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All Will Be Well

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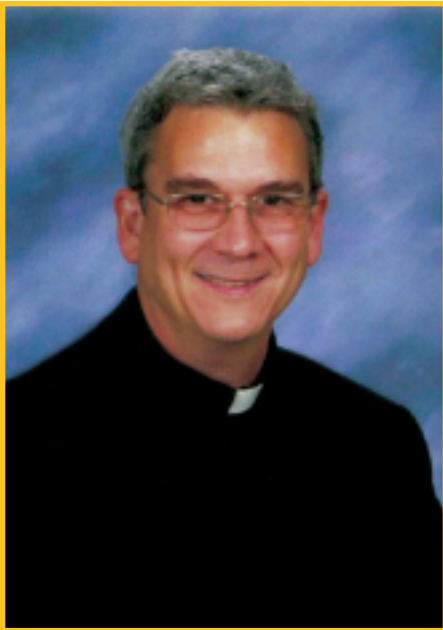
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Dear Parishioners

For 120 years, Saint Dominic Catholic Church has reflected the Gospel: we are that city on a hill whose light cannot be hidden. Saint Dominic Church was originally built to serve the European immigrant railroad workers on the city's "Far East Side" until the closing of Saint Cyprian parish and its merger with Saint Dominic Church. Today, we are a deeply spiritual, diverse, primarily African-American parish in the "Center-City" who seek to live by the commandment of our Lord: to love God, with all our heart, soul, and mind and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

We recall the wonderful testimony of faith that our ancestors have left us here at Saint Dominic Church, the hard work of the Belgian priests, and of course we could never forget the dedicated Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament who ministered at Saint Cyprian and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth who taught the Catholic faith in our former school. For all of this we give thanks and praise to God. Now we have to look also to future generations; who will follow us, what will be the legacy we leave behind? How can we begin to thank God for giving us the gift of faith, hope and love? The psalmist says, "The Cup of Salvation I will raise and call upon the name of the Lord." (Psalm 116:13)

Soon you will notice commencement of some projects that address critical needs of our church building thanks to the support of the Catholic Foundation grant we have received. I also want you to be assured of Bishop Campbell's support of our campaign in his matching grant of up to \$100,000.

After nearly a year of professional study and research, and several meetings and discussions with our Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, our Capital Campaign is about to be implemented. Our campaign theme is: **By God's Grace, All Will Be Well**. This is not the time to do nothing. On the contrary, to do nothing is not an option. We have been blessed with outstanding talented people from our parish who are meticulously guiding us in this program and I am grateful to the Diocesan Office of Development and Planning for their professional services.

Every member of our community will be given an opportunity to hear the details of the campaign and prayerfully reflect upon a special gift to the Lord's work. The challenge before us is to reach, even exceed our goal of \$300,000, trusting that the Lord of all is able to repay you many times over for your generosity and sacrifices which will make our dream a reality.

I ask each of you to carefully look over this brochure and to prayerfully consider what you will be able to offer in the form of a pledge over the next three years.

I want to thank all of you for all that you do and have done to make Saint Dominic Catholic Church that city on the hill whose light cannot be hidden and always remember, by God's grace all will be well.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jim Colopy

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Our History

To fully appreciate Saint Dominic Catholic Church, one must also come to understand the great efforts the African-American people have gone through to attain a place within the Catholic Church. Apart from the Christian mainstream world, our African ancestors built their churches with murals depicting the Virgin and the saints. We continue to celebrate our past and faith, recalling the events of our ancestors' urban resettlement with **hope, destiny, and faith** they were able to persevere through great suffering.

Saint Dominic Catholic Church development:

1889— Saint Dominic Church and School established

1916— Dedication of Saint Dominic Church building

1957— Saint Dominic and Saint Cyprian, (a predominantly African-American Catholic church) merger

1970— Saint Dominic and The Community of Holy Rosary and Saint John the Evangelist schools combine to form Pope John XXIII School and offer grades 1-8

1983— Closure of Pope John XXIII School

2009— Saint Dominic Church membership is approximately 280 families

The love of God has endured all manner of trial. Today, Saint Dominic Church is primarily a community of African-American Catholics worshiping and serving to live the Gospel. The deep spiritual ties that bind our church family together are truly inspirational and continue to leave an indelible mark on our families.

Our faith, our heritage, and our culture continue to unite us as a faith sharing Catholic community.

Our Challenge

In the fall of 2008, Father Colopy and the consultative bodies of the church approached the diocese and asked their assistance in conducting a parish-wide study regarding the needs of the church's physical structure. The study results identified the need for capital improvements, repairs and restoration of the exterior and interior of the church.

Our church building is quickly approaching its one hundredth year of existence. After so many years of use, the structure has become worn and aged. Although the aging church building is in fairly good shape, it is in need of many renovations in order to avoid further damage. Because some renovations are more urgent than others, the Capital Campaign Projects Committee and the Buildings Office of the Diocese has identified and prioritized the exterior and interior items that need attention. The most pressing items are the exterior stone walls, the roof, gutters and various interior items.

A timeline for all projects of the campaign have been established and laid out in the Campaign Plan. We must first repair the exterior in order to protect our interior. Our first priority is to restore our exterior walls and then repair the roof and replace the gutters. Once we have accomplished the exterior projects, we can then begin work on the interior.

Projects to be Addressed by this Campaign:

- Roof and gutters
- Interior repairs and renovations

Interior Projects to Address:

- Drop ceiling and original ceiling
- Interior plumbing
- Interior electrical system
- Interior church walls
- Church floors
- Parking lot lighting

Members from the Campaign Projects Committee, Parish Pastoral, and Finance Councils and Father Colopy have worked closely with the Diocese to economically and efficiently approach the capital needs of our church structure.

Exterior Walls

Thanks to a grant from the Catholic Foundation and other monies we have been granted, we are able to commence work on the exterior walls. To begin the project, all four exterior walls will need to be prepared for tuck pointing. Because of the nature of this project, this work must begin before the weather gets too cold or wet.



Tuck Pointing is the process of replacing mortar into the damaged mortar joints. This is a critical maintenance task and keeps water from entering the brick wall cavity. If water is allowed to pass through mortar and into the wall, brick failure may occur such as cracking or spalling (popping off of the brick face).

To ensure that the exterior walls prevent water from entering the interior of our church, we will need to tuck point all four exterior walls. The estimated cost of tuck pointing is \$105,000. Again, this cost has been fulfilled through the Catholic Foundation grant and other granted funds.

Roof and Gutters—Estimated \$200,000

The current roof has given us shelter and protection, allowing us to worship in our church home. The clay shingle roof is in good shape and can last us well into the future, with some repair. An ice shield must be positioned under the clay shingles. While this is being done, repairs and replacement of clay shingles is also needed.

The gutters are the original gutters from the dedication of the Saint Dominic Church building in 1916. Many repairs and possible replacement are needed. The estimated cost for the roof repairs and gutter replacement is \$200,000.

Interior Projects—\$100,000

Similar to the exterior of our church structure, the interior of our church home needs attention.

Projects that have been identified require renovations and improvements ranging from removing the drop ceiling for restoration, plastering and painting the interior walls to upgrading the electricity, just to name a few.

Because of the magnitude of the interior projects, we will address the various issues as finances permit. After the funding for the exterior roof and gutters is fulfilled, we can then use the estimated \$100,000 towards restoring the interior of our church.

ESTIMATED PROJECT COSTS

Exterior Walls - \$105,000
Grants Awarded and Church Funds

Campaign funds will address:

1. Roof and Gutters - \$200,000
2. Interior Project - \$100,000

Campaign Goal Total—\$300,000

Please note that all pricing is estimated and may vary year to year depending upon changing costs of materials for structural projects.

Our Future

As Catholics, we celebrate and give thanks through the Eucharist, the center of our faith. As African-American Catholics at Saint Dominic, we celebrate our culture, our heritage, and our family in combination with our faith. Our church ministries and programs are uniquely identified by our tradition and more importantly, reach out into the community.

All members and friends of our church family are deeply rooted in the mission to live the Gospel and build God's Kingdom. Through evangelization, our parish focuses on the command

of Our Lord Jesus who wants to be part of the life of every person. We desire spiritual growth as we spread the Gospel among our families and within our communities.

We must be mindful of our personal responsibility as disciples of Christ, but more importantly, the mission of our Church. It requires great reflection, prayer and resources from among our church families in response to our call to be good stewards, allowing us to provide for the future of our children and our children's children.

As a member of Saint Dominic, this opportunity is an awesome and proud responsibility. We are asked to continue the great works that have been set before us by those who came before us. Now is the time to come together and allow our parish family to move forward to provide for a more vibrant future for our faith community.

As mentioned before, the projects outlined in this brochure will cost us an estimated amount of \$300,000. To address these crucial capital needs, Saint Dominic is conducting a capital campaign titled, "By God's Grace, All Will Be Well." While we realize our goal is aggressive, we are confident that our church family will respond to reach and even exceed this goal.

Our Plan

To reach our campaign goal and address the urgent structural projects, Father Colopy and the key leadership of the church have been working in partnership with the Diocesan Office of Development and Planning to strategically organize a campaign fundraising plan.

A Campaign Committee has been formed to carry out the fundraising plan. Campaign Committee members and volunteers will reach out to all friends and families of our church community to share the campaign details. The success of our capital campaign will require the involvement and participation of every member. Over the course of three to four months,

campaign information will be shared through the following:

- Letters from Father Colopy
- Weekly pulpit announcements and bulletin inserts
- Parish campaign receptions
- Personal phone calls and visits

Church Involvement

We invite all members of Saint Dominic Catholic Church to participate in our **"By God's Grace, All Will Be Well"** Capital Campaign. Father Colopy has personally sent letters regarding the campaign to all our church families. Each week at Mass more information will be communicated through pulpit announcements, bulletin inserts and personal testimony.

An invitation will be sent to every member of the church asking for their attendance at one of the campaign receptions held at the Parish Center. At the campaign receptions, detailed information will be distributed and shared. This is also a time for everyone to ask questions and hear the answers firsthand.

Every family is asked to consider all the information contained in this brochure and then prayerfully come to a decision of how they will support this effort. Families will be encouraged to make their decision and return their pledge cards on or before **Sunday, October 18, 2009. October 18th is "Commitment Sunday" at Saint Dominic Church.**

Those who are unable to respond by October 18th will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time for the success of the campaign. Again, campaign volunteers will only personally visit those who do not respond by Commitment Sunday.

**OCTOBER 18, 2009
COMMITMENT SUNDAY**

Please bring pledge cards and return them at Mass.

Whether you, as a member of our church family participate by attending a campaign reception, responding on Commitment Sunday, or by graciously receiving a volunteer into your home, it is your involvement that will assure Saint Dominic a successful capital campaign.

Every parish family is asked to consider participation in three ways:

- Pray for the success of the **“By God’s Grace, All Will Be Well”** Capital Campaign.
- Be an ambassador for the campaign and speak positively on behalf of the campaign.
- Consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign.

Consider how your gift can reflect your gratitude to God and the Church. Reflect upon the blessings God has bestowed to your family.

Our Personal Sacrifice

The sacrificial gifts of each and every parish family are essential to the success of this campaign. We are asking every family to consider a three year gift of \$3,000 with a ten percent down payment (\$300). Every family has different financial obligations and only that family can decide what they can truly sacrifice for Saint Dominic Catholic Church. We ask that families make their personal decision in a true Christian spirit, to share with God’s people the gifts that God has given. Please consider contributing a gift that truly reflects gratitude of your faith and a willingness to support the work of our Church. Providing for the future life of our church is both our responsibility and our privilege. This is our parish and we will achieve

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THE FACETS OF PARISH GIVING...

Offertory:

Your weekly contributions to the general collection support the day-to-day operating expenses of the parish, including faith formation, liturgy and maintaining our facilities and personnel.

By God’s Grace, All Will Be Well Campaign:

Your payments to fulfill your campaign pledge should be in addition to your regular offertory contributions and the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

We are asking for a sacrificial gift and we know that sacrifice leads to blessings. Thank you in advance for supporting the mission of Saint Dominic Church.

our parish goal through generosity and the sacrifice of each and every member. It is asked that all families sacrifice financially to the best of their ability.

This campaign seeks to raise the funds necessary to renovate and restore our church structure. Again, we will need every family’s participation at every level. If a family is financially able to consider making a sacrifice of more than \$3,000, it is asked that they prayerfully consider doing so. Gifts at the levels of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, or more are needed and your sacrificial giving will be an example and inspiration to our church community. We are calling upon leadership gifts for this endeavor to ensure the success of this campaign.

The chart below provides suggested guidelines when considering your gift to the, **“By God’s**



Grace, All Will Be Well™ Capital Campaign. Please consider the gift plans carefully and select the one that reflects your family's ability to give sacrificially.

Gift Plans to Consider

Example: Each family is asked to consider a gift of \$3,000 payable over three years with a ten percent down payment.

\$3,000
- \$300

\$2,700 gift balance divided by three (3) years = \$900 a year

\$900 divided by twelve (12) months = \$75 a month

PLEDGE AMOUNT	10% DOWN PAYMENT	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	DAILY SACRIFICE
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$16.44
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375	\$12.33
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$750	\$250	\$8.22
\$8,000	\$800	\$2,400	\$600	\$200	\$6.57
\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$375	\$125	\$4.11
\$3,000	\$300	\$900	\$225	\$75	\$2.46
\$2,700	\$270	\$810	\$202.50	\$67.50	\$2.22

Remember, not everyone can make the same size gift; we are asked to make the same size sacrifice.

Campaign Pledge Card

When filling out the pledge card, please be sure to provide all the information requested. This will allow the church to clearly understand the intentions of your gift. It is important to include your name, address, phone number, signature, the total amount of your gift, and your down payment. The signature does not legally bind you to this pledge. Your gift is a promise to the church and your signature indicates your intentions.

A ten percent down payment is encouraged and allows the church to begin necessary projects sooner rather than later. Be sure to indicate the payment schedule you prefer to fulfill your gift balance. On your pledge card, please provide the following:

- Type of payment schedule (monthly, quarterly, etc.)
- Number of years (one, two, three, or other)
- Months preferred to pay if choosing quarterly, semi-annual, or annual
- Method of payment

Again, down payments are not necessary, but rather they are encouraged to allow early funding for campaign projects to begin sooner.

As You Make Your Gift, Please Remember...

1. Fulfilling your campaign pledge is in addition to your regular offertory contribution. The Sunday offertory collection pays for the day-to-day operations of the parish, while your pledge payments in this campaign will be used specifically for the capital needs that have been outlined in this brochure.

- Donor must be age 70 1/2 or older
- Paperwork must be completed by December 31, 2009
- The cap on annual IRA rollovers is \$100,000
- The contribution must be a direct gift to a charity (no planned gifts)

For additional information on how to make an IRA Charitable Rollover gift, please contact Mrs. Therese Love in the Diocesan Finance Office at 614-224-1221.

Gifts of Stock

It may be advantageous for some donors to contribute appreciated securities. If you choose to contribute stock or securities you may receive additional tax benefits.

Procedure to Transfer Stock

Delivery through a Stockbroker:

If your stockbroker holds your stock or security, it may be transferred electronically to an account. Please call the Finance Office for the Diocese of Columbus at 614.224.1221, for more detailed instructions. The Associate Director, Mrs. Therese Love, will provide you with the brokerage account information of the diocese including the federal tax ID number and the DTC number at the brokerage firm. You – the donor – will then have to contact your broker to transfer the securities into the diocesan account on behalf of Saint Dominic Parish.

Please indicate on your pledge card in the space provided, the name of the securities and the number of shares you would like to transfer. Once the stock has been transferred, you will receive the appropriate acknowledgment letter from the parish and the Diocesan Finance Office.

Nota Bene: The value of the gift is the value of the securities on the date they are transferred.

Making Your Gift to the Campaign

1. Please read carefully this informational brochure and prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift. Discuss it with family members and your financial advisors, if necessary.

2. Fill out the enclosed pledge card. Indicate the total amount of the pledge, the down payment enclosed, and the payment plan best suited to your pledge and your family's financial situation.

3. The suggested down payment is 10 percent of your total pledge. Down payments help to provide the cash flow needed to begin the project. However, including a down payment with your pledge is not mandatory.

4. All checks should be made payable to: **“By God’s Grace, All Will Be Well”** Campaign. Any variation of the campaign name can be used as long as the parish office can recognize the intention of the donor.

5. Pledge Reminder Statements will be mailed to you according to the schedule that you indicate on the pledge card: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

6. Please enclose the completed pledge card along with your down payment in the envelope provided. All responses are greatly appreciated, and no gift is too small. You may mail it, drop it in the weekend collection, or return it to the parish office (*during regular office hours*) at:

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7. If you prefer, a campaign representative will contact you personally. You can further discuss the campaign and deposit your pledge with him or her.



Thank You to Our Campaign Committee

Saint Dominic Catholic Church would not have come this far in our campaign without the assistance of a special group of dedicated people. They continue to provide us with the tools and direction we need to be successful at Saint Dominic.

By God's Grace, All Will Be Well Campaign Committee

Father Jim Colopy
Jo Alexander
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Kim Coleman
Kimberly Colston-Woodruff
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Gretchen Shivers
Mary Alice Sutton
Stella Toles
Betty VanCleaf
Andrew and Jacquie Walker
Imogene Williams
Bruce Wolff

By God's Grace, All Will Be Well Campaign Prayer

O good and gracious God,
Make the door of my parish church wide enough
to receive all who need human love, fellowship,
and Your care;
And narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and
all that is uncharitable.

At this time in the life of my parish,
I turn to You with grateful heart
for what I have and with great anticipation
for what is yet to be.

Bless my parish with a sense of unity,
a spirit of cooperation,
and a generous heart,
as we face the responsibilities and challenges
of my parish campaign.

I know there is much to do.
I believe our goals are rooted in Your World
and in Your work.

Please guide us, strengthen us,
and bless us with Your presence
now and through the years to come.

Amen



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