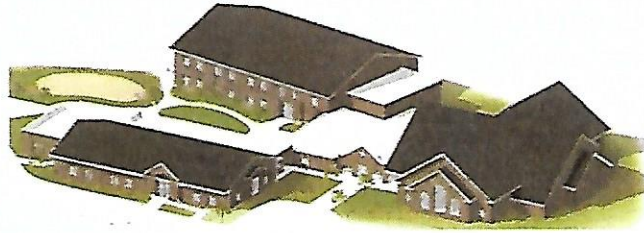


Forward with Christ Phase II



*"If the Lord does not build the house
then in vain do the builders labor."*

July 11, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

These are exciting days in the history of St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church. In the last five years we acquired land and provided a hundred additional parking spaces. In a few months, the new social hall with a large, modern kitchen will be completed and paid for as well.

Now, through the efforts of our Planning and Building Committee and with the approval of the Diocese of Charlotte, we joyfully announce the kickoff of a Capital Campaign for Phase II of the **Forward with Christ** building project – a two story **Activity & Education Center**. The conceptual design of this building will be on display at the entrance of the church. The price tag will not exceed 4.3 million dollars. To begin construction, we will need fifty percent in cash (\$2,150,000), thirty percent in pledges to be paid over a thirty-six-month period (\$1,290,000) and the Diocese will loan us twenty-percent (\$860,000) to be repaid over a ten-year period. For the new social hall, we raised \$1.5 million in two years without a capital campaign: At this time, smaller building fundraisers and collections will be discontinued to concentrate on this campaign.

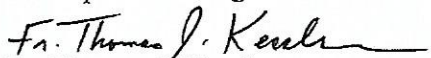
The Activity & Education Center will provide large meeting and classroom space for a vital parish with many different organizations, groups, faith formation, offices, storage, etc. This is a very much needed facility. An anonymous couple who contributed \$500,000 towards our social hall, said ***"This is not a donation, but a contribution to the Kingdom of God."*** I pray that you may have the same attitude. We will be very grateful for your much-needed support. As the Capital Campaign gets underway, fellow parishioners will contact you over the next few months for a 36-month pledge.

What we need now are:

- Volunteers to assist with the Capital Campaign to serve as:
 - Captains
 - Campaign Representatives to visit parishioners
- Other roles that can utilize your talents and gifts
- Your prayers and support
- Your consideration of a pledge to the **Forward with Christ Campaign**

Happily, Mrs. Dawn McGinn has accepted the position of Chairperson of this capital campaign. Please reach out to Dawn with your questions and willingness to serve in a Campaign Volunteer role. Dawn can be reached at 980-223-9400 or at foxden34@yahoo.com

In the peace and light of Christ,


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