

Dear Parishioners,

Thanks to those of you who have responded to the Parish Survey regarding Capital Campaign II - our dream to embark on the next phase of our Master Plan and build a beautiful new Social Center. To do so we need your ideas and input. A new Parish Hall will add so much to our community life. Our current space is very limiting. With each event held there – like the Pasta Feed two weeks ago, the school's recent Literacy Night program, last Saturday's Knights of Columbus Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner – the need for a new space becomes more obvious. After each occasion I hear: *Wonderful time! Great people! Enjoyable event! Poor facility!* Working together we can change that.

We were so successful with Phase I, our Educational Goal, and renovating our School and Faith Formation facility, I'm confident that we can move ahead on Phase II and attend to the social needs of the parish. **Keep in mind, the third phase of our Master Plan is a new Church on the upper lot, thus allowing our current worship space to become a Sports Center.** These dreams are not so far off, but we have to take one step at a time.

If you haven't filled out the survey you can mail it, drop it in the collection basket, or go to our parish website (www.stperpetua.org) and take the brief survey online. Enthusiasm is building and we want to begin the actual Campaign within a few weeks, so come along and be a part of this exciting venture. *We successfully began the journey in 2002 so let's pick up where we left off and make these dreams a reality!*

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We are now more than halfway through Lent. I hope our Lenten journey has provided you the opportunity to grow in the Spirit and renew your own. Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 29. Mark your calendar for the days of the Sacred Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday – from sundown on April 2 to sundown on April 5.

I found a poem entitled *Seven Days of Salvation* on a website called "Messy Jesus Business." Written by Julia Walsh, her flood of words and images hint at the tapestry of the sacred days of Holy Week which are the core of our faith and our life in Jesus.

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