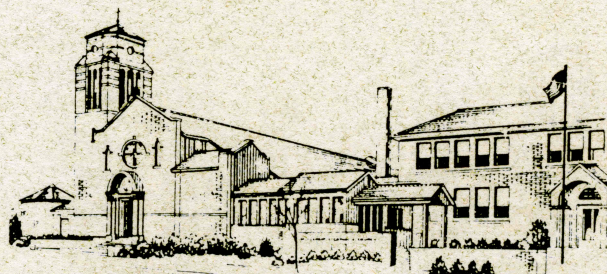


<u>NEED</u>	<u>ESTIMATED COST</u>	<u>BENEFIT</u>
7. Rectory (Recaulk and paint windows and frames)	\$4,000-6,000	A classic building in need of special care.
8. School Computer Room (present equipment is 13 years old)	\$65,000-70,000	Keep St. Clement School competitive. To help better prepare students for the 21st Century.
9. Meeting Rooms (rms. 8 & 9) carpet and paint	\$3,000	Frequently used meeting rooms for parish and school activities.
10. Parking Lots Resurface, reseal	\$5,000-7,000	No more blocked drains, bumps, and cracks.
11. Salary Increase	\$50,000	Teachers and parish staff have done a good job. This is a nominal cost of living raise for dedicated people.
12. Development/ Maintenance Fund	\$300,000	To cover maintenance and unforeseen extraordinary expenses, as well as operational expenses when needed.



## WHAT YOU ARE ASKED TO DO

We, the community of St. Clement Parish, need to raise a minimum of \$600,000 that will enable us to address our financial concerns. Every member of our parish community is integral to the success of this critical fund raising endeavor. We turn to you, our parish community, because your special generosity is needed. Please give consideration towards making a generous pledge to this vital effort.

We are asking each family to consider a pledge of \$1,500 or more. This pledge could be paid with a \$150 down payment and then with monthly installments of \$38; or \$1.25 per day, over a period of three years. If your situation would permit a more substantial pledge, your generosity would be most appreciated.

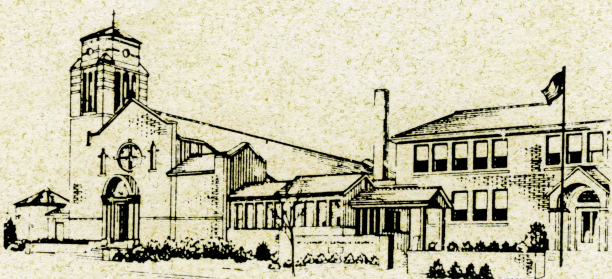
There is a gift plan in this brochure that can be used as a guideline in making your decision. Please consider it carefully and select the one that fits your family's financial situation. The pledge plans will indicate the manner in which contributions can be made, that is, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually according to your means. Remember, not everyone can make the same size gift. However, everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

## EVERY HOUSEHOLD WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE

This special brochure containing all the details of the campaign will be distributed to every household of our parish community. We ask that every family consider making a financial sacrifice.

Parish volunteers, not professional solicitors, will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of making home visitations. As fellow parishioners, who have already made their own commitments, they will gladly discuss questions you may have. They may be somewhat nervous speaking to you about a pledge but the courtesy you extend them will be an encouragement towards their efforts and sacrifices. Your friendly and gracious reception of volunteers who come to your home will make the visit easier and a much more enjoyable experience for all concerned.

In May, we will begin the Visitation Phase of the campaign which will include "Visitation Sunday" on May 19. We ask that you plan to try and be home on the 19th so that the campaign volunteer will be able to make their assigned visitations without the need to make return visits. The campaign volunteers will only be making home visits to those parishioners who could not attend a campaign reception and have not returned a pledge card with their decision.



## YOUR GIFT CAN BE A LIVING MEMORIAL

Memorials, as sacrificial offerings, honor and perpetuate loved ones, living or deceased by including their names on specially placed memorial boards. These memorials are also made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for a favor received from God.

Our church is a living memorial to the people that made special sacrifices as pledges of their support, or to honor their loved ones, relatives and friends. Those who help secure our church's future in this campaign will leave something to the world that is eternal. The good they do is not interred with them but remains as a share in the divine activity of God here on earth.

A Memorial Board will be placed on a wall in a prominent place, and will display the names of the person or family who contribute \$1,500 or more, and the name or names of those they wish to honor.

## AN APPEAL FOR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Whatever you decide to contribute should have some relationship to how you live and how generous God has been to you. If you are financially able to pledge as much as \$10,000 to \$25,000, \$50,000 or even \$100,000 we ask you to be leaders in our campaign with these more substantial gifts.

## PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.

This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. All contributions from the smallest to the largest will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.

**"Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver. God can multiply his favors among you so that you will always have enough of everything and even a surplus for good works." St. Paul (2 Cor 8:7-8)**

