

Heavenly Father,
for over sixty years You have blessed our lives
with Your unfailing presence and love.
You have touched our lives in powerful ways.

Time and time again
You call us to place our trust in You.
We are confident that You will bless and guide us
in this process of growth and development.
The faces that You have touched throughout the years
call us to a future full of hope and promise - -
to be the faces to carry on your love and presence
to the generations ahead.

Guide us, Lord, through this precious time.
Open our hearts and direct our lives
as we discern what gifts we can offer to You.
We place ourselves in Your hands
and open ourselves to Your will.
Enlighten us and foster in us a sense of the sacred
that You are with us every step of the way.

Lord, we thank You for Saint Raphael,
our angelic companion and patron.
May Saint Raphael guide us along life's journey
and lead us to our heavenly home.
We pray this through Christ, Our Lord,

Amen!

My dear friends in Christ,

In this, our 60th year of existence as a parish, we look forward with great hope and promise. We have completed an extensive and comprehensive study of our parish. We gathered a great deal of data from all aspects of parish life; we listened closely and dreamed large; and with your input, carefully created our Master Plan. It changes the face of our campus to meet the varied needs of our parish for generations to come.

We remain mindful of the need to respond to the eventual reduction in the number of weekend Masses offered when the parish no longer is assigned an associate pastor. Expansion of the worship space clearly becomes the priority. It is important that we are able to worship as a parish here at Saint Raphael, and not at a remote location. Construction of a Parish Activity Center in Phase I will ensure that when the church expansion is taking place we will have a temporary worship space on our parish grounds.

Phase I will now include only those projects necessary to be completed before construction of the worship space can begin. In addition to the Parish Activity Center, the first phase will include expansion of the parking lot, new parish offices, and a new rectory. It is our intention that expansion of the worship space will immediately follow the completion and payment of Phase I. God willing, we would like to commence on the second phase in three years.

We come to you, the Saint Raphael Parish Family, to ask for your support of these plans through gifts of time, talent and treasure to our Capital Campaign "Changing the Face of Saint Raphael Parish, from Generation to Generation". The goal of this parish wide appeal is to secure pledges so that we may begin construction on Phase I projects. Preliminary construction costs for the revised Phase I are \$6.5 million. The Diocese allows us to begin when half of the cost has been received. We would like to begin in the spring of 2007.

I am confident that with sacrifice from all of our parishioners, together we can reach our goals. I ask every family to invest in the future life of our parish and to participate in this special time. I thank every parishioner for their gift to the parish as we continue the work of the Lord!

God bless and keep you,

Rev. Timothy W. Gareau, Pastor

SAINT RAPHAEL PARISH

On September 22, 1946 the first worshippers gathered at the Bay Village High School Auditorium for the first Mass of Saint Raphael Parish. They established the creative and welcoming spirit that still exists today. Who could have envisioned how our parish would evolve? It seems fitting that the first Mass in our first permanent building would be held on December 24, 1948. The most reverential celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ resonated with the birth of our new parish.

From that humble beginning the parish has evolved from serving 165 families to serving over 3,100 families and over 10,000 members. The parish educates 742 students in the day school and almost 700 students in the Parish School of Religion (PSR). Numerous commissions and ministries strive to meet the needs of an ever-changing faith community.

Through the years, the parish has supported its communal faith through education, spiritual development, liturgy and the sacraments, and social outreach. With God's grace and profound belief, our Roman Catholic tradition continues the work of the Lord.

In 2003, Fr Tim commissioned a group of dedicated parishioners to assess the parish's strengths and weaknesses. Taking into consideration past experiences, the Vibrant Parish Life Survey, focus group data, and future goals, the following Initiatives were set forth in 2005: Spirituality, Hospitality, Evangelization, Social Concerns, Youth and Young Adults, Adults and Family Enrichment, and Education. The implementation of each Initiative is to be guided by a commitment to: develop effective communications, work with people and groups in the parish, collaborate with other parishes and communities, act with fiscal responsibility, and provide solutions for facility requirements.

MASTER PLAN

The Master Plan Committee was charged with the responsibility of conducting a comprehensive needs assessment of the parish facilities and formulating a long-range master plan to meet the current and future facility needs of Saint Raphael parish. During this process, the parish staff, school staff, parish commissions, and parish ministries were consulted as well as town hall meetings held for all parishioners to determine needs and desires for space. It was quickly concluded that the Saint Raphael Parish campus is under served by its facilities. A long-range Master Plan was developed incorporating the feedback provided.

The Saint Raphael Master Plan was presented to the parish in August, 2006. A comprehensive Parish Planning Study was conducted in August and September to determine our parishioners' reactions to this plan in general and to the Phase I construction as presented. The response indicated that there is significant support for the Master Plan and its phases. Parishioners were primarily concerned with parking needs, the need for a parish activity center and enlarging the worship space. Enlarging the worship space was clearly the highest priority.

Questions arose as to how soon construction of the worship space could take place. Because of the desire to begin construction on the worship space as soon as possible, Phase I was revised. Modifications were made so that only those projects that are necessary to be completed before construction of the worship space can begin will be built. The plan is to begin construction of the worship space immediately following the completion and payment of Phase I.

PHASE I

Phase I will include the Parish Activity Center, expansion of the parking lot, new parish offices and a new rectory. We would like to begin construction in the spring of 2007.

The Parish Activity Center will be a multi-purpose space that will accommodate a variety of parish functions: parish social functions, large group meetings, Christmas programs, presentations and performances, physical education classes and sports tournaments. It will be utilized as a temporary worship space during construction of the new or remodeled church. A commercial sized kitchen will be able to handle banquets and fish fries. A large stage, storage area, locker rooms and other support facilities will be built. Surrounding the Parish Activity Center will be a new and inviting entranceway to parish buildings from the parking lot and corridors linking it to the school and existing church. Minor modifications will be made to the existing gym so that it can function as a lunch room for the day school students.

The parking lot will be expanded. Underground utilities will be updated. New lighting and landscaping will be added. Traffic flow will be improved with re-configured parking spaces.

The current parish office building will be demolished to make space for the Parish Activity Center. We have a letter of intent to purchase the office building adjacent to the school (Douglass Building). The parish offices will move here. There is a separate access from Dover Center Road and additional parking for 34 cars. Purchasing this existing building is less expensive than new construction and allows for greater flexibility in the design of Phase I.

The rectory will need to be demolished to make room for the expansion of the church. A new house will be constructed on the parcel fronting Osborn Road. It will include two suites (pastor and assistant/retired priest) and accommodations for a seminarian.

Phase I- Estimated Construction Costs	
Parking/site improvements	\$ 475,000
Parish Activity Center, main entrance, Gathering Area, linkage of facilities	\$ 3,300,000
Parish office building	\$ 875,000
New rectory	\$ 350,000
Construction cost contingency and change orders	\$ 500,000
Soft costs	\$ 1,000,000
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Phase I Estimated Construction Costs	<u>\$ 6,500,000</u>

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PHASE II

Phase II will be the construction of the worship space. It is planned that construction will begin immediately following the completion and payment of Phase I. Whether the church will be new construction or renovated space has not yet been determined, as more research and study are needed. Decisions will be made and cost estimates will be developed once Phase I is under way. The guidelines as outlined at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in their document, "Built of Living Stones: Art, Architecture, and Worship," will be followed. The worship space will accommodate at least 1,100 parishioners. Preliminary thoughts are to move the altar to the Dover Center Road side and to have a large gathering area at the back of the church. A chapel for daily mass and for smaller weddings and funerals is also contemplated. Use of a smaller space will allow us to efficiently control costs.

FUTURE PHASES

The kindergarten wing and remodel of the Raphael Center, originally included in Phase I, remain very much part of the Master Plan. These, along with, updating rooms in the existing school, adding a second floor to the primary wing, adding a music room, remodeling the junior high wing, new school administrative offices and renovating the Zwilling Room, are all part of future phases. Currently, there is no timetable for the completion of these projects.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

“Changing the Face of Saint Raphael Parish, from Generation to Generation” is a Capital Campaign being conducted to raise funds to complete Phase I of the Master Plan. Our hope and prayer is to cover all of the Phase I costs with pledge commitments. In the event that additional funding is needed, short-term financing may be sought.

We would like to break ground for Phase I in the spring of 2007. The Diocese of Cleveland allows us to begin when half of the project cost has been received.

Every parish family is strongly encouraged to make a contribution of time, talent and treasure to our campaign. We are confident that with a sacrifice from all of our parishioners, together we can reach our goals. Every family is asked to invest in the future life of our parish by making a pledge that is payable for up to a three-year period.

A commemorative book listing all parishioners making a gift to “Changing the Face of Saint Raphael Parish, from Generation to Generation” will serve as a lasting reminder of your commitment to the parish for generations to come.

Raphael	\$500,000 and over
Seraphim	\$100,000 - \$499,999
Cherubim	\$50,000 - \$99,999
Archangel	\$25,000 - \$49,999
Guardian Angel	\$5,000 - \$24,999
Angel	up to \$4,999

Your Timely Response is requested!

A pledge form is enclosed. Please return this form with your commitment as soon as possible, or on Commitment Weekend, December 16th & 17th. Please remember that contributions made in 2006 bring us closer the being able to begin construction in the spring of 2007!

CAMPAIGN PLEDGE

Each parishioner has unique financial circumstances; therefore it is a personal decision when determining how much to contribute. The following gift chart provides a few examples of how timing pledge payments can help to achieve different pledge amounts. Please keep in mind these are examples, that actual pledge amounts can be above or below these levels, and that you can structure your gift and make payments in a manner that best suits your situation.

Pledge Amount	3 Annual Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	36 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice
\$ 25,000	\$ 8,333	\$ 2,083	\$ 694	\$ 23.15
\$ 10,000	\$ 3,333	\$ 833	\$ 278	\$ 9.26
\$ 5,000	\$ 1,667	\$ 417	\$ 139	\$ 4.63
\$ 3,600	\$ 1,200	\$ 300	\$ 100	\$ 3.33

TAX ADVANTAGES OF CHARITABLE GIVING

All contributions to the Capital Campaign "Changing the Face of Saint Raphael Parish, from Generation to Generation" are tax deductible as provided under IRS guidelines.

Transfer of Securities

If you contribute appreciated securities that have been held more than 12 months, no capital gains tax is due and a charitable deduction for the full fair market value may be realized. Please consult with your tax advisor should you have any questions. Please contact the parish office for specific instructions regarding transfers of securities.

Matching Gift Programs

You are encouraged to check with your employer to see if it offers a matching gift program. Many companies offer this type of program to their employees, and sometimes retirees, as a way to encourage charitable giving.

This type of matching gift program could be an opportunity to double or even triple the size of your pledge! Every program has guidelines, so contact the Human Resources office of your employer to find out if a program is offered and whether you qualify. Ask for the appropriate form, complete the donor portion, and then forward that form and your pledge to the parish office.

Contribution of an IRA

Effective in 2006 and extending until December 31, 2007, recent pension legislation enables certain individuals to rollover amounts from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a charity without recognizing the assets transferred as income. The donor must be 70-1/2 or older. The amount transferred to the charity is limited to \$100,000 per year. Please contact your tax advisor for details. Please contact the parish office for specific instructions for making this type of gift.

The Campaign Leadership Committee thanks the Saint Raphael Parish Family for generously sharing your time, talent and treasure to make us a vibrant Catholic community.

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