

Letter to Holy Name Parishioners
from Father Santos

Regarding the Diocesan Capital Campaign

My Dear Parishioners,

This is commitment weekend here in our parish for the Diocesan Campaign: *Grateful for God's Providence*. Our goal is \$207,000.00 (Two hundred and seven thousand dollars). No matter how much we make up to goal 40% comes back to the Parish for our projected Parish Center. That will be \$82,800.00

Some of you may be thinking that on Commitment Weekend we should think about committing Father. However, let us look at how things stand for our Parish. Last year we had our highest number ever of children registered for Catechism: **110**. The African Catholic Community Choir has now joined our Gospel Choir and Schola Cantorum in launching a CD. Many parish events are taking place outside of the Parish. Now is the time and the opportunity to move forward and reach for our dream!

When we wanted to raise money for the painting of the Church interior we were told, even by the fund raising company that we could not raise what we wanted and we proved them wrong. We went way over goal. When we wanted to do the floor in the Church we were told we could not do it – it is done. The same can be said of the Chapel renovations that have given us a glorious offering to our Heavenly Mother and a small home for our parish family to gather with Her in beauty and joy.

We can do this! I have become convinced that with our reserves and what comes in from the Campaign we can have a place for Coffee Hours, International Night, Catechism, Parish Meetings and many other activities that bring life to our Parish. We can also show the life that our parish has as one of the most generous, universal, welcoming and truly Catholic parishes in the Diocese.

Below is the e-mail from Mr. Michael Sabatino granting us the Bishop's permission for the Parish Center. They are showing their faith in us – let us show our thankfulness to them. Personally I am going to increase my contribution to the Campaign because of this. I would encourage all of you to do the same. Remember: We are already at 25% of our goal! This means that \$20,000.00 is already coming back for our project! What a blessing this will be for all of us and our future.

United with you in His Holy Name,

Rev. Joseph D. Santos, Jr.
Parochial Administrator

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Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Michael the Archangel

Michael Sabatino

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Fr, congrats! As we spoke about on the phone, approval has been given to move ahead with the renovations of the rectory basement for a parish hall for events and CCD classes, etc. Approval has been given up to \$250K on the project. It is hoped that a strong effort will be made in the Grateful for God's Providence campaign to reach your goal of \$207,000 for Holy Name. This should enable the project to be completed without Holy Name having to deplete a significant portion of its parish savings. We'd like to see no more than \$175,000 of parish reserves used for the project, the ideal, of course, would be to use less than the \$175K as the parish uses investment earnings from those reserves for yearly operational purposes.

Fr good luck with commitment weekend this upcoming weekend and looking forward to hearing some great numbers! Remember the Diocese is covering the expenses of the Campaign and – over goal – the Parish receives 60% of the money raised!

Any questions let me know.

Best
Mike Sabatino