

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend, I tried to present the Capital Campaign in the best way I could. No matter how it is presented, it is a tall order. We had about \$325,000 in new pledges, which is fantastic, but we still have a long way to go to reach our almost three million dollar goal. I am confident we will all do our best.

I think back to a year ago when the Campaign was first presented to me. When told of our goal, I quickly thought: if only we could have 1,500 parishioners pledge \$2,000. over five years, that would equal three million dollars. The Campaign managers, however, asked me to approach larger donors first to start off the effort, which is what happened. We gradually expanded the list until we recently opened the Campaign to the entire parish. Commitment weekend yielded additional gifts, as I mentioned above, but we also received many responses indicating “we are praying and thinking about a pledge.” That is certainly good news for the parish and the archdiocese. It is wonderful that people are willing to bring these important decisions about supporting the Church to prayer. We have to rely on God’s guidance in seeking to do His will and live our faith. As I said at all the Masses last weekend, I realize some people are not able to contribute to the Campaign, and no one is required to donate in order to come to pray. Yet, the Church needs support in order to thrive and grow. I trust that those who are able to give will be able to sustain our parish and all the causes we support. It is never easy to talk about these things in Church, and it is not an easy decision as to whether or not to donate and how much one can afford. However, it is worth the effort for ourselves and others to be able to come together in Church as a family and pray.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

P.S. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Campaign.