thanks to generous bequests, gifts, and renovation collections over the past couple of years along with pledges and donations, we have in excess of \$600,000 earmarked for this Campaign. St. Ignatius Chapel Point parishioners have a long history of generosity of both time and money to their parish. I am confident that together with God's good grace and help from our friends and neighbors, we can reach our goal of \$1.5 million to repair and restore our beautiful church and manor house for the next 378 years.

I am pleased to announce the official kick off of our three year "**Restore & Renew Capital Campaign**". Further updates will be provided in the bulletins as well as social media postings, parish meetings and special announcements as we work our way through the restoration process. Feel free to contact me or any committee member with questions in regards to the Campaign or the restoration.

Thank you for all you have done to continue the work of Father Andrew White that began 378 years ago on this hill overlooking the Port Tobacco River and for your great generosity in helping with future goals.

Sincerely in Christ,

Thomas F. Clifford, S.J.
Pastor