What are the three phases of our Parish Vision and where are we?

In 2014 A Master Plan Update was conducted by Urban Architecture offering an assessment of the footprint of St. Vincent de Paul. Many options were presented to include a new Rectory, A daily Mass and Sacramental Chapel and a new Catholic Education Building.

Phase 1 - New Rectory
Thanks to a very generous donor, no fundraising was done for this project. The new Rectory is complete and the priests have been living there since the spring of 2017.

Phase 2 - Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel
Some of the funds collected during the last campaign of 2011 were designated for a new chapel. $1.2 million was held in savings for this purpose. In the spring of 2016, parishioners and friends of Jane Hébert reinvigorated this campaign to name the chapel in Jane's memory. Thanks to donations and pledges made by many parishioners, as well as others from outside of the parish community, fundraising is complete on the Chapel. We are waiting for permits from the City of Houston before we can begin construction. Look for the groundbreaking to occur in 2018 on the site of the former Rectory.

Phase 3 - Catholic Education Building
Due to the aging current buildings and the now potential flooding concern, it is more important than ever to move forward with building a new Catholic Education Building. Last summer, the parish conducted a planning study to gauge support for a new building. It was determined that St. Vincent de Paul would be able to raise between $7 million - $9 million over a three-year pledge period. Acting on that recommendation, the parish moved directly into the preparation phase of a campaign. The parish began finalizing construction plans, recruiting leadership, conducting potential donor evaluation and creating materials. Unfortunately, due to the Hurricane at the end of August, parish leaders decided to "pause" the campaign. The campaign resumed in February 2018.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES
a campaign for St. Vincent de Paul

What were the findings of the Planning Study?

Through personal interviews and mail, online and in-pew surveys, 706 parish and school families responded. 82% of the respondents indicated that they would make a personal gift to the campaign and 133 respondents indicated that they would serve in a leadership position and assist with the solicitation of gifts for the campaign.

What is the Building Bright Futures campaign?

The *Building Bright Futures* campaign is an $10.8 million parish campaign to build a new Catholic Education Building for the day school students and the CCE students. The new building will replace the 70 year-old Intermediate Building and will be designed for Pre-Kindergarten through 1st grade as well as 6th grade through 8th grade. It will include new locker rooms, a concession stand, dedicated CCE storage, a new science lab, visual & media lab, two teacher work rooms, tutoring room and much more. 2nd grade through 5th grade classrooms will be re-located to the current Middle School building. The $10.8 million goal includes St. Vincent de Paul's portion of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston *IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission* campaign.

What is the IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission campaign?

Every parish in the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is asked to participate in the *IGNITE: Our Faith, Our Mission* campaign. This campaign seeks to raise $150 million to bolster faith formation and Catholic education endowments and to build a new dormitory at St. Mary's seminary. St. Vincent de Paul is committed to backing the needs of the larger Catholic community. Our parish has been assigned a target goal of $1.7 million to support the Archdiocesan effort based on 92% of the 2015 total in church giving (regular offering + holy days).

IGNITE
Our Faith, Our Mission

Why are we conducting a capital campaign now?

The impending potential for large repairs on an old building and the timing of the Archdiocesan campaign are the main reasons for conducting a capital campaign now. Representatives from the Archdiocese met with parish and school leadership in January 2017 to explain the options for participation in the IGNITE campaign. The leadership group included the parish council, the parish finance council, the buildings and grounds committee, the school board, and some parish and school staff. This leadership group unanimously approved a combined campaign that would include raising money for **both** a new Catholic Education Building at St. Vincent de Paul **and** for the IGNITE campaign.

The benefit of conducting a combined campaign is that the parish will not pay the Archdiocese the regular 10 percent assessment on funds raised, potentially saving St. Vincent de Paul $1 million or more.

When was the last parish-wide campaign? How much money was raised and what was it used for?

The last parish-wide capital campaign was the Respecting Our Past, While Building for Our Future campaign in 2011. It was a comprehensive campaign designed to meet many needs. Thanks to many generous donors, $5.5 million in improvements were made throughout the church and school campus including:

- A redesigned entrance on Buffalo Speedway
- A remodel of the St. Jude alcove at the right front side of the church providing an expansion of seating
- The relocation and remodeling of the Perpetual Adoration Chapel
- A remodeled kitchen and cafeteria including more seating and a new upper deck overlooking the field
- The renovation of the gymnasium with new heating units, improved lighting, fresh paint and permanent bleachers
- $1.2 million set aside for the future daily Mass and Sacramental Chapel

Why not renovate the current building?

The current building is 70 years old and has not been renovated in almost 30 years. Our architects estimate that a renovation would be almost as costly (85%) as a brand-new building due to bringing plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems up to the current city code.

Will the current plan allow for expansion of the day school population?

Our current plan does not expand the population of the day school. A significant population increase would require additional space for another gym, playground and cafeteria. The current footprint of our property does not have the space required to accommodate further expansion.

How will the Catholic Education Building benefit the parish families that do not have children enrolled in the day school?

The project benefits our entire parish by providing new and more adequate classrooms that can be used by the CCE program and the day school. Each classroom will have dedicated CCE storage allowing more CCE presence in the building. The plan includes repurposing classrooms in the current Primary Building for larger gathering spaces for parish use. Gifts to this campaign support the future of our own parish and the future of the Archdiocese by funding inner city Catholic schools and updating St. Mary's Seminary.

What is the timeline of the campaign?

The campaign will focus on major gifts from this March through May. The public phase of the campaign will take place in September and October 2018.

How can I help?

There are several ways you can help. Watch for campaign information in the bulletin, on the parish and school websites and in your mail. Volunteer to help spread the word and visit with other parish and school families. Give your financial support to the effort. Finally, pray for the success of the campaign.

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