St. Augustine's of Canterbury 2008 Capital Campaign

Leaving a Legacy for the Next 125 Years!

'How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?'

Psalm 116:12

Campaign Communiqué #1

June 7/8, 2008

May 21, 2008 Campaign Plan / Volunteer Recruitment Meeting

On the evening of May 21 approximately sixty very interested parishioners gathered in Al's Hall for a presentation on the Restoration Project and Campaign Plan to fund it. The meeting was facilitated by Denis Badiou and Dan Potvin, our Capital Campaign Co-chairs. The goal of this meeting was to engage those in attendance in a dialogue about the planned restorations and fundraising proposal, and to invite any of those in attendance to volunteer during the Capital Campaign should they feel called to do so. To date eleven parishioners have responded to the call to serve as a volunteer in the campaign, many more will still be needed.

Denis Badiou began the evening with a presentation providing an overview of the planned repairs and restoration to our Church building. The following is summary of what is being proposed;

PHASE I – Feb to July 2008 – New Cedar Shakes Roofing and Insulation	$179,500
PHASE II – Aug to Dec 2008 – Restoration to the Church Interior	$507,500
PHASE III – 2009 to 2010 – Exterior Re-pointing of the Brick	$179,500
TOTAL BUDGET	**$866,400**

Denis indicated that as of March 31 2008 the parish has just over $515,000 in the bank. This is good news for the Capital Campaign. This money comes largely from our Sunday giving the past two years. Parishioners have responded generously to stewardship in their lives and giving in the parish has increased dramatically. In addition parish staff and lay leaders have been good stewards of their budgets and there has been a reduction in expenses overall. The parish has also received several donations in the form of bequests, and major gifts making up approximately $90,000 of the $515,000. The Parish Finance Council feels it would be prudent to leave a portion of this surplus in the bank for operating costs and therefore have set a fundraising goal of $530,000 of the $866,400 needed. The details of each Phase were presented and will be communicated to our Parishioners during the Capital Campaign. At this point there are some pieces of the project that have not yet been committed to, so the numbers may change.

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Dan presented an overview of the fundraising plan. The Capital Campaign will be in three phases. Phase I will take place from June to August. The goal for this phase is to seek lead or major gifts and have 55% of the total Campaign goal pledged by September. Phase II will take place in September and the goal is to have 30% of the total pledged in the month of September. Phase III will wrap up the campaign in October and raise the remaining 15% of the total goal. Volunteers will be crucial to the success of the campaign! We need your help, please contact Denis or Dan should you feel called to share your time and talent in this worthy cause.

During the course of the even there was a great deal of open and honest discussion that will be very helpful to the committees as we move forward with the restorations and capital campaign. There were two things that stood out above all others. First and foremost it was clear that the work be done on the Church building and the resulting financial commitment should in now way inhibit out parishes ability to continue in her mission and to provide the necessary programs and ministries; youth ministry was of particular concern. Secondly, it was very evident that there needs to be more details and clarity as to exactly how the money raised will be spent. Dan and Denis assured those in attendance that more details and a clear breakdown of every dollar would be communicated in the capital campaign. For the purposes of this meeting just the total amount for each area of the project was offered. During the capital campaign each individual piece of the project will be highlighted in the bulletin with a detailed breakdown of the work, including labour, materials, etc. and costs.

PLEASE NOTE;

Communication is the most vital part of the whole process. To that end the Capital Campaign Committee will be making use of the bulletin, direct mail, the website, and email. We want to be good stewards and not use anymore printed materials than absolutely necessary! **So, if you would prefer to have all campaign materials emailed to you that would be very helpful. Please email us your contact information and we will set up an email list and all campaign materials will be emailed to you.**

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In the service of our Lord,

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