

Capital Campaign Presentation
Blessed Trinity Catholic Community

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Now it is our turn to be the artist.

After five years of meetings and planning, it is finally time for us to get on with it. We have a vision. We have a plan. Now we must **fund** the projects that will **create** the vision, especially for our worship space.

Now it is time for us to seriously consider both **how** we can contribute and **how much** we can contribute to our capital campaign to turn our vision into reality.

These were thoughts that came to me after seeing previews of the **giving guide** and the **commitment envelope** for our capital campaign. You have seen the **giving guide** in your campaign booklet or in the bulletin. The **commitment envelope** you will receive in the mail this week.

But because I saw both documents before you, I have already had the opportunity to work through the decision process. I discovered that the decisions required careful thought. Especially I think, if like me, you live on a modest fixed income.

I want to share with you some of **my own** thoughts as I worked through the **how** and **how much** questions. **How** could I possibly give **more**? But **how much** more could I **really** give if I **worked** to find a way?

However, before I do that, I want to mention two questions that I had already considered in making a **previous** decision, the **first** decision.

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- the importance of this parish as part of my life
- because others have given so that we **have** this house for the church
- a feeling that it's time to do the things in our worship space that will take it to the next level as a house of God
- realizing that it's an opportunity for me to provide not only for ongoing parish expenses, but also for something that will continue into the future.
- and because Fr. Ed's homilies have reminded me of the importance of this work

The second question: why am I even **interested** in providing for the future?

- first, looking around at the children in our parish
- because I remember that the **future** of the church is dependent on what **we** do to **provide** for that future
- and because throughout my life in the parishes where I've lived, I have always benefitted because someone else had already provided

These were the first responses that came to mind as I pondered the two questions. I know there are many other possible responses. But these were enough for me to make the **first** decision – that I **want** to contribute to this campaign. A campaign that will create reality from our vision for the future of our parish.

Which however, begged **this** question – how can I do that and still maintain my stewardship?

As it turned out, it was a good thing that I thought about stewardship because I remembered that we didn't have a stewardship campaign last year, so I also needed to review my stewardship contribution.

But more importantly in **this** moment, I needed to review my **weekly, monthly** and **annual personal** and **household** expenses to determine where I could make adjustments. . . changes that wouldn't have a big impact on my life but would make it possible for me to contribute to this campaign. And it worked! My **how** and **how much** decisions are made. I now know that I can help make this dream of ours a reality.

Our very presence here **honors the past.**

Our stewardship of time, talent and treasure **serves the present.**

Now we have a unique opportunity to **provide for the future.**

I encourage all of you to take some time this week to carefully consider your own **how** and **how much** questions.