

Our Church Our Future

Every St. Anthony of Padua family is asked to attend one of the upcoming Capital Campaign events. Each event will feature a presentation of our renovation plans. In addition to Father Vic and campaign leaders, one of the architects working on the renovation plans from Smith-Boland Architects will be in attendance.

Your family's voice is important—this is an opportunity for questions, answers and your valuable input!

YOU ARE INVITED

– Events Schedule –

- Sunday, Oct. 23** 10 AM Breakfast
Adamski Hall *RSVP by Oct. 20*
- Saturday, Nov. 5** 6 PM Wine & Cheese Social
Adamski Hall *RSVP by Nov. 1*
- Tuesday, Nov. 15** 6 PM Dinner
Adamski Hall *RSVP by Nov. 11*

Please RSVP to the church office
(404) 758-8861

Monday, Thursday & Friday 9 AM – 2 PM
Tuesday, Wednesday 9 AM – 11 AM

or by e-mail to dpatrickbates@stanthonyatlanta.org

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church

SIGN UP FOR
A CAMPAIGN EVENT
TODAY!

St. Anthony of Padua CATHOLIC CHURCH
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FROM FATHER VIC

"Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God."

— Revelation 21:3



Nave Rendering

Campaign Steering Committee Meets

The Capital Campaign Steering Committee had a full agenda at its September 15th meeting, much of which you can read about throughout this newsletter. Among the exciting decisions was to set the three-year pledge goal at \$2 million. Reaching this goal would allow us to complete the renovation of the nave and sanctuary. It also encourages us to live in the balance between pragmatism and God's challenge.

Part of this goal includes the commitment to give 10 percent of the funds raised to the poor. This promise reminds us of our faithful obligation to care for those on the margins of our world, those whom God dearly loves. It also prompts us to recall that we ourselves are not the goal of this Campaign — rather, it is God's kingdom, and our place within it, that ought to motivate us.

The members of the Steering Committee also shared their hopes and concerns about the Campaign. Many of the concerns centered around the fact that we cannot do everything we would like to do in this Campaign — there is simply too much to be done. At the same time, there is tremendous hope that this Campaign will continue to bring our parish and our shared ministry closer together.

The true hope is that this Campaign is an opportunity for us, as God's ministers, to make our prayerful, honest commitments to the renovation of our church. May it be so!

Dear Friends,

You have been hearing more and more about our Capital Campaign to fund the renovation of our church. I am excited to share with you that your leadership has set our campaign goal at \$2 million! This goal would enable us to complete the vital renovation of the nave and sanctuary. And through your faithful stewardship and God's richest mercies, we trust that we will reach this goal.

Throughout this Capital Campaign, I am asking each member of our parish to renew your own commitment to stewardship as an integral part of our faith. Indeed, faithful stewardship

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The Stewardship of Our Church

by Barbara Hill and Milton Jones

As our Capital Campaign moves forward toward our Commitment Sunday on December 4th, we continue to encourage your prayers as you consider the pledge you will make to the Campaign. Fr. Vic's thoughts in this newsletter remind us of the important role that stewardship of our church ought to play in our faith. We trust that you will be both challenged and inspired by these words.

Your pledge amount will be the total amount you expect to give to the Capital Campaign over the next three years (December 4, 2016 - December 4, 2019). You will have that period to fulfill your pledge. There will be those who give the full amount up front; for others, an annual, monthly or weekly contribution makes the most sense. Whatever approach you choose, the most important point is that you surround your pledge with prayer and with belief. The spiritual, *We've Come This Far by Faith*, reminds us that "we've come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord; trusting in His Holy Word, he never failed me yet."

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is meant to be a way of life. As Christians, we are responsible for the faithful care of all that God has given us – our families, our finances, our bodies, our faith and our church.

Caring for the spiritual and physical life of our church is central to who we are. After all, the author of Revelation reminds us of the astonishing news that God has chosen to dwell among us – he is our God, and we are his people. Our church, and our faithful stewardship of that church, is where these words become visible. In other words, I believe that God has given us this opportunity for faithful ministry. And in that ministry, we are being called to stewardship of our church.

As we move toward Commitment Sunday on December 4th, I encourage each member of our parish to be in prayer about your stewardship: your pledge to the Campaign, your care of our church and your gratitude for all of God's mercies.

I ask to remain yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Victor A. Galier
Pastor



Milton Jones

Barbara Hill



Frequently Asked Questions about the Campaign

As we go through the next weeks prior to Commitment Sunday on December 4th, we will compile questions about the campaign and share them with the parish. In some cases, we won't have complete or final answers, but we want to make every attempt to answer any question you may have. There are several ways this can happen.

1. Attend one of the Campaign Events. We will have time for discussion at these events. The schedule is on the back page of this newsletter.
2. E-mail your question to stacc@stanthonyatlanta.org
3. Ask Father Vic or one of our Campaign Co-chairpersons, Barbara Hill or Milton Jones, when you see them at church.
4. Read the newsletters throughout the campaign.

Q When would the renovation of the church begin?

A At this point, we do not have any timeline for the renovation. It will depend on many factors including the amount pledged, how quickly pledges are fulfilled, finalizing all the details with the architect, selecting a contractor, etc.

Q What is the goal for this campaign?

A Our goal is twofold. First, we want every parishioner to make a pledge to the campaign. Secondly, our monetary goal is \$2 million.

Q How would the \$2 million be allocated?

A That amount should allow us to complete the renovation of the nave and sanctuary. In addition, 10 percent of fulfilled pledges will go to the poor.

Q Will all of the \$2 million need to come from parishioners?

A That is our goal. However, we will ask former St. Anthony parishioners and friends, as well as alumni of our school, for donations. In addition, our campaign consultant, Church Development, is exploring possible foundation and institutional grants.

Q Why did we need to hire a campaign consultant? Couldn't we have done this ourselves?

A Simply put, we do not have the time, people resources nor the collective expertise to do the work Church Development is doing. We have two consultants, Ed Dobbmeyer and Darryl Prater, assisting us in the vital areas of organizing and managing about 150 parishioners who are serving the campaign and overseeing the communication to make sure it is on time and on track. Church Development is also picking up many of the costs such as printing of all of the materials.



We are pleased to present our Capital Campaign logo.

Thank you to the Communications Team for their diligent work in creating the theme, Our Church-Our Future. This will remind us all that we are part of this wonderful parish family at St. Anthony of Padua.