



Mary Mother of Good Help Parish

# CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

AUGUST 2021

Sunday, August 22

## A Wonderful Day at the Land

The Lord indeed provided a perfect day for a joyful Mass, a bountiful potluck lunch and an engaging time of Q&A for our Capital Campaign. Approximately 80 parishioners gathered on Sunday, August 22, at the land and were once again reminded of God's provision so far and the promise of a new church in the months to come. The photo to the right is from that wonderful day.



### FAQs from August 22 Capital Campaign Event

The following questions were raised by parishioners at our first Q&A event. The answers have been provided by parish leaders and the Campaign Management Team. We will continue to gather FAQs as we move through the campaign.

**1 I desire a church. Do we have a committed team of fundraisers who will ask the community to support us with our church?**

We all have the same desire to see our church built on our land in Stettin. Church Development will be with us all the way, providing guidance, resources and support. They have been fundraising for churches since 1992.

**2 Is the 4% contribution you've listed on the sheet of paper a requirement for each family?**

The 4% is a suggested amount for each family to prayerfully consider when preparing to make a commitment for each year of the 3-year campaign. The commitment can be paid regularly over three years or all at once, depending on your preference. The October 10 Pledge Card Walk Through Event is devoted to explaining the pledge card and how

to complete it. We ask that you begin contributing to the Capital Campaign on Commitment Sunday, October 24. The campaign runs October 2021 - September 2024.

**3 How can we individually save 4% to 10% for a campaign contribution?**

We can encourage each other to shop a little less and stop going to the casino. We highly encourage everyone to love one another and contribute your time or money to support building our church. We pray for God to be with us in this process who will give us the energy and resources.

**4 Can you explain the difference between the 4% contribution and other contributions?**

The 4% contribution is an annual percentage based on your household income for each of the three years

of the campaign; some people can contribute less and others can contribute more. This is in addition to your regular stewardship contribution which is given in the offering envelope or through myeoffering.

**5 People are confused about the percentage contribution. They will need support on how to calculate their total contribution.**

The 10/10 Pledge Card Walk Through Event will be devoted to explaining the pledge card and helping parishioners understand what the 4% means to them. We will provide a 4% giving chart that will show a wide range of household incomes with the 4% calculations.

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## FAQs from August 22 Capital Campaign Event *(continued from front)*

### **6** What about other contributions from non-church members?

Parishioners will have a good understanding about the campaign by attending the Q&A Events. They need to pray about how much they can commit to the campaign in the time leading up to Commitment Sunday, October 24. After receiving pledges from church members, we will solicit contributions from non-church members.

### **7** How does the diocese support Mary Mother of Good Help Parish?

While we have not yet asked for financial support of the new church building, we have received support from the Diocese in several ways. The formation of the parish is supported by Bishop Callahan. The Bishop, by canon law, establishes a parish. When the parish was established, the Diocese gave Mary Mother of Good Help parish \$100,000 of which \$10,000 has been set aside for the new church building. Grant monies are gifted to Mary Mother of Good Help Parish through the assistance of Ann Lankford (Director of the Office for Catechesis and Evangelization). The Diocese, through its offices, has supported the parish by responding to requests for assistance with documentation for the parish, providing legal assistance – especially with the purchase of the land – awarding the parish with BEET grants to help pay for resources/supplies in the parish, and acknowledging the

work of the parish. Mary Mother of Good Help Parish has been highlighted several times by the Diocesan publication “Catholic Life” so that other parishes in the Diocese are aware of our existence and service to the Hmong population of the Diocese. Bishop Callahan is pleased with the progress of Mary Mother of Good Help Parish.

### **8** How much do we already have in contributions for the new building?

We already have \$350,000 in early gifts towards the new building. These gifts are mostly from church members with some donations from non-church members.

### **9** I am a divorcee, a woman and can't drive but I'm willing to do what it takes. My friends ask when my church will be done. What can I do?

We welcome all to volunteer and help with the campaign; and in 3-4 years we will have our church completed.

### **10** When will the campaign start?

The best approach starts with asking the parish for pledges and then approach foundations and businesses. Foundations and businesses want to know how much the church has raised for the new building. Father Al has already shared with some people about the church campaign and received a \$10,000 pledge. Fr. Al and Church Development will be talking to other foundations.

### **11** Please summarize the campaign process and the timing to start building.

This is what the next months will look like:

- 1) **The Volunteer Organizational meeting** in July asked for every parishioner to join a campaign team.
- 2) **Q&A Event series**, 8/22 and 9/26 are opportunities for parishioners to ask questions and get answers.
- 3) **Pledge Card Walk Through Event**, 10/10 will be devoted to understanding how to fill out the pledge card. Commitment packets with brochure and pledge card will be distributed. It also is the beginning of our two weeks of Prayer and Discernment.
- 4) **October 24 is Commitment Sunday** when we anticipate 50% of the pledges will be submitted. The remainder of the pledges are gathered through 12/31/21.

The typical collection of pledges is:

- 10/2022 – anticipate 50% of pledges collected
- 10/2023 – anticipate 75% of pledges collected
- 10/2024 – anticipate 100% of pledges collected

The Diocese completes an approval process for the plan of our new church in order to break ground. They are supportive of building our new church, yet the blueprints along with the final design of the church are submitted and reviewed for a final approval. The Diocese requires us to have 80% of the funds deposited at the Diocese with commitments for the remaining 20%.

**NEXT CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Q&A EVENT  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 FOLLOWING MASS**

*More Information to come*