

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, let me highlight what is reprinted in another part of the bulletin. January 22nd is always a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. It is the anniversary of the 1973 Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in the U.S. and it demands not only sorrow but prayer (and fasting).

I also want to extend my gratitude to many parishioners who have contributed to the Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign for this parish and the Archdiocese. **To date, we have received donations and pledges totaling \$2,150,000.00.** Therefore, over two million dollars will be used to strengthen our parish and the Archdiocese.

Those who are running the Campaign for the Archdiocese are supposed to acknowledge every gift and issue a Thank You. My name was on every request letter but others are entrusted with processing and thanking. I have a feeling many of us have not yet received a formal Thank You but I simply want to let everyone know how grateful I am for your generous response to my request. There were some very large gifts, but whether you were able to make a large or small donation, your care and concern for the parish is evident and appreciated.

A few parishioners are a bit upset that they have already received a letter from the Cardinal about the 2019 Cardinal's Appeal (even before a donation to the Campaign formally began). The issue with the Capital Campaign is that the organizers were dealing with large amounts of donations from many people. Hopefully, they will catch up quickly. I tried to make clear to people when I made the plea for gifts that the Cardinal's Appeal would return in early 2019, but it does seem very soon. I wish everything would run more smoothly and I also wish there was more time in between the different fundraising efforts.

Please continue to do what you can to support our parish and other causes. Everyone is trying their best but things are not perfect, especially in the administration of such a large Campaign. I suppose that is true in life but we can always hope and trust that things will work out for good. The scriptures promise as much and we believe God is with us as we seek to do his will.

Thank you again from my heart!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.