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Strengthening Our Foundation for the Future



REBUILD
to **SERVE**



A Message From Father Fabio

Continuing Our Mission Today, Tomorrow and For Generations to Come

FOR YEARS, FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS LIKE YOU have desired to increase ministry and community opportunities. As ideas for these opportunities have been presented, more often than not, they have gone unfulfilled. Quite simply, our facilities are at full capacity and unable to accommodate any growth.

As our mission proclaims, “We are a Catholic community united to form a faith family dedicated to continuing the ministry of Christ.” To continue living our mission, we need to strengthen our foundation for the future and expand our campus footprint to respond to our growing parish and local community. To accomplish this, we have embarked on the **Rebuild to Serve - Strengthening our Foundation for the Future**, an ambitious \$8 million building campaign.

The primary goal of the campaign is to support the mission and work of our parish and provide needed space for St. Philip Neri ministries and organizations to accommodate our parish and community growth. In addition, the project will improve our Child Development Center facility to support our education ministry, improve overall site function, and improve facility design to address safety and parking. To accomplish this, it is vital for the building campaign to be a success.

As of September 20, 2023, \$2,097,705 has been raised. Please refer to the Rebuild to Serve campaign thermometer on the adjacent page for a breakdown. To date, 83 pledges have been received for a total of \$771,015. As you can see, we’ve got a long way to go to reach our goal. **Can I count on you to make a pledge?** By making a tax-deductible donation to our building campaign, you’ll be directly contributing to ensuring that we provide an unrestricted opportunity for our parish to continue to carry out our mission, today, tomorrow and for generations to come.

Refer to the How Can I Support the Building Campaign article for ways to support this vital campaign. Please consider an ongoing gift over the five-year life of the campaign. In addition to one-time gifts, ongoing gifts are essential to us reaching our \$8 million campaign goal. A pledge to a campaign like this is not legally binding; it is merely a statement of your faith and intention. For your convenience, Pledge Cards are available in the pews and at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space.

We are grateful for all commitments regardless of the size and scope of the gifts.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Fr. Fabio Refosco, C.O.





CAPITAL CAMPAIGN STATUS

In 2012, the Diocese approved a 10-year loan to build our Church. We paid off that loan in 2018, 4 years ahead of the payment schedule. Even though our loan was paid in full, many of you continued paying on your pledge. These pledges combined with the Future Growth and Expansion special collections have allowed us to reserve these funds.

True to our parish living the spirit of caring and giving, for the past several years, we exceeded our Sunday Offertory budget. These funds have also been reserved for future growth. Our annual Italian Festival and Golf Tournament events have contributed an additional \$307,000.

Through your continued generosity, we have saved over \$2 million dollars, which has been allocated to the Rebuild to Serve Building Campaign.

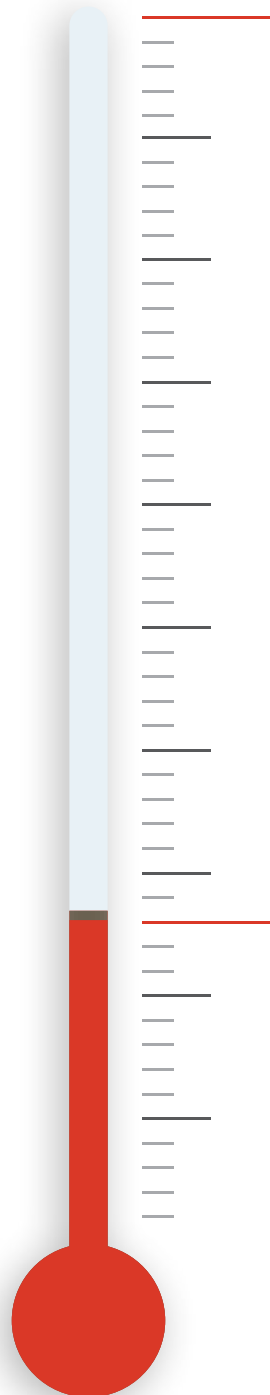
Once again, we are counting on the commitment and generosity of our parish family to continue the ministry of Christ by supporting the Rebuild to Serve Building campaign to strengthen our foundation for the future. 🇺🇸

\$8,000,000/100% OF GOAL

“For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.”
—Hebrews 3:4

\$2,097,705/26% TO GOAL

- \$1,095,894 Prior Year's Parish Excess Funds
- \$429,592 Future Growth & Expansion
- \$265,219 Pledges Received
- \$287,000 Italian Festival Proceeds
- \$20,000 Golf Tournament Proceeds



HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE BUILDING CAMPAIGN?

GIFTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO US REACHING OUR CAMPAIGN GOAL. We are fortunate that our Diocese does not require 100% of the total building cost in hand before we can put the first shovel in the ground. Our estimated construction cost is \$8 million. When we reach \$4 million in cash, we are eligible to apply for a Diocesan loan. Once we have 50% in cash and 50% in outstanding pledges, we will apply for a loan to cover the remaining 50% of the construction cost.

MAKE A FIVE-YEAR FINANCIAL PLEDGE

There are many ways for us to fund this project. Please consider an ongoing gift over the five-year life of the campaign. In addition to one-time gifts, ongoing gifts are essential to us reaching our \$8 million campaign goal. A pledge to a campaign like this is not legally binding; it is merely a statement of your faith and intention. We are grateful for all commitments regardless of the size and scope of the gifts.

WHAT CAN I USE TO MAKE A PLEDGE?

Pledges can be made with cash, check, or a credit/debit card. Complete the pledge card, making sure to indicate both the method of payment, as well as the timeframe for the payment (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually). You will be sent payment reminders in accordance with the payment schedule you select.

DO YOU ACCEPT GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, OR ANNUITIES?


Yes, we can work with you on ways to give using those resources. For individuals age 72 and over, it is possible to make a tax-free transfer as part of your Required Minimum Distribution for your IRA directly to St. Philip Neri. Contact your financial advisor for more information.

WHAT ABOUT GIFTS OF STOCK AND SECURITIES?

A gift of stock and securities is another giving option. If you wish to make a gift of stock or securities, consult with your financial advisor.

KEEP IN MIND THE TWO FACETS OF GIVING:

Offertory: Your weekly or regular contribution to the parish collection is just as important now as ever. Please do not deduct from that to make a gift to the campaign.

Rebuild to Serve Campaign: Commitments and payments to the campaign are in addition to your regular offertory contributions. Gifts to the campaign are restricted to the goals and purposes of this particular campaign. 

Gifts are essential to us reaching our campaign goal.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN?

IF YOUR GOAL IS TO:	THEN YOU CAN:	AND YOUR BENEFITS ARE:
Pledge	Complete a Pledge Card*	A possible income tax deduction and immediate impact for us.
Make a quick and easy gift	Simply write a check now	A possible income tax deduction and immediate impact for us.
Limit taxable income	For qualifying individuals, donate by fulfilling your Required Minimum Distribution	A possible income tax reduction
Avoid a tax on capital gains	Contribute long-term appreciated stock or other securities	A possible charitable deduction plus no capital gains tax
Share your enjoyment of a collection/personal item	Donate tangible personal property related to our exempt function	A possible charitable deduction plus no capital gains tax
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Name us the beneficiary of assets in a living trust	Full control of the trust terms for your lifetime
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Put a bequest in your will (donate specific property, or share of the residue)	Your donations are fully exempt from estate tax
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Contribute a life insurance policy you no longer need	Possible charitable deductions
Avoid the twofold taxation on IRA or other employee benefit plans	Name us as the beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Avoid probate and possible lower tax liability for your family
Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate	Donate the property to us, or sell it to us at a bargain price	A possible income tax deduction, plus reduction or elimination of capital gains tax

For more detailed information, please consult with your tax and financial/investment advisor.

* For your convenience Pledge Cards are located in the pews, at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space and in the Parish Office.

REBUILD TO SERVE Strengthening Our Foundation for the Future

I/We pledge over a 5-year period:

NO GIFT IS TOO LARGE; NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!

MONTHLY \$ _____ QUARTERLY \$ _____ SEMI-ANNUALLY \$ _____ ANNUALLY \$ _____

TOTAL PLEDGE \$ _____ PAYMENT AT THIS TIME \$ _____ BALANCE \$ _____

Please select ONE payment method:

CREDIT CARD: CARD # _____ EXP. DATE _____ CV# _____

NAME ON CARD _____

CHECK: Please make check payable to *St. Philip Neri Catholic Church*, noting it is for the "Rebuild to Serve" Campaign.

I would like to give a gift of property, life insurance, annuities, stocks, or securities to the campaign.
We will contact you to make the necessary arrangements.

ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER: Please include your voided check.

NAME _____ EMAIL _____

STREET _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____



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SUGGESTED GIFT PLANS OVER FIVE YEARS

TOTAL COMMITMENT	10% INITIAL PAYMENT	5 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	20 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	AMOUNT PER WEEK	AMOUNT PER DAY
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$4,500	\$1,500	\$346	\$49.32
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750	\$173	\$24.66
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$5,400	\$1,350	\$450	\$104	\$14.79
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375	\$87	\$12.33
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$3,600	\$900	\$300	\$69	\$9.86
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,700	\$675	\$225	\$52	\$7.40
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$450	\$150	\$35	\$4.93
\$7,500	\$750	\$1,350	\$338	\$113	\$26	\$3.70
\$5,000	\$500	\$900	\$225	\$75	\$18	\$2.47
\$2,500	\$250	\$450	\$113	\$38	\$9	\$1.23
\$1,000	\$100	\$180	\$45	\$15	\$3	\$0.49

Payment schedules shown reflect an initial payment of 10%. Without such an initial payment, subsequent periodic payments will be slightly higher.

REBUILD TO SERVE CAMPAIGN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HOW WILL WE APPROACH AND MANAGE THE CONSTRUCTION AND WHAT'S THE ANTICIPATED TIMELINE FOR COMPLETION?

Scope: Rebuild an expanded Fr. John Giuliani Parish Center on the existing location and build a new, 2 story building that will house the St. Philip Neri Child Development Center on the first floor and a future Parish Activity Center on the second floor. The Parish Activity Center will provide additional ministry, meeting, and formation rooms as we continue to respond to the needs of our growing faith and local community.

Approach: The first phase of construction will be to build the new, 2 story building that will house the Child Development Center on the 1st floor and the Parish Activity Center on the 2nd floor. Once this building has been completed and the Child Development Center has taken occupancy, the existing Parish Center building will be razed, and construction will begin on the expanded Parish Center.

Anticipated Timeline: We anticipate that construction for the new 2 story Child Development Center/Parish Activity building will take 16 months, and construction on the new Fr John Giuliani Parish Center building will take between 12-14 months.

HOW WILL WE MANAGE THE IMPACT ON THE MINISTRIES, ORGANIZATIONS AND EVENTS THAT UTILIZE THE PARISH CENTER DURING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXPANDED PARISH CENTER?

Jim Funk, Chair of the Rebuild to Serve Planning Committee will work with the Building Committee to develop a facilities plan that will best support the continuation of ministry and organization activities to minimize disruption. This is especially important for our Italian Festival, St. Philip Neri World Hunger Drive Meal Packing Event, Martha's Meals, K of C Sponsored Events such as the Blood Drive, Scouts, and Youth Formation, etc.

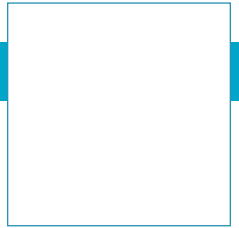
We recognize that undertaking a project of this magnitude will present some hardships and challenges as we continue to serve our parish and our community, and we are grateful for your support and patience.

DID ST. ANNE'S HIGH SCHOOL FACTOR INTO THE FEASIBILITY STUDIES AND SUBSEQUENT REBUILD TO SERVE PLAN, AND IF THEY DIDN'T OCCUPY THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE ST. PHILIP NERI MINISTRY BUILDING, HOW WOULD THIS IMPACT THE REBUILD TO SERVE PLAN?

St. Anne's High School facility need was not factored into the Rebuild to Serve Plan. This is a lease relationship with St. Philip Neri for the top floor of the Ministry Building during school hours. This space is utilized by St. Philip Neri ministries in the evening hours and on the weekends. St Anne's is currently working on a long-term plan to address their facility needs.

It should also be noted that the size of these classrooms cannot support our growing youth formation program. 🏠

Today and tomorrow for generations to come.



St. Philip Neri

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CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We, the community of Saint Philip Neri, give thanks to you for our past and present gifts of faith and fellowship that we have experienced in the spirit of caring and giving.

As we embark upon this campaign to Rebuild to Serve on the foundation laid by our dedicated forebearers in faith, we lift our hearts in gratitude to you, O Lord, for their wisdom, devotion, worship, service, and love for this blessed parish.

Trusting in your love, help us to move forward with willing and generous hearts, so that we can continue to serve with courage, love, and steadfastness, in gratitude and joy to glorify you, our Lord and Savior.

We ask this through the intercession of our Patron Saint Philip Neri, and our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. **AMEN**



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