

## A Compelling Need. . . (continued from first page)

faith to future generations.

*Faith in our youth.* Young people carry our hopes and dreams into the future. They deserve the best education possible to realize their potential. *Faith In Our Future* will enhance formation and education to cultivate young lives of faith, and also equip students with the skills they'll need tomorrow. We most truly show faith in our youth when we provide them with a sound Catholic education.

*Faith in our adults.* Faith is capable of amazing growth. It may lead a young man to a seminary, or inspire adults to a deeper relationship with God, or encourage a lay person to seek leadership training. *Faith In Our Future* funds a renewed emphasis on lifelong faith formation. The campaign makes possible expanded learning opportunities to support Catholics on their journey of faith.

*Join us in faith!* There's no education that cares for both mind and spirit like Catholic education. Supporting this campaign is the most valuable

investment you can make. We invite you to prayerfully consider your role and that of your parish in the *Faith In Our Future* campaign.

### A \$105 Million Campaign to Fund Pastoral Priorities

*Faith In Our Future* is a campaign to support priorities at both the parish and archdiocesan levels: 60% of the funds will be directed to parishes for their needs; 40% will be used to fund archdiocesan ministries.

*Parish Ministry* Enhancing and expanding parish ministries through parish stewardship campaigns for capital, direct ministry, and endowment priorities.

*Catholic Schools* Enhancing and sustaining the excellent work of our Catholic schools through scholarship and tuition assistance, financial awards to fund strengthened school support services, capital needs, and innovative programming and initiatives within our schools.

*Lifelong Faith Formation* Endowed and immediate funding for the John Paul II Center for

adult formation; endowment support for Saint Francis de Sales Seminary, awards to parishes for religious education programs, and awards for initiatives that strengthen faith formation.

*Support for the Global Church* Just as individual parishes will be asked to share their resources to support the needs of the 10-county archdiocese, Archbishop Dolan has directed that the archdiocese set aside a portion of its funds for outreach beyond our archdiocesan borders.



Archdiocese of Milwaukee Capital Stewardship Campaign

## Blessed Trinity Parish

Special Edition Newsletter March 29, 2009

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.*

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## Note from Father Bob

As Catholics, our obligation is to not only grow our own faith but to provide a strong foundation of faith for our youth.

That's why I'm so pleased to be a part of the Faith in Our Future Campaign and I invite you to take a minute and read some more about this vital archdiocesan capital stewardship initiative.

This three year campaign is exciting for me because we will see direct results at Blessed Trinity and St. John

Evangelist.

At St. John Evangelist, a successful campaign will result in the development of a home-based Religious Education Program and a second initiative of developing a social justice program.

At Blessed Trinity, this campaign will allow the funding of major repairs to the school and church buildings. We will also be able to increase our endowment fund. You'll note a couple of

common themes throughout the campaign.

"Not Equal Gifts but Equal Sacrifice" is one of them. A gift of \$50 from one person may require the same amount of sacrifice as the \$500 gift of another person. These gifts can be given from a spirit of gratitude or in response to God's direction for your life.

Please consider helping. We need all of you to reach our goal!

Fr. Bob Lotz, Pastor

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The Archdiocese of Milwaukee's *Faith In Our Future* campaign will strengthen parishes, schools and lifelong faith formation efforts throughout the archdiocese. These

initiatives are among Archbishop Timothy Dolan's pastoral priorities for the Catholic Church of southeastern Wisconsin. In addition to strengthening the local

Church, this campaign will support the global Church. From parishes to schools to the archdiocese, quality education and faith formation ensures the passing of our Catholic

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## Information Distribution in April and May

Your time is valuable and limited, so we have designed a fact sheet and a packet containing several important items that describe the "Faith In Our Future" campaign.

The fact sheet will contain further information on the campaign, including specific details on our parish plans. These fact sheets will be sent to homes in late April.

The informational packet contains a brochure, Frequently Asked Questions, a

spiritual worksheet, Ways of Giving brochure, a question slip, and a prayer card.

Every family in the parish will receive one of these packets. This means you won't have to attend extra meetings to obtain this information.

Packets will be available on the weekend of May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Please pick one up after the mass you attend that weekend. This will help us save time and reduce postage costs.

If you are unable to pick up the packet at the church, we will mail one to you.

Once you receive your packet, please look over its contents, discuss this project as a family, and make praying the "Faith In Our Future" prayer part of your daily routine.

If you have questions, please write them on the question slips provided and return them to the parish office. We want to hear your questions.

## "Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice"

*"My God will fully supply whatever you need, in accord with his glorious riches in Christ Jesus."*

-- *Philippians 4:19*

During the next few months, we will join all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as we explore the spirituality of stewardship together. We know that God is not impressed by financial gifts, but God does look at our hearts.

Please join us in prayer, study, and worship.

Begin now to pray, "Lord, what do You want to do through me – to accomplish Your will – for my parish and diocese?"

Pray that the "Faith In Our Future" program

will accomplish what it is meant to do: to focus our vision on God's work and our part in it.

## Children and Youth Activities

The children and youth of our parish will also participate in activities surrounding this campaign.

In doing so, they will discover the excitement of working as a community in building our parish; learning about stewardship and finding new ways to

express their love and enthusiasm for both God and their parish.

They will also hear about how the initiatives we support will contribute to their spiritual and community life.

Information on Children and Youth

activities will be sent home with each child soon.

Watch for it, encourage your child to participate, and be sure to include the campaign in your family conversations and prayers.

*"Let not your hand be open to receive and clenched when it is time to give."*

## Please Say "Yes!"

The success of "Faith In Our Future" depends on you!

In the coming months, hundreds of fellow parishioners will dedicate their time and talents in an effort to inform the parish of the challenge before us as

we undertake "Faith In Our Future" Capital Stewardship Campaign. But they cannot do it all alone – they need your help.

There are so many different ways you can share time, talent, and resources. When you

are asked to become part of this campaign team, please say "Yes!"

*We would like to say a special thanks to these who have already stepped forward to say "Yes!"*

**Campaign Chairs**  
Russ & Carol Schuler  
Gene & Carol Specht

*All contributions will be held in trust for the use and purposes set forth in the Faith In Our Future Campaign and for no other purposes. The Faith In Our Future Campaign funds Catholic education and faith formation within the Church of southeastern Wisconsin.*

## "Faith In Our Future" Four Great Questions

***If not this, what?***

***If not here, where?***

***If not now, when?***

***If not me, who?***