

# CAMPAIGN NEWS

## PROJECT 2020

MARCH 2017

FROM FR. MIKE

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Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank everyone who took the time to participate in our campaign feasibility study here at St. Bonaventure.

I also want to thank and recognize our Project 2020 team for their unending commitment to our future. They have worked tirelessly, over the past many months, to produce a master plan for the future of St. Bonaventure.

Parish leadership has viewed these results favorably and agreed to move forward with a capital campaign. We will begin with some pre-campaign planning and team building. I ask everyone to join a campaign team.

Each team has unique objectives, but with a minimum time commitment.

Communication will be a key component of this campaign. We will make every effort to keep you informed of campaign events and will provide many opportunities for you to learn more about these exciting projects for our parish.

Joe Akers, our campaign consultant from *For the Greater*, will be working closely with us during the campaign. He will be especially attentive to make sure that all parishioners have a clear understanding of the campaign goals and progress.

Prayer will be an integral part of this campaign. I ask that we all begin immediately to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as we start down this important path toward the future of St. Bonaventure parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Mike Swanton

### **St. Bonaventure Enthusiastically Moves to Proceed with Capital Campaign**

On Friday, February 10, Fr. Mike Swanton along with members of parish leadership teams heard the results of the feasibility study conducted by *For the Greater* of Kansas. After a lengthy and thoughtful discussion, the parish lay leaders unanimously agreed to move forward with a capital campaign. With archdiocesan approval, St. Bonaventure will proceed with a capital campaign beginning immediately and ending in June. The objective of this campaign is to raise funding toward the parishes Project 2020 master plan.

#### **HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE FEASIBILITY STUDY INCLUDE**

##### **SPIRITUALITY**

Ninety-seven percent (97.8%) of those in the study agreed or strongly agreed that St. Bonaventure is effective in helping them to live their sacramental Catholic faith. The average percent positive collected from past client feasibility studies for this type of question is 81%.

##### **AWARENESS**

Seventy-six percent (76.4%) agree with the Project 2020 plan and believe St. Bonaventure should begin a campaign toward those objective; 17% were neutral; only 6% disagree.

##### **PRAYERFUL**

Ninety-six percent (96%) are willing to pray for the success of a capital campaign.

##### **CAMPAIGN SUPPORT**

Eighty-two percent (82%) of those in the study said they would be willing to financially support a campaign (15% needed more information or were unsure). Only 3% said no.

Campaign consultant Joe Akers added, "I was impressed with both the enthusiasm and cohesiveness of St. Bonaventure. The term family was used by many members in describing this parish during the feasibility study. As a group, this parish is spiritual, supportive, and willing to get involved. These are things we find in successful campaigns."

**The capital campaign formally kicks off on Tuesday, March 21, with a Volunteer Organizational Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.**

# VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00-8:00 pm \* Parish Hall

Please join us as we kick off our capital campaign on Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. You can sign up for a team at the meeting or by contacting one of our team Co-Chairs.

## PRAYER TEAM

Assists in writing the campaign prayer; considers prayer events and ideas to set the spiritual tone of the campaign.

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## COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

Creates campaign theme and logo, develops plan to communicate information to the parish, including print and social media, power-points, video, etc.

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## EVENTS TEAM

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