



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
“OUR LEGACY CAMPAIGN”
Formed in Faith...

MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, PRAY FOR US

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 reminds us " ... There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven ... " There is even a time for capital campaigns in the life of a parish. That time for us is now.

Our last major capital campaign was held 28 years ago. With your help, before I retire I would like to leave a legacy for people who are not yet born, a legacy for all of us who are here now and a legacy in memory of our brothers and sisters who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. May they rest in Peace.

As you know, our parishes do not fund depreciation. That kind of expense is covered by the income of a capital campaign. The goal for our campaign is 3 million dollars: 1 million for Capital Expenses/Improvements and Expansion in our School, 1 million for Capital Expenses and Improvements in the rest of the parish, and 1 million divided between school and parish to establish equal endowment funds, the interest of which will be used for operating expenses.

While we do not fund depreciation, it does not mean that we have neglected our parish buildings, their contents or the 14 acres of parish property when the need arose. Over the past 23 years, we spent \$3,706,268.48 on Capital Expenses and Improvements. That is an average of \$161,142.11 per year. These numbers do not include the cost of our new Church Building and Chapel, the Marian Inn renovation, the conversion of the Convent to Rectory and Offices and the Parking Lots. They do include the Basement Classrooms in the school and the new Gym.

"Our Legacy Campaign" (over 3 years) has four levels of giving. The Leadership Phase includes pledges of \$100 thousand or more. The Major Phase includes pledges between \$25 thousand and \$99,999.00. The Advanced Phase includes pledges between \$12 thousand and \$24,999.00. The Special Phase includes pledges between \$3 thousand and \$11,999.00. All contributions are gratefully accepted. None of the money will be managed by the Pastor or the Principal. The school funds will be managed by the Board of Education and the parish funds will be managed by the Parish Finance Council. Our accounts are audited every year by the Diocese of Allentown.

Think about and pray about what you can do. Asking God to bless you and your loved ones, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Sacks