



St. Pius X Catholic Church and School

Parish in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis

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My dear parishioners,

I hope you've heard that St. Pius X is preparing for a campaign planning study, which begins soon. This study will give us valuable feedback about the projects we're considering for our parish and school, as well as the possibility of a major fundraising effort to make them happen. We are partnering with the Steier Group, a Catholic development firm, to guide this process.

I know many of you have questions, so here are some quick answers:

Q. What is a planning study?

A. It's the first step in testing parish support for proposed projects and for a potential capital campaign. Over the course of six weeks, the Steier Group will gather feedback, identify volunteer leaders, and help us determine a realistic financial goal should we move forward.

Q. How will you gather feedback?

A. Every parish family will have the chance to participate – either in a personal interview or through a mailed or online survey. The Steier Group will compile the results and present them to parish leaders so we can make an informed decision.

Q. Why do this now?

A. It's been more than 25 years since our last major campus investment. Our growing parish and school face real needs: more space for ministries, modern classrooms, safer connections between buildings, and refreshed facilities. The study helps us see if the parish is ready and willing to take on these projects.

Q. What exactly is a capital campaign?

A. A campaign is a focused fundraising effort for big needs – like building a new event space, expanding the school, enhancing the adoration chapel, adding gym space, and tackling overdue maintenance. Campaigns are not for ongoing expenses like salaries or utilities.

Q. What do you expect of me?

A. For now, only your prayers and your honest feedback. Once you receive your invitation in the mail, sharing your input will help us make the best decisions for our parish family.

Thank you for walking with us through this important process. Together, we will discern the right path forward for St. Pius X.

Gratefully,

Fr. Francis J. Kalapurackal
Pastor