

St. Francis de Sales Fix-It Campaign – Third Pledge Update and Repairs Completed

Tuesday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis

Dear Parishioners,

As was shared in our second pledge update, repairs to the Ministry Center roof and the Parish School roof have been completed. In addition, the installation of a new air conditioning unit for the parish church because the unexpected ninth initiative of the Fix-It Campaign and was completed several weeks ago. We now 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, which is in the worst condition of the paved areas on the parish campus. (Included at the bottom of this page are photos from the top of the Parish School and Ministry Center showing our new roofing.)

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!

At this point in the Campaign, 473 donors helped us reach \$807,909 in total pledges. Total pledges paid are \$408,765. 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.

God give you peace,

Father David F. Ryan, Pastor



