



# Dear *brothers and sisters,*

Over the past year, we have seen some incredible growth as our parish continues to add new members, increase opportunities for prayer and learning about our faith, and draw us closer to the Lord. It is truly an exciting time to be part of the community of Immaculate Conception.

We recognize that we are disciples, following Jesus as a union of body and soul. This is reflected in our parish as well, that we need to tend to the needs of the physical campus as well as the soul of the parish as we continue to seek to grow with grace. Over the course of 159 years, we recognize the many gifts given to our parish to lay the foundation of where we are now. We show our gratitude to God by sowing seeds for the future generation of saints to come. That is why we are introducing Grow with Grace, a capital campaign that will span two years and will include many upgrades to our church grounds and facilities.

Our physical grounds have several large needs to be fulfilled in order to provide a secure place to come worship and grow in our faith and community. Currently, we have asbestos that is being exposed in the church, a failing boiler in the office/religious education building, an elevator that continues to act up and siding that needs to be replaced. These are all things that will allow us to continue to serve our community in the future.

But we also want to pay attention to the spiritual needs of our parish. The sanctuary is meant to be a beautiful place that elevates our hearts and minds to God when we come to pray. It is the beauty of the sanctuary, and its focus on the Eucharistic celebration, that help to educate us about what is most important in our spiritual and communal life. In addition to this, when people come to worship in our church, we want them to know that our parish is dedicated to our Immaculate Mother. The new sanctuary design invites us to pray through the life of Mary from her Immaculate Conception to the Annunciation, to her being crowned as Queen over Heaven and Earth.

I know that together we can continue to grow in the grace that God is giving us in this time, allow Him to plant in us His will and purpose, and to sow the seeds that will bring fruit for generations to come! I hope you will prayerfully consider contributing to this campaign in any way you can, and pray for its success. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and of this important endeavor.

In Christ,

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