

Dear Parish Family,

Covid has affected every part of our every day living. It has taken lives, changed lives, altered our lifestyle and ultimately transformed our every day lives. This is true for the Church as well. We have long anticipated the time when our church can safely be full again and the familiar faces which are so much a part of our 'parish personality' can return to celebrate, pray and 'gather'! We are sending you this letter because it is our only viable way of reaching everyone in the parish. While we will include this in the bulletin, on the website, and with whatever means possible it is our hope that you will take a few moments with the information contained within.

At the present time we are very much involved in 'catching up' to the many liturgies and celebrations that were canceled these past few months. Please know that the parish staff has been more than diligent in providing responses to the many situations that have been presented to the parish since the shut-down. It is a task that is involved, complex and time-consuming. While it may seem that the parish was non-operational during these past months the contrary is true. We are taking this step-by-step and at a pace that is feasible.

We are pleased with Phase One of Endeavor. We have received many compliments on the spacious Baptistry area, the enlarged Children's Room, and the completely new Rest Rooms. The work done was to our expectation and, if you have not yet been in the Church, we think that you will find that these were renovations long overdue.

What about Phase II? As mentioned in the opening paragraph of this letter Covid has truly affected everything including our plans for a Parish Center and Classrooms. In the past few months we have been notified of a significant increase in cost for nearly every facet of our building plans. Our CPA/treasurer, Jeanette Webster, has been in continuous contact with J.G. Johnson the architect, builders and Diocese. Together they have considered every possibility for the work to continue. While we have always realized the necessity for procuring a bank loan it has always been a workable number and a loan that we could be comfortable with. If we were to simply continue as was previously planned before the Virus we would be putting the parish in a difficult and challenging financial situation. This is something that we do not want to do. It would change our parish lifestyle drastically and I (Fr. Krizner) do not want to impose a Scrooge-like atmosphere on the many things that we do as a parish family and community. Likewise, I do not want to initiate another campaign. You have been generous with your interest and donations to Endeavor. I am more than grateful and have found, often enough, that your kindness, sacrifices, and pledges have exceeded expectations. To this date contributions continue to come in for our project both from those who made a pledge and those who simply chose to give on their own! For all of this I am thankful as each and every dollar counts towards our goal.

So we are at an impasse but one that is not without a sound and realistic solution. We believe that if we move ahead with our plans in Phases then our goal is attainable and within the financial parameters that are practical and reasonable. This obviously means that it will take much longer to see a fully completed building but it also means that with each phase more and more of the building will be made available to us for immediate use. As it now stands we may very well see the work begin soon but with the realization that the time-frame for completion will be extended as funds become available.

We are confident that this plan will work and, though we will have to move at a different pace, we will successfully achieve our goal! We must continue to count on your help. So many of our parishioners

have expressed their support in various ways. I ask that you please continue to consider this Project as it is so very important to the continuing life of the parish. At the present time, because of Covid, our activities have been suspended. All of us look forward to the day when we are completely 'OPEN' and we can resume the spiritual-social life of St. Colette! The word Endeavor is defined: to try hard to do or achieve something/ an attempt to achieve a goal. That is exactly it! With your continued interest, assistance and prayers we will achieve this goal for ourselves and for the generations that follow us as members of the St. Colette Family!

Sincere gratitude for all that you have done. Continual Blessings to each and every one of you!

Respectfully Yours,

Fr. Krizner,

Jeanette Webster,

Lisa Radey

Parish Staff.