

## **A Note from the Pastor**

Dear Parishioners,

The leaves are falling in the middle of October and the Autumn season is progressing. Before you know it, we will be preparing for All Saints, All Souls and Thanksgiving, not to mention Halloween. There are always moments for which to prepare liturgically and in other ways. For example, I have been preparing for this weekend for a long time in terms of Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign. This is Commitment Weekend and I am speaking at all the Masses to ask for as much support as possible from everyone. It is never easy to ask for money and these are probably the worst of times to do so, but I trust that our people want to see our Church thrive, and especially our parish. I have often said how grateful I am for such a wonderful parish and one which is financially very strong. We can cover our bills and save some money thanks to our regular collections, but it is always a challenge for most parishes to undertake major projects. We have hopes to pay off the mortgage on the Family Education Building quickly and build a handicap entrance to the rectory, among other projects that would be extremely difficult to do without a Capital Campaign.

The Capital Campaign is seeking support above and beyond regular collections and donations. Thank the Lord for a strong U.S. economy right now which might make it possible for us to get close to our three million dollar goal. However, I know things are not stellar for everyone, and some will not be able to help. We can all at least pray for a strong faith life for everyone and enough donations to be able to take care of some major projects. Early next year we will be right back to the Cardinal's Appeal, but for now whatever we can do together for the Capital Campaign will be a blessing for the parish and the Archdiocese.

Gratefully in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*