



St. Juan Diego Parish

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

February 18, 2022

Dear Parishioners:

Just more than a decade after we celebrated our first Mass in our new church, our parish family is ready to widen St. Juan Diego's mission with expanded offices and a new building for classes and fellowship.

Anyone who passes St. Juan Diego can see that future. The hill rising from the parking lot is taking on a new shape. And a home for students to learn about the sacraments and for parish groups to meet is only months away from opening.

Thank you for all you've already done, but more remains. This letter is about our current Phase two construction and capital equipment campaign, and what you can do to help.

To meet the estimated project costs, we have received pledges of \$2.8 million. And we are happy to report that we have collected nearly \$2.2 million from pledges, donations, monthly second collections, and gifts. We hoped this would be enough, but construction costs – like many others – have risen. The contract price for the project is locked in at \$3.4 million.

Since the new year, we have also learned that the church needs to replace one of its heating components at a cost of \$85,600. Rather than run a second fundraising campaign to cover this unexpected expense, we would like to fold that cost into our current campaign.

All together – with what we owe against the construction loan and the work we need to replace equipment as it wears out – we have a \$600,000 shortfall. Through the change and disruption of the past years, we have continued to move forward with fundraising. A group of parishioners have already pledged \$300,000 as part of a matching campaign toward the shortfall.

That leaves us in need of \$300,000. And this is where you come in. At church this weekend, we will ask everyone who can to make a pledge to help close that gap.

We ask that you choose one of four ways to help:

- Start a new four-year pledge if you have already completed one or never started one.
- Extend a current pledge for another two years.
- Increase a current, active pledge.
- Offer a one-time gift if you are unable to make a pledge.

A pledge is always best because it shows our lenders the seriousness of our intentions to complete the project and pay our bills. But whether it's a new or extended pledge, a pledge increase, a one-time gift or a gift in the monthly collection basket, every little bit helps. And as part of our campaign, every dollar you donate will be matched by one already pledged until we reach our \$600,000 goal.

Please do what you can – and thank you for what you've already done. You can see it every day on the hill climbing to the church.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hans Mueller".

The Rev. Hans Mueller

Phase Two Construction and Capital Equipment Campaign Committee:
Jerry Casey, Natalie Crenshaw, Deacon Dennis Desmarais, Les Fahey, Herb Plep, Peggy Brice