

Dear Parish Family and Friends,

As you know, we are kicking-off a landmark archdiocesan-wide campaign titled *Called to Serve as Christ: Campaign for our Priests, Sisters and Family of Faith*. This important initiative has a goal of \$100 million and will help meet the growing needs throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Dennis & Peggy LaPorte are leading the effort for our parish. Tom Smith, Laurie Fiorito, Jean Picha-Parker, Helen Kutz, Michael Manning & Rosanne Buckner have already stepped forward in support of the campaign by accepting a position on our Campaign Committee. When you see them, please thank them for their generosity and efforts. If they reach out to talk to you about the campaign, please respond to them with open hearts and minds, as they are doing so as a favor to myself, Fr. Jean Pierre, Archbishop Sartain, and this campaign.

The more we have heard about the campaign and prayed about it, we realize this campaign is not about the call to vocation for any one priest or sister: it is about our entire archdiocese's call to serve as Christ, by building his church in Western Washington for the future. The goals of this campaign will not only help the priests and sisters of today, but also put their pension and medical plans on a sustainable path to benefit our entire archdiocese for many generations to come. As many of you know we have been very fortunate to have two former pastors of St. Theresa Parish who are now retired from ministry living at the Palisades Retreat Center who together have served all of us for over a quarter century.

Each parish is asked to do its part in leading the campaign to success by requesting parishioners to prayerfully consider a three-year pledge to the campaign. Our parish goal is **\$775,515**. We know our parish, through prayer, hard work and generosity, will do our part to help in accomplishing this goal and do our very best as a parish as St. Theresa Parish always does. **We are excited to tell you that St. Theresa Parish will receive 15 percent of all funds raised up to our goal for our own local needs. Moreover, 85 percent of any funds raised beyond the \$775,515 goal will be returned to our parish! We will use these funds to aid in replacing the tile and flat roofs of the parish which are way past their life expectancy, hopefully pay off the remaining balance of our parish debt, and finally create an outdoor prayer area for our parishioners with the emphasize on our patron saint, St. Theresa.**

You will be hearing more about this effort in the coming weeks and months from us or one of your fellow parishioners, who are assisting us with this effort. For now, we ask that you join me in prayer that the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign may be successful. Please keep your minds, ears and hearts open to the message of this landmark initiative. If we all work together, we know we will be richly blessed.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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