



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

August 2017

Dear Parishioners,

In our last Fix-It Campaign update, I noted that our next project would be the parking lots and paved areas of the St. Francis de Sales Campus. The Ministry Center parking lot, curbs, and sidewalks have now been completed, including the striping on the parking spaces. The new siding on the Ministry Center roof has also been installed. In addition to the Ministry Center, the parking lot in front of the Church and School has been completed, along with striping for parking spaces. There are now 8 total handicapped parking spots with distinctive signs. And just in time for the new school year, the new sidewalks in front of the school have been completed!

Repairs are currently being made to the Chapel roof on the Church, which began to seriously leak along the south wall of the Chapel during the recent heavy rainstorms. We are also in the process of adding new curbs along the Church, along the school, and along Buesching Road.

As pledges are made and paid, we will continue to address the remaining 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, 521 donors helped us reach \$857,526 in total pledges. Total pledges paid are \$469,081. 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