St. Augustine 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 #8

November 1/2, 2008

Campaign Update

As of Sunday October 26th another $34,820 in gifts has been received which brings our total to $239,279 or 43% of our goal. Forty-five new households have made gifts bringing our total participation level to date to 24%.

We all have experienced God's generosity in our lives. And we know that God will not be outdone in generosity, it may sound crass but even Jesus himself said so, ***"Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands – all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you"*** Luke 6:38. Of course good stewards do not give because they expect anything in return – God knows what is in your heart when you give. Good stewards give because they have first received and their giving is done in gratitude; in response to God's blessings not in anticipation of God's blessings.

Every gift to the Capital Campaign will be received in gratitude, be it a $10,000 gift or a $10 gift. There is no such thing as a gift that is too small. As with the widow's offering (Luke 21:1-4), even though her gift was small it meant more to Jesus because she gave it in gratitude and out of her need to give – not the temple treasury's need to receive.

Two weeks from today is AMEN Sunday, November 16th, the day on which we believe we will achieve our goal of $557,500 received in cash and/or pledges over the next three years. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on how you might take this opportunity to be a part of something great and leave a legacy for generations to come. Please take this opportunity to say thank you to God for the wonderful gift of our Catholic faith and our church. Remember – no gift is too small, and all gifts given in gratitude are good gifts!

Giving Gifts for the Temple - 1 Chronicles 29:1-18 PART III

But why should we be so happy that we have given you these gifts? They belong to you, and we have only given back what is already yours. We are only foreigners living here on earth for a while, just as our ancestors were. And we will soon be gone, like a shadow suddenly disappears. Our Lord God, we have brought you all these gifts for building a temple to honour you. They belong to you, and you gave them to us. But we are happy, because everyone has voluntarily given you these things. You know what is in everyone's heart, and you are pleased when people are honest. Always make us eager to give, and help us be faithful to you, just as our ancestors Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob faithfully worshiped you.

In the service of our Lord,

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