



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March 2, 2017

My dear brothers and sisters of Holy Trinity Parish of Webster County:

Grace and peace to you in this holy season of Lent. I want to take this opportunity to comment on the successes in your "Living our Faith; Building our Future" capital campaign. Having raised to date pledges in excess of \$8,000,000.00, and having over 50% of those pledged funds now as cash on hand, is indeed a testament to the Christian faith and hope that motivates your community of faith. I join you in praise and in gratitude for the wonderful leadership of your pastor, Monsignor Kevin McCoy, and all those who have assisted him. I joyfully commend your faithfulness to the Church and your ongoing efforts in building up your community of believers. I am particularly grateful for your vision to build a new sanctuary for divine worship, along with your master plan that provides for social and administrative needs of Holy Trinity Parish. This is a necessary step toward the future for all Catholics in Webster County. I encourage you in your efforts and pray that your goals and visions may soon be met.

These past twenty years or so have been defined in large part by your pastoral planning that has encompassed both Holy Trinity Parish and St. Edmond Catholic School. In many regards, your planning efforts model aspects of the pastoral planning that is currently being employed across the entire Diocese of Sioux City. You know well the challenges and disappointments that accompany change, but you also know the vitality that can be garnered from the collaboration of the many to build up the one community of believers. Your lived-experience at St. Edmond Catholic School demonstrates this vitality; and I am convinced that the same is true for Holy Trinity Parish. As your Bishop, I thank you for this history of faithful collaboration, and I look forward to your continued desire to live your Catholic faith fully. This vitality of faith has been demonstrated well in Webster County since the Church's first institutional presence there in the 1850's.

To this end, I am asking Monsignor McCoy and the various committees involved with the design of the master plan to continue to engage this project so as to define building plans and a probable time line for the construction of this new sanctuary.

Again, I thank you for supporting the many initiatives furthering the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ across Webster County and beyond. May God in his infinite goodness bless your ongoing efforts in evangelization and stewardship.

I promise you and your initiatives a place in my prayers. May this holy season of Lent, through your prayer, fasting and care for others, assist you in your growth in holiness.

Your brother in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Walker Nickless".

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