



## NOTE FROM PASTOR

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

***-Hebrews 13:8***

Dear Parishioners: This newsletter formally launches one of the biggest steps our Archdiocese has undertaken, perhaps since the Census of the 1950's under Archbishop Meyer. Every parish of the Archdiocese has been called upon to reach people on behalf of Christ and the Gospel and to improve our ability to serve. The name of this effort is: **Faith in Our Future**. In this newsletter you will find the following: Information introducing the **Faith in**

**Our Future** stewardship campaign; Information about our specific parish goals in the campaign; The Schedule of events; The Names of our Parish leaders for the campaign. We were in the midst of our Parish Capital Campaign, **Faith Needs Room to Grow** when the Archbishop announced his intentions. Finishing one campaign and moving right into another, after the initial jolt, has an upside. Our minds and hearts are attuned to the

idea of stewardship. What we did in our individual planning and response to the parish drive is still fresh and most of us can retool one more time. Ask God to lead you in this challenging time in our parish. In prayer and participation be aware and a part of every aspect of the **Faith in Our Future** campaign. You and our parish will be enriched immeasurably. Yours in Christ, Father Ronald Crewe Pastor

## A Compelling Need. . .

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 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

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## Information Distribution in May

Your time is valuable and limited, so we have designed a packet containing several important items that describe the "Faith In Our Future" campaign. Each packet contains a letter from Fr. Crewe, a "Faith In Our Future" prayer card, a question slip, and devotional material. 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 3rd. 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 from you and your questions.

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

*-- Philippians 4:19*

## "Not Equal Gifts, But Equal Sacrifice"

During the next few months, we will join all the parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee as we explore the spirituality of stewardship together.

The simple and profound theme that underscores "Faith In Our Future" comes from the Bible's teaching about proportionate giving and the blessings of sacrifice. No gift impresses God in terms of dollar

amounts, but as extensions of the love and obedience with which they are given and proportion of resources from which they come. God, in other words, looks on the heart.

Please join us in prayer, study, and worship. Begin now to pray that God will guide our parish and leave Christ's imprint on individual hearts. Ask God to keep us on the path of obedience

and trust. 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 keep us aware of the privilege of our part in it.

Please remember that your experience with personal sacrifice is not a one-time check or contribution, but a profound way to explore and deepen the gift of giving.

## 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 stew-

ardship 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.

## "Faith In Our Future" Team

The success of our campaign will rely on the faithful participation of many in our parish. We would like to say a special thanks to these who have already stepped forward to say "Yes!"

**CAMPAIGN LEADERS:**  
Mary Ann Hartl  
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**INFORMATION LEADER:**  
Diana Wamboldt

**PRINT COMMUNICATIONS:**  
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**HOSPITALITY:**  
Janet Geisner

We also need parishioners to volunteer to take on some additional roles in the campaign. The majority of these roles do not involve any actual "asking" for gifts. We need volunteers for the following areas:

**ADVANCE COMMITMENT:**

**CALLER TEAM LEADERS:**

**CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY:**

**COORDINATORS:**

**ENLISTMENT LEADERS:**

**PACESETTER LEADERS:**

**PRAYER LEADERS:**

**SPECIAL EVENT LEADERS:**

**STUDENT ACTIVITY:**

**VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

If you would like to assist in one of the listed areas please contact the parish office at 242-634-5526 or via email at [shracine@archmil.org](mailto:shracine@archmil.org)

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

*-- Sirach 4:31*

## 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 can not 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!"

*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?***

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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.