



Saint Gabriel Catholic Church

August 23, 2010

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing with exciting news about an exciting new project.

In little more than a year, we'll be going into the 10th year of having our own buildings. This October will mark 4 years in our own office space.

It's about time to start preparing for our immediate future. That involves ways to maintain well what we already have. It means, too, moving toward responsibly expanding our programs as well as our facilities.

To do that, we must increase very substantially our financial resources. To make that happen, I am initiating a comprehensive Parish Increased Giving Campaign. It will start immediately, peak before Thanksgiving and point toward new giving patterns in the new year.

The campaign has have 4 major aims:

- increase offertory income
- decrease/eliminate remaining debt on existing buildings
- grow a capital contingency fund
- encourage parish-wide electronic contributions

A consultant has designed and will manage the campaign. We are paying a reasonable flat fee rather than the usually higher commercial fundraising rates. Teams of our parishioners will carry out the campaign.

An additional help to the campaign is a new element of the annual diocesan appeal. This year, a portion (from 20% to 50%!) of the money contributed by parishioners to the diocese will be given to the parish.

You will soon receive more details about our Parish Increased Giving Campaign. When you do, please jump on board to build a good and solid future for our wonderful parish!

May God bless you... and this great new effort!

