

St. John Vianney

Parish Case Statement

Spring, 2009

There are about 1,400 children using our school and parish center in any given week during the school year. There are any number of adults who use the parish center for meetings both formational and informational. Our weekly Mass attendance averages 3,000 people. Our people take stewardship seriously and are involved in a plethora of activities and ministries.

The purpose of the Faith in Our Future Appeal is to raise funds to strengthen parishes and Archdiocesan ministries in Catholic education and faith formation. This proposal is designed to enhance that purpose here at St. John Vianney Parish in five specific ways which will make a true difference for all those in our community of faith.

It is based on a goal of raising \$2.75 million of which we will retain 60% for our own use. That amounts to \$1.65 million. The items are listed in order of importance and will be completed as funds become available in that order.

1. Refurbish all the rooms in the parish center and the school including moving the youth room into the parish center where 4K is currently and moving the 4K into the school. Other spaces in the school will also be affected possibly involving the computer labs, science lab, and art room. The school will be painted, classrooms carpeted, and new ceilings and energy efficient light fixtures installed. Rooms in the parish center will be painted, carpeted, and furnished with an eye toward their current use and the current needs of Christian Formation. (\$500,000)

2. Build an addition to the narthex. As people gather before and after Mass they build community. A narthex provides a transition space between the secular and the sacred. It also provides a place for people to learn what activities and opportunities for service are available at their parish. Sign ups and sales can take place there as well as after Mass fellowship and refreshments from time to time. Expanding the narthex fits well into the educational goals of the Faith in Our Future Capital Appeal because it provides space to present opportunities that often lead to stewardship service and educational experiences. The size of the new narthex would include the entire space under the current canopy with side extensions. A new canopy would be erected. The space would also include a kitchenette and at least one comfortable seating area perhaps around a fireplace. It would include a storage space for tables and chairs and state of the art technology that will be used for presentations and viewing liturgies. It would be an ideal place for wakes. (\$650,000)

3. Create an Immersion/Mission Trip endowment to provide scholarships for youth and adults to participate in these life transforming experiences. Vocation awareness is also enhanced by these trips. (\$200,000)

4. Outreach gift to Prince of Peace Parish. (\$50,000)

5. A new electronic organ. Our current organ is over 17 years old and is beginning to fail. It will need to be replaced in the near future. (\$250,000)