

CAMPAIGN PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT – Deacon Gohde – November 28, 2010

I am very excited for this opportunity to stand up here and announce that we have achieved 52.4% of our second campaign goal!

To those parishioners who made their commitment as we began our campaign – *Thank You....* your commitment gave us hope.... as the steel, brick and mortar on our beautiful new church began to rise

To those parishioners who made their commitment during or soon after a visit from one of our home visitors – *Thank You.....* your commitment helped us to gain momentum.....and make additional enhancements such as stained glass....become a *reality*

To those parishioners who are praying about their potential commitment – *Thank You....* your generous sacrificial commitment will help us reach....and hopefully....exceed our goal....so that the ministry center construction can begin soon after our April dedication

To those parishioners who have been contacted and are *still* praying on a decision to support the effort.... or who will be part of an 1100 family mailing that will leave our parish office on Monday and haven't as yet.... begun.... their prayerful consideration....I'd like to share the following:

- \$3747255 has been pledged to date
- 820 families have been visited
- 157 families have made their commitment
- Of all the families who have been contacted to date....less than 1% have said no....the reasons for most of those no's were very real and understandable....very few (2 in fact) were emphatic nos.
- To just reach our goal....it would require only \$2050 from every remaining family (1849 – 157 = 1692)....that is only \$410 per year!

To help.... in your reflection..... I'd like to share some of the reasons your fellow parishioners have made a second multi-year commitment to the campaign.

“Participating in the campaign makes perfect sense. Our kids and my wife and I have worshiped God in an auditorium for over 9 years. We're tired of the banging seats! We want our kids as well as all of their friends to sit in real pews....know what it means to kneel....feel as my wife and I do to have their Church be as much a part of their life.... as our own home. When our own home needed a new roof last spring, we fixed it right away.... regardless of the stinking economy. It stands to reason that we would do the same for Our Lady.”

--Anonymous

“We pledged to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Campaign in memory of our parents and all those parents, grandparents and great grandparents who built and maintained the church(s) we attended as children.... and looking forward, we pledged because we accept the responsibility of maintaining our new Holy church for the next generation of Catholics families.”

---Anonymous

Each and every family is an important part of the Our Lady of Guadalupe family.... and we need the commitment of each member to achieve our \$7 million goal.

Some families are able to contribute more than others....that happens in any fundraising effort....but as Monsignor Gentili has stated since the onset of the campaign....whether \$1....or \$1 million dollars....each every dollar is equally important....is necessary to our success.... and will be received with his thanks and prayers including those families who cannot give at this time.

Whatever it is we that you are able to give....we know that you will be as generous in this campaign as possible....for you see my friends....working together as one.... Monsignor Gentili.....Fathers Navit and Quinn.....and I....believe that Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will exceed that goal.... Because.... the need is true.... our faith is strong....and our generosityis well proven.

Thank you for listening....and God bless us all!