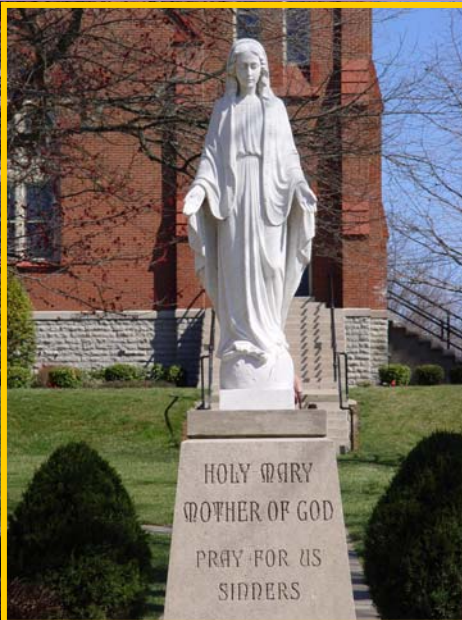


St. Dominic Parish Capital Campaign



Building for
Tomorrow Together
In Christ



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MESSAGE FROM FATHER PEPPER ELLIOTT



March 30, 2007

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

We at Saint Dominic have received so many blessings from God through the legacy left to us by earlier generations who built this church in 1890 and then the school in 1929. I believe that God is giving us now in 2007 an opportunity to provide for coming generations through our *Building for Tomorrow Together* campaign. As we focus on this stewardship campaign, I want you to reflect on the blessings of God in your life and in the life of our parish. Certainly, we cannot help but feel a sense of gratitude. As we look to what God wants to do for us and through us, not only for ourselves but for our children and grandchildren, we should be filled with anticipation.

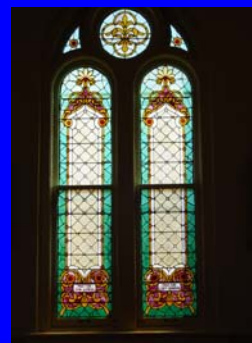
I am confident that as a result of our *Building for Tomorrow Together* campaign, new doors of opportunity will be opened for us. With the success of this program, we will be able to deepen the life of our community and provide additional space for worship, spiritual growth, community building and recreation. The campaign to preserve and renew our church and add a multi-purpose center is a great challenge, and I am grateful that God has brought us to this day and time in our ministry.

The *Building for Tomorrow Together* campaign challenges us to do the extraordinary, to give sacrificially, over and above our current giving for three to five years. It focuses on the individual's willingness to respond to God's goodness. Each of us is asked to pray, to seek God's will as we feel led by the Holy Spirit of God. I genuinely believe that the people of St. Dominic Church are ready for the challenge which this campaign offers. Let us enter into this endeavor prayerfully, trusting in God.

Let me ask you to examine this brochure carefully. With joyful gratitude and expectant faith, I ask you to consider your part in this campaign. What is given is a personal decision between you and God. What we accomplish together will benefit many, both now and beyond the time of our lives. May the Lord bless you and may God be glorified through our prayer and work in the days ahead.

Much love in Christ,

Fr. Pepper Elliott



BUILDING FOR TOMORROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST

It is Written:

"...remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop but the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each decide in your heart how much to give, not reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

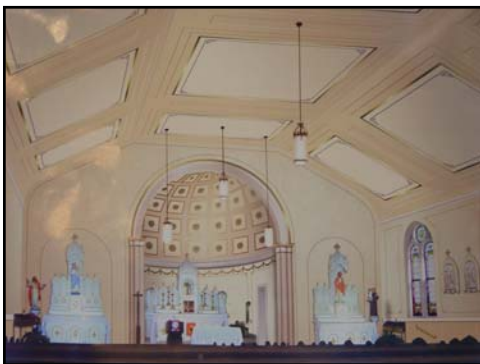


The focus of our capital campaign is two-fold: **Renewal** **Growth**

Under the “Renewal” phase, our beloved St. Dominic Church will undergo a vital restoration project aimed at preserving the historical and aesthetic integrity of the structure while providing it with the modern upgrades necessary in order to ensure its service for decades to come.

After well over a year of careful research and planning, the volunteers on the Parish Renewal Committee have identified these projects for the restoration of St. Dominic Church:

- Exterior brick work
- Interior plaster work
- Decorative painting of the interior
- Pew restoration
- New carpeting
- Organ repair
- Front Entrance Plaza addition



Under the “Growth” phase, a two-story addition is to be constructed adjacent to the church compatible with the original church architecture. The addition will include

- Restrooms
- Reconciliation room
- Baptismal Font
- Space for wedding preparations
- Christian fellowship hall

Also planned is the construction of a multi-purpose parish facility connected to St. Dominic School that will serve a variety of purposes for school and parish alike, including:

- Gymnasium
- Parish social functions
- Wedding receptions
- Bereavement dinners
- Library/Media Center
- School office and reception area

Ambitious and impressive, these comprehensive projects also are a practical means of meeting the present and future needs of both our church and our school. There is something to meet the spiritual, educational, and fellowship needs of *everyone* in the parish, from ages one to 100.

Give Generously, not grudgingly, for the Lord will bless you in everything you do.....Deuteronomy 16:10





PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

One hundred and sixty-three years ago, the first St. Dominic Church was constructed on what is now called Armory Hill.

The simple, white frame church served its parish well for nearly forty years. Eventually, the needs of a flourishing congregation led Father Joseph Hogarty to conclude that a new church must be built in order to serve the needs of the parish for many years to come.

The cornerstone of the current St. Dominic Church was dedicated in 1890. The location of the church was described by *The Record* as “a magnificent one, situated on the Main Street of their beautiful town, elevated, ample and forming together a site surpassed by none in the diocese.”

Today, St. Dominic Church still stands as a testament to the community of believers whose commitment of time, talent and treasure created an enduring structure that has continued to serve the needs of its parishioners for 117 years.

BUILDING FOR TOMORROW TOGETHER IN CHRIST

St. Dominic Parish has always been blessed with many committed, loving members. Through dedication and commitment, the *Renewal* phase will preserve the historical and aesthetic integrity of our church. The *Growth* phase will meet the spiritual, educational, and fellowship needs of the parish.



OUR CALL

The desire for the St. Dominic parish Growth and Renewal differs little in scope from that of our predecessors.

Their vision, like ours today, is far-reaching.

Their Catholic faith, like ours today, is strong.

Their strength of commitment is evident today in the legacy that is St. Dominic Church.

Now it is up to us to draw inspiration from our predecessors—and Christ himself—to bring renewal and growth to *His* church.

The success of this project will depend on how each of us answers the call to serve and support the renewal and growth that is much needed today and anticipated for tomorrow.



RENEWAL PRAYER



Our Heavenly Father, we thank You for the many blessings You have given us. Help us to understand that all we have comes from You. Just as our ancestors gathered together to glorify You, we ask that You be with us as we again gather in Your name to help our parish grow. Lord, help in our struggles and keep us as one family, united toward one goal to glorify You. For it's through Jesus Christ, our friend and savior, that we ask this of You. Amen