



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church

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My Dear Parishioners,

We need a remodeling of our parish hall and basement for several reasons:

1. We have outgrown the facilities we have. The main hall is too small, as is the kitchen. You can see from the drawings that there will be an substantial increase of usable space.
2. The building is in poor shape; the windows, roof, ceiling, doors etc. all need replacing –plus there is no air-conditioning for the hot summer days.
3. The ugliness of the building does not advance the cause of the Savior.

There are other reasons which could be mentioned, but for now these give a sense of the necessity of remodeling. The drawings included in this little brochure give a good idea of what the final building will look like; this is a kind of master plan. Larger drawings may be seen on the bulletin board in the connecting hall, and also on the parish website.

Of course, much depends on how much we can raise. When we began the capital campaign for Phase I of the church, we started with around \$800,000.00 in the bank. But for this campaign, we begin with only about \$175,000. That's a big difference. Here are some cost figures:

1. The parish hall with an unfinished basement and complete parking lot renovation would cost (this is everything, including a 10% contingency fee) \$2,510,000.
2. The parish hall, parking lot, plus a finished basement would cost about \$3,019,000.
3. For everything above plus the offices, the cost would be about \$3,500,000.

Before we could begin construction, we need 50% of the total construction costs in cash, and the rest in pledges. The Archdiocese has approved us to apply for a loan of approximately \$800,000. Now if we raised a good deal of money for this, perhaps that loan could go up. Also, depending on how well we do, some decisions may need to be made. For example, if I had to choose between the offices and a finished basement, I would choose the offices, and we can always go back and finish the basement piecemeal.

So please consider this, and make a pledge. This new capital campaign will last three years. The last one was five years, but pledges and donations effectively stopped after about three years.

Since I believe in this project, I am making a pledge of one year's salary. And proceeds from the sale of my book are also going to the campaign. So far the amount raised from the book sales is about \$12,200.

We are not using a fund-raising company, and there are no gimmicks accompanying this request. I rely instead on the Providence of God, through the intercession of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and your good will.

Whatever we build, may it make Our Lady smile.

In Christ and Mary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Jackson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "In Christ and Mary,".

Fr. James W. Jackson, FSSP
Pastor