



St. Francis de Sales Fix-It Campaign – Second Update

Wednesday, June 28
St. Irenaeus

Dear Parishioners,

On Friday, June 23, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, repairs to the Ministry Center roof and the Parish School roof were completed. Several weeks ago, our Fix-It Campaign Project Managers John Sfire and Jason Sfire, of The Fidelity Group, completed the installation of the new air conditioning unit for the parish church, after the older system broke down after 28 years of service. This was the unexpected ninth initiative of the Fix-It Campaign. Thanks be to God we got 28 years from the old A/C system! The new air conditioning system, as you have all felt in these past several weeks, is more efficient and the cost was \$17,000. So, now we have three of the nine initiatives completed in our Fix-It Campaign. The next project will be the parking lot in front of the Ministry Center.

As pledges are made and paid, we will continue to address the remaining six projects, which can be found on our parish website. See what this good parish has accomplished already in total pledges and number of donors! **Within two months, 412 donors helped us reach \$757,119 in total pledges.** Total pledges paid are \$336,998. However, this does not include all of the online givers. It is not the intention of the Fix-It Campaign to place the parish in debt. As a parish, we spent 9 years paying off the \$3.8 million debt. We will only address the projects as we raise the funds to pay for them. As Thomas Jefferson advised, "Never spend your money before you have it!" My Grandmother Ryan said the same message in her own way!

For details on the campaign, including the presentation that was shown at Masses as well as the information on Charitable Giving Options, visit our parish website, www.stfrancislzparish.org. Thank you to those who have already responded with a pledge toward the \$1.7 million goal. St. Francis de Sales has a long history of generous giving. I respectfully ask for the prayers, involvement, and sacrifice of many, if not all, in the parish in making a pledge towards the Fix-It Campaign in addition to the generosity you provide each Sunday offering. For example, if 1,000 parishioners pledge the suggested amount of \$850 per year for 2 years, we will reach our campaign goal immediately to conclude the projects. Please, everyone, participate through a prayer and a pledge. All the funds we raise in the Fix-It Campaign stay within the parish.

I want to express my gratitude to Deacon John Sfire, Jason Sfire, and Amie Paige of The Fidelity Group for doing an extensive study of our parish campus, as was presented in the Fix-It Campaign presentation. I have asked the Fidelity Group, under the leadership of the Sfires, to serve as Project Manager of the Fix-It Campaign. I also want to offer my appreciation for the guidance and involvement of Tom Purtell, Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC), Marty Bush, Member of the PPC; Mike Carlino, Chair of the Parish Finance Council; Doug Samz, Member of the Parish Finance Council; Christine DePrez, Parishioner; and Laura Angelini, Business Manager.

The next project will be the Ministry Center parking lot, which is in the worst condition of all our parish parking lots.

God give you peace,

Father David F. Ryan, Pastor