

St. Stephen Catholic Parish and School

Our Faith...Our Hope...Our Future

Capital Campaign 2015

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MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR FAITH...OUR HOPE...OUR FUTURE Capital Campaign

WHO WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE?

Plans call for all parishioners and friends of St. Stephen Parish and School to be asked to make a sacrificial gift. We are seeking 100 % participation from all members of the St. Stephen parish and school family.

WHEN WILL SOLICITATION BEGIN?

Solicitation of all parish families will be conducted over the next few months.

MUST I MAKE A PLEDGE?

All baptized believers are members of the Body of Christ alive and at work in today's world. Nevertheless, this Body, the Church, is a voluntary organization. All gifts are welcome. However, one-time, out of pocket giving will not enable us to meet our goal. Because our goal is very ambitious, donors are urged to increase the effectiveness of their gifts by pledging and budgeting their gift over a 5 year pledge period.

HOW ARE PLEDGES MADE?

Every family will be asked for a gift investment to the program. A 10% payment with your pledge is suggested but not necessary. Your signing of a pledge card does not constitute a legal obligation, but a moral intent. In the event of a change in your economic status, your pledge may be altered.

QUIÉNES TIENEN QUE PARTICIPAR?

Planes piden que los parroquianos y amigos de la parroquia y escuela de San Esteban hagan un regalo sacrificial, pero la cantidad es estrictamente depende de la persona. Quisiéramos tener 100 % participación de todas las familias de la parroquia San Esteban.

¿CUANDO EMPIECA LA SOLICITUD VOLUNTARIA?

Solicitud de todas las familias de la parroquia será a cabo en los próximos meses.

¿CÓMO SE HACEN PROMESAS?

Cada familia se le pedirá para una inversión de regalo para el programa. Se sugiere un pago de 10% con su promesa, pero no es necesario. Su firma de una tarjeta de compromiso no constituye una obligación legal, sino una intención moral. En caso de un cambio en su situación económica, su promesa se puede alterar.

¿DEBO HACER UNA PROMESA?

Todos los creyentes bautizados son miembros del período de compromiso Cuerpo de Cristo vivo y en el trabajo en el mundo actual. Sin embargo, este Cuerpo, la Iglesia, es una organización voluntaria. Todos los regalos son bienvenidos. Sin embargo, una sola vez, de dar no nos permitirá alcanzar nuestra meta. Porque nuestro objetivo es muy ambicioso, se pide a los donantes a aumentar la eficacia de sus dones al prometer y presupuestar su regalo sobre 5 años.

Stewardship

Stewardship hinges on being a reflective person, a person who is aware at every turn that they are incredibly blessed by a loving God. More than anything, stewardship tries to provide a better spiritual base for the giving that we do. Basically two approaches illustrate what is often in the heart, the first says, "look at all I have earned, what I have achieved, the results of my hard work". The stewardship approach says, "look at how much God has given me, how deeply I have been blessed." We don't easily and naturally move into the stewardship stance of blessing God for His gifts. The American way tends to stress the first with the emphasis on **MY EFFORTS, MY INGENUITY**. Our world places too high a value on individualism. The truth is that **ALL IS A BLESSING AND A GIFT**.

Everyone in the parish is going to be asked to consider a gift to **Our Faith...Our Hope...Our Future** capital campaign. It is our way of blessing our parish, our school and their future and for all who will follow by giving a gift in proportion to the way we have been blessed. I see the future of St. Stephen parish and school as being very strong. If good things have happened in the past, they will be multiplied even more with the successful conclusion of this campaign.

Your generous gifts of Time and Talent to our parish and school have touched many people. Your gift of "Treasure" will enable us to do what needs to be done. God bless you and all those who preceded you for their faith and generous support of our parish and school.