

Saint Anthony Catholic Church

August 11, 2018

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Many of you are aware of the dual Capital Campaign "Caring for Our Present, Planning for Our Future" which began in 2014. This campaign, in conjunction with the Diocese of Dallas campaign "Our Faith, Our Future" proposed the construction of a \$7.5 million Family Life Center here at St Anthony with a \$724K contribution to the Diocese of Dallas Capital Campaign.

Through a careful study it was determined that our dual capital campaign would only be able to raise a little over \$3 million. This necessitated splitting our overall campaign of \$7.5 million into three phases, with Phase One aspiring to a goal of raising at least \$3 million which included our \$724 thousand contribution to the diocese and the construction of the first part of our planned family life center. In early 2018 our parish fulfilled its financial responsibility to the Diocesan Campaign. However, while many pledges were fulfilled through your generosity, today our current campaign total of funds raised and available is roughly \$1.1 million, well short of our \$3 million goal for Phase One. In addition, the maintenance fees of \$1,300/month charged us by the Catholic Foundation currently outpace your contributions to our campaigns. As such, as noble as our plans and goals were for completing Phase One, this current trend of pledge fulfillment and fund expense is unsustainable.

Recently, along with my Pastoral Leadership Team with assistance from relevant subject matter expertise, I have formed a new "Entity Building Committee" and have produced a modified alternate case statement for a more practical and immediate application of our \$1.1 million campaign funds. These alternate and more practical plans propose to renovate our current worship space with new flooring and pews to add more seating, alteration of the sanctuary and Eucharistic chapel, updating certain wall and ceiling finishes, improving sanctuary acoustics, as well as other necessary improvements. This plan also proposes alterations and additions to non-worship spaces such as improvements to the HVAC equipment of the main church and the construction of a new, secure, and more serviceable Parish Office Building for our staff members and parishioners. Our current Parish Office will be reconfigured to offer additional meeting space for parish groups and organizations.

While our original capital campaign case statement from 2014 was ambitious and well intentioned, very practical concerns have forced us to consider a different direction. I believe the changes I have described and proposed for a new case statement for the use of our campaign funds are timely, prudent, and attainable today. I humbly ask you, our donors, to consider and approve this re-appropriation of donated funds to the new case I described above. I believe this is the only positive way forward for us and this campaign. I pray for your approval and support.

While I ask for donors' support in this matter, I recognize there is a possibility that some donors may have restricted a pledge to the original case statement or may object to the proposed modifications. These donors should forward formal written disclosure of their pledge restrictions or objections received no later than September 18, 2018 to the attention of the **Entity Building Committee** in care of the Saint Anthony Parish Office at 404 N. Ballard, Wylie TX, 75098. All notifications received will be responded to and addressed confidentially.

Thank you so much for your generosity and understanding,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Tony". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Father Tony