

Church of the Assumption
Glorifying the Lord
 with Our Lives



**School Heating System
 The Next Campaign Project**

An entirely new heating system will be installed this summer in our school by Feller Heating. While it is an expensive project, it is important that we do it at this time for several reasons. First, the current heating system is inadequate, very fragile and could fail at any time. Second, if it were to fail during the school year it would be very disruptive and might result in the need to temporarily close the school. And third, contractors are available now and, in the event of a failure during the school year, may not be in a position to help us.

Full funding for the new heating system is coming from two sources: the Capital Campaign and the Woodard Fund. The Capital Campaign will provide \$300,000 and Woodard Fund the additional \$250,000. This means we will be able to complete the project on schedule and without adding to the debt load of the parish.

The installation of new windows in the school, which is an item in the Capital Campaign, will be postponed because of the cost of the heating system. However it will remain an essential project and will be done when additional funds are available.

**Status of Roof Cleaning/
 Church Windows**

The original Capital Campaign estimate provided \$75,000 to clean the church roof. We now know that the roof cannot be cleaned. This past

year there were several leaks in the church. While repairing portions of the roof we learned that the roof shingles are cracking and that cleaning is not possible. The roof should be replaced in the next two years.

The work to refurbish the church's stained glass windows is best done at the same time the roof is replaced. Both projects will require scaffolding and be disruptive to the church grounds. Funding for the church's stained glass windows is covered by the Capital Campaign.

Update From Hope House

The Hope House Planning Committee has been working towards a new building for two years and progress is being made. We are hoping to be building during the summer of 2017, and the great news is that Habitat for Humanity is going to help us with this project! At this point, we are actively applying for grants, and fundraising in many areas. Currently, we have almost \$50,000 in private and community donations to go with the \$200,000 pledge from the Capital Campaign. Our estimated building cost will be \$700,000-\$800,000 and with Habitat's help, that cost will come down, due to volunteer labor and materials.

You can help us by praying for us, donating funds/ labor/material, etc. We are holding this old building together as best we can until next year!

In Conclusion

The Glorifying the Lord by Our Lives Capital Campaign will end in 2017. We hope this information will encourage those with commitments to fulfill their campaign pledges and encourage others to contribute toward the expenses of the projects identified by the campaign. Please contact Karen Zuther at 360-733-1380 or karenz@assumption.org to pledge to the Capital Campaign.

Our parish has been blessed by your sacrifice and support during our Capital Campaign. We have accomplished great things already through your generosity such as repairing the church floor and installing a beautiful hardwood gym floor.

Thank you for your prayers, sacrifice and faithful support of our parish and school.

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*Equal Sacrifice,
 Not Equal Gifts*

Total Commitments to date:
386

Uncommitted Donors:
134

Total Amount Committed:
\$1,602,846

Total Received to date:
\$1,213,937

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Dear Parishioners

I am so impressed with your dedication and generosity. As a parish, you continue to astound me. When we first set out to have a Capital Campaign, I had hoped to raise One Million Dollars. I was soon to discover that I had set my sights too low. In the end we established "Praise, Honor and Glory" goals to reach One Million, 1.25 and 1.5 Million successively. Not only did we achieve our "stretch" goal, but we exceeded it by over 100 thousand dollars! We have been and continue to build on the success of this Campaign by the many projects listed throughout this brochure. As we push through this last year of the Campaign, I exhort you to continue the good work already begun and ask you to help us see these projects through to the end.

Some of our projects have come in well under budget and some of them have exceeded our preliminary projections by quite a lot. To that end, I spoke to the parish in April regarding the overages we will be incurring if we continue to strive to complete every project. While the school windows will be under budget, the heating/cooling system will be much more than anticipated. The Church roof which we hoped to clean, really needs to be replaced. When I spoke to you, I had already met with a cross-section of the parish/school leadership and come up with a survey asking all of you for guidance about how we should proceed. We took some serious time and attention to review that input and tried to analyze what direction we should take. We heard very clearly from the responses that our parishioners do not want to go further into debt. We decided not to take out any loans to accomplish our projects. That was something we said at the beginning and continues to ring true. Secondly, we heard from you that the other solutions were popular with you in the following order: 1. reallocate some of the current Capital Campaign funds away from some projects in order to fully fund others, 2. use some of the Albert Woodard bequest to help pay for expenses, 3. ask parishioners to consider giving more to the Capital Campaign fund (either by extending their pledge and/or getting new/uncommitted parishioners to pledge), and 4. have some extra fundraisers to help pay for various projects.

The leadership group and I talked about doing a combination of all four. First, we have reallocated some of our unspent funds to help pay for the HVAC and Roof. Second, we will be using \$250,000 of the \$450,000 available from the Woodard fund to pay for the HVAC. Third, we will be asking parishioners (currently pledging and uncommitted) to come up with an extra \$100,000 from the campaign. Lastly, we will have a few fundraisers to come up with another \$150,000 for a variety of projects (the roof, school windows, choir space, etc.). We hold the value of transparency as a high priority. We know how important it is for us to get back to you when changes are made or cost overruns are projected. We hope that this brochure will help allay any concerns you might have regarding the nature of these projects. In an aging facility, it remains important to do the work of maintenance which has been deferred for way too long. Thank you to all of you for your hard work and dedication.

Yours in Christ,

 Fr. K. Scott Connolly

P.S. Many of you really enjoyed praying for one another during the Prayer Vigil at the beginning of the campaign. If you have certain prayer requests that you'd like fellow parishioners to pray over, please fill out the form below and return it in the collection basket.

Please pray for: _____

Capital Campaign Year Two Update

The giving phase of our parish Capital Campaign began in February 2014. As a parish we exceeded our Glory Goal and pledged over \$1.6 million to the essential projects identified by the campaign. As of March 31, 2016 we have received \$1,213,937 in currency and additional gifts. There are 386 families that have made three year commitments to the campaign and 134 additional families giving as they are able (a total of 520). The funds of the campaign are allowing us to accomplish much needed maintenance and upgrades on our campus without adding to our current debt. Thank you for your prayers, sacrifice, and faithful support of our parish and school.

Capital Campaign Financial Report

The following table shows expenditures to date and the balance of funds available. The most visible project completed in 2015 was the gym floor. There are several photos of this project on the Assumption Website. (Assumption.org>Capital Campaign>Gym Remodel Slideshow: Summer 2015). Community Service & Outreach money went to the Interfaith Coalition Ferndale House and Habitat for Humanity. Funds distributed to Hope House include designated donations and some planning expenses. The School received funds for the endowment and marketing. Minor repairs were made to the sound system in the church. The balance of available funds is \$598,256.

Capital Campaign Update					
	Original Estimates	JAN-DEC 2014 & prior	JAN-DEC 2015	JAN-MAR 2016	Totals
PROJECT EXPENDITURES					
“Glory Goal” Projects:					
Hope House Grant	200,000	7,000	22,035		29,035
Interfaith Coalition House (Ferndale)	25,000	8,000	8,000		16,000
Emer Assist/Shoulder to Shoulder	25,000	3,600			3,600
Stained Glass, Repair/Protect	110,000				
Choir Area Renov/Sound System	40,000		563		563
Church Roof: Clean/Repair	75,000				
Church Carpet/Floor Repair	25,000	25,410			25,410
Endowment/ACS Foundation	100,000	100,064	18,000		118,064
School Heating System	150,000		540	11,205	11,745
Debt Reduction	192,000	78,709			78,709
Gym Floor	80,000	7,058	141,012		148,070
Increase Deferred Maint Reserve	20,000				
Capital Campaign Expenses	50,000	50,000			50,000
Replace School Windows	150,000				
Phase in Faculty Pay Scale Incr	75,000	30,998		15,000	45,998
IT Upgrades Parish/School, (Comp/Phones)	75,000	54,296	1,610		55,906
Marketing/Development School	45,000	5,243	23,338		28,581
Church Front Doors	45,000				
Habitat for Humanity Housing	18,000		4,000		4,000
Beyond “Glory Goal” Projects:					
Lighting/Bell Tower Windows Outside	25,000				
Bathroom Upgrades School	20,000				
Flooring, School	150,000				
Total Spent		370,378	219,098	26,205	615,681
Payments Received		667,845	432,648	113,444	1,213,937
Balance of Funds Available					598,256

New Estimates and a Parish Survey

Two of the key commitments of the Capital Campaign were to be transparent about expenses and to begin projects only when full funding was available. We now know that the cost for two of the essential projects of the Capital Campaign will greatly exceed the initial campaign estimates. The replacement of the school heating system will cost about \$550,000. The church roof cannot be cleaned and actually must be replaced. The best estimate at

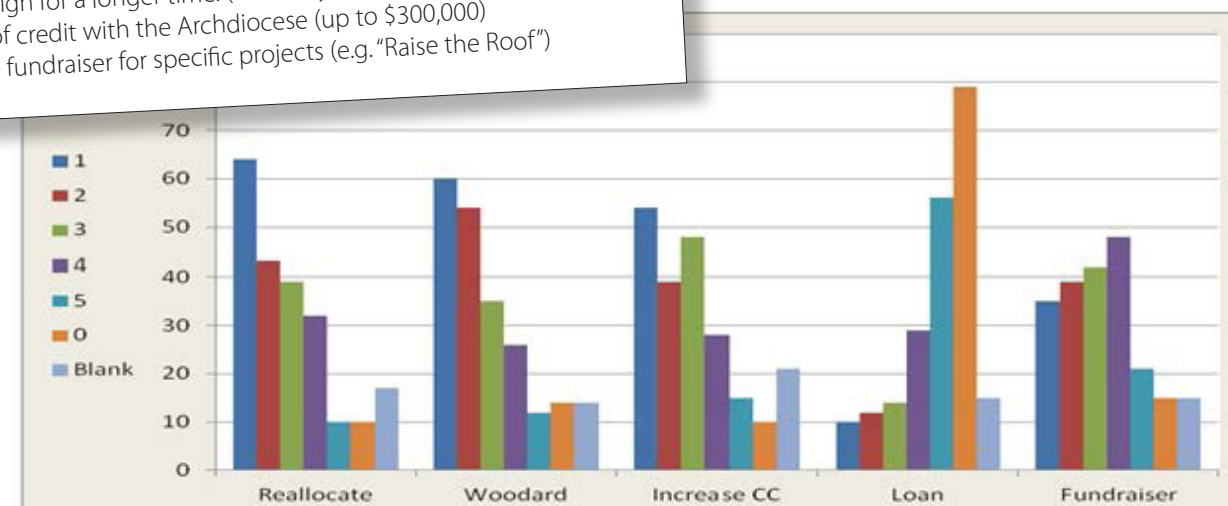
this time to replace the roof is about \$420,000.

As a result of the major increases in estimates for these two campaign projects, Fr. Scott brought together members of parish and school leadership for advice. It was decided to present the same information to the parish. Several options were identified and presented in a survey for parish feedback. There were 215 responses. The survey questions and a graph of the number of responses follow.

Capital Campaign Survey presented to parishioners in April 2016

Please rank the following options from highest priority (1) to lowest priority (5). You can put a 0 for options that are unacceptable to you.

- Reallocate some Capital Campaign funds (approx. \$334,000)
- Take money from the Woodard account (approx. \$400,000)
- Increase the number of people giving to the Capital Campaign and/or extend the campaign for a longer time. (Currently have 386 committed donors)
- Take out a line of credit with the Archdiocese (up to \$300,000)
- Have a separate fundraiser for specific projects (e.g. “Raise the Roof”)



Graphic Distribution of Raw Survey Data (Not Percentages)

The results of this survey show support for reallocating funds within the campaign, using money from the Woodard Fund and increasing donations to the Capital Campaign. There was modest support for additional fundraising. The largest number of ‘0’ or unacceptable responses were given to taking a loan from the Archdiocese. *Note: This is a graph of the actual number of responses – it is not a percentage and the responses are not weighted.*

Priorities for Capital Campaign Funds

Using the results of the survey a smaller group met to prioritize and determine funding for the remaining Capital Campaign projects. Those present included members of the Capital Campaign, Finance Council, and Parish Council. First the group prioritized essential projects and reallocated funds within the Capital Campaign. Second, they identified funds to be taken from the Woodard bequest to assist with these expenses. The parish survey favored using Woodard monies before taking a line of credit or loan.

Priorities Today -- Looking Ahead

The following table is the result of committee discussion. Projects with a priority ‘0’ are commitments that must be completed. The remaining Capital Campaign projects have been prioritized. Beginning with the church roof, at least an additional \$200,000 will be needed for

replacement. The church’s Stained Glass windows will be fully funded with current campaign commitments. Projects listed after the Church Roof and Stained Glass windows will be considered after these two projects are done and funding is available.

Church of the Assumption Project Priorities and Funding

Priority	Project	Remaining Capital Camp. Exp	Paid from Capital Campaign	Paid from Woodard Estate	Additional Funds Required
0	Hope House Grant	170,965	170,965		
0	Interfaith Coalition House	9,000	9,000		
0	Endowment	2,000	2,000		
0	Gym Floor	22,297	22,297		
0	Faculty pay (already budgeted)	15,000	15,000		
0	School marketing (already budgeted)	11,419	11,419		
0	Habitat for Humanity (restricted)	4,000	4,000		
0	School Heating System	550,000	300,000	250,000	
1	Church roof	420,000	220,000		200,000
2	Stained Glass windows	110,000	110,000		
3	School windows	80,000	50,000		30,000
4	Choir area renovation	39,437	34,437		5,000
5	Faculty pay	14,002			
6	Emergency Assistance (Shoulder to Shoulder)	21,400			
6	School marketing	5,000			
7	Debt reduction	92,000			
8	Habitat for Humanity	10,000			
9	Lighting on Bell Tower/Windows	25,000			
10	School bathroom upgrades	20,000			