An architectural rendering of the St. Thomas à Becket church in Jefferson Hills, PA, shown at dusk. The church features a prominent brick bell tower with a cross on top and a modern, low-profile main building with large windows. The scene is illuminated by the warm glow of the setting sun and interior lights from the church.

**ST. THOMAS À BECKET**  
JEFFERSON HILLS, PA

# FULFILLING THE PROMISE

**Capital Campaign 2010**

# PASTOR'S COMMENTS

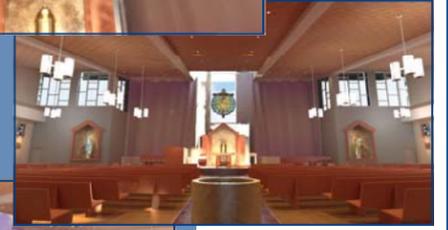
Dear Parishioners,

Since the formal launch of the Fulfilling the Promise Capital Campaign three years ago, I have been touched by the strong showing of support from across our parish family. Over 70% of active supporting families have contributed or pledged to the campaign to build our new and permanent house of worship. We now have nearly \$6.0 million in combined pledges, direct contributions and savings for the project. In cash, we have \$4.5 million and nearly every pledge is being fulfilled on time and in many cases extended and increased.

We have experienced tremendous success and it continues today with every new family that joins our parish (there are 135 more today than when we kicked-off our campaign in 2007). We have received \$100,000 in grants and have retained Sr. Patrice Hughes, who is well-known and well-versed in local philanthropic circles, to coordinate and spearhead our grant-writing efforts. We have raised over \$200,000 in campaign-specific fundraising through great events such as our annual *Fulfilling the Promise* golf outing which is coming around again on October 11 at South Hills Country Club.

Not all has been easy, however. In 2007, severe commodity, material and energy price inflation threatened to send the cost of our project out of reach. Although we have had enough funds to break ground for some time we have been determined to remain patient until the time is right. We waited out the price inflation and were then greeted by the worst recession since the Great Depression. Through it all our parish family remained steadfast and hopeful, all the while the pledges kept being fulfilled.

Even still, difficult choices have been made: plans for a new rectory have been dropped in favor of a daily chapel that will serve to reduce operating costs during the week and provide for overflow seating on the weekend. After much work the total project cost now stands at \$7.1 million and includes, as originally planned, a new 750 seat church (with 100 additional seats for overflow), new parish offices and a shell on the lower level for a future social hall.



## FULLFILLING THE PROMISE

*By the Numbers*

Status at the end of year three  
of the five year campaign

Pledges, Contributions and Cash	~\$5,900,000
Fulfilled Total in Savings	~\$4,600,000
Remaining Pledged Amount	~\$1,300,000
Campaign Support	>70%
Grants	\$100,000 (and counting)
Fundraising	\$209,760 (and counting)
Original Cost Estimate (2006)	\$6,500,000
New Cost Estimate (2010)	\$7,100,000

You have been so supportive through volunteer efforts, financial support and, most importantly, through prayer. Now, we have a reasonably benign environment to lock in construction costs and begin the final phase of our work. As we come close to the finish line we need to redouble our efforts to ensure this is as much a success at the finish as it was from the start. Our goal is to announce a ground breaking within the next sixty days with a project completion timeline of twelve to fourteen months.

If you have not yet provided support now is the time. Our goal is in sight. If you have contributed or have made a pledge, please consider adding to your commitment. If we all pull together now, then after over 40 years of waiting, praying and working hard we will have a permanent church at St Thomas a' Becket and the promise of our faith community will have been fulfilled.

In Christ,

Rev. Robert L. Seeman  
Pastor

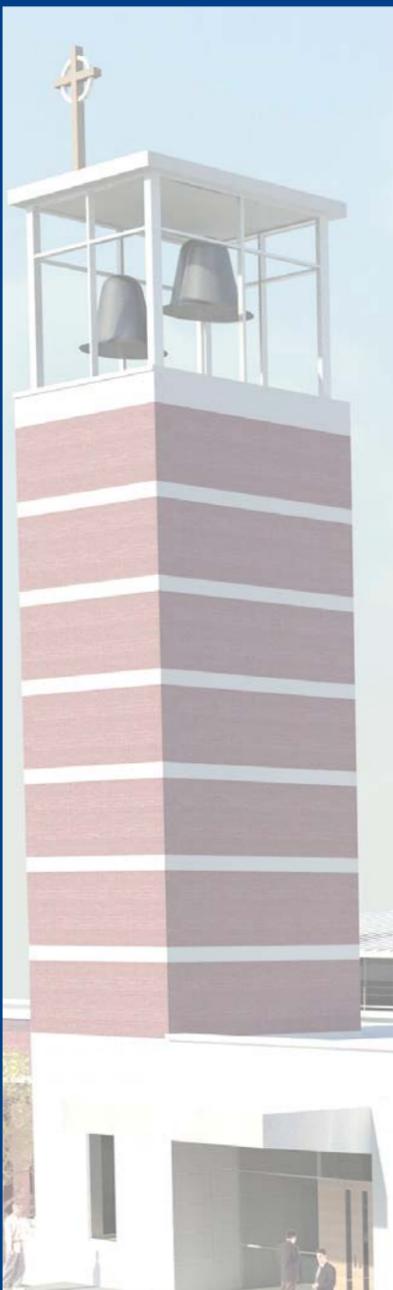
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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. What is the current status of our project?**  
We are planning to announce a ground breaking in the next sixty days. Please refer to the box in the Pastor's Comments for information on our financial status.
- Q. What is planned for my campaign contribution?**  
Your support will help make it possible for our parish to achieve the long-time goal of building a new and permanent worship space and minimize the need for either short- or long-term financing.
- Q. What if I am still making payments on my previous pledge?**  
We thank you for your previous pledge and for faithfully continuing to make your scheduled payments. Won't you please consider extending those payments to include the next 3 year time period?
- Q. How much should I contribute?**  
We should each respond in a manner appropriate to our own financial capability. We are being asked to contribute according to our means and to pray about the amount of our pledge. We anticipate that this may be the largest gift many of us may ever make to a charitable organization.
- Q. What if I never make pledges?**  
That would be unusual in today's society. Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases such as buying a home or a car. A pledge to this campaign can be considered a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for us to meet our parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable us to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.
- Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?**  
We are asking every member of our parish family to consider supporting this effort. If you have not yet made a pledge, we ask you to consider doing so now. If you have pledged in the past and have paid your pledge in full or are still paying an existing pledge, we are asking you to consider a new pledge or the extension of your current pledge.
- Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?**  
Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.
- Q. What if I move out of the parish?**  
We ask that you make a pledge and remit regular payments until the time you move. No further obligation is expected after you have moved, but please contact the Parish Office.
- Q. How should I make my check payable?**  
Please make your check payable to  
**St. Thomas A' Becket Church Building Fund.**

### DO I NEED TO MAKE A DOWN PAYMENT?

We suggest a 10% down payment when the pledge is made, but this is not required. You may give less, give more, or make no down payment at all. The important step is to make the pledge.



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# YOUR COMMITMENT

## Stocks and Bonds

There are added advantages to giving stocks, bonds, and securities. You not only take credit for a charitable gift at its present value but, if held for more than a year, you are also exempt from paying tax on the profit realized from the original investment. For additional information on these types of gifts, please contact the Parish Office at 655-2885.

## Wills and Bequests

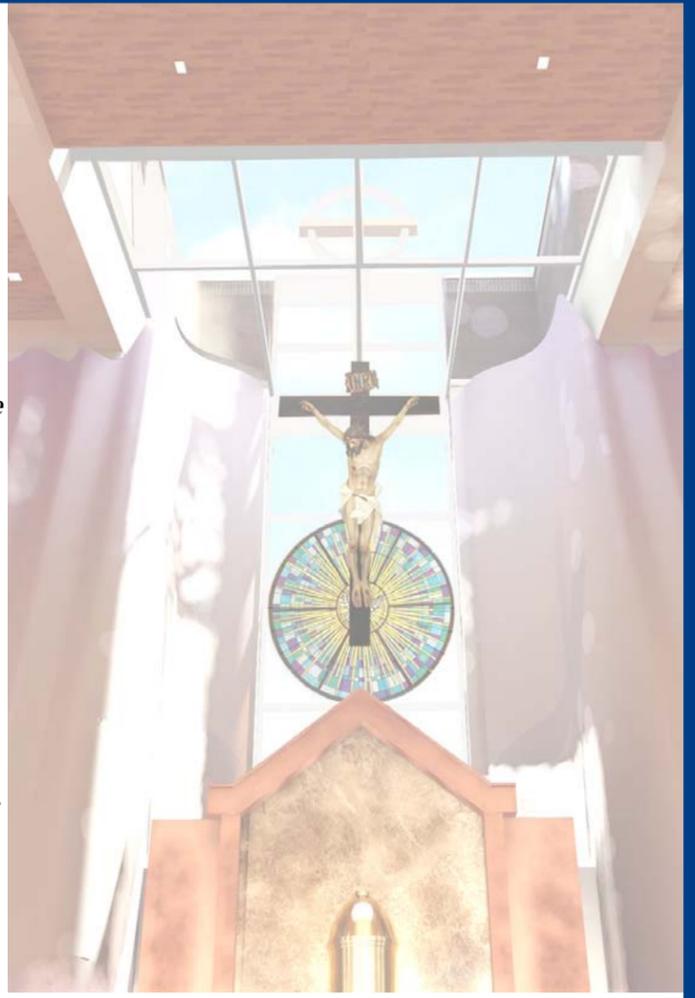
Providing for St. Thomas A' Becket Parish in your will can have significant federal and estate tax advantages. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office at 655-2885.

## Matching Gift Programs

Please ask the Human Resources Department at your place of work if they have a program to match your donation. Both current and retired employees may be eligible.

## IRA Contributions

Naming St. Thomas A' Becket as a primary contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan, such as an IRA or 401K, can benefit both the parish and your estate. Your retirement account's plan administrator can help you designate St. Thomas as a beneficiary. Again, it is recommended to consult your financial advisor.



## Pledge Payments

You will receive reminder notices in accordance with the payment method you select. Please make your checks payable to:

**St. Thomas A' Becket Church Building Fund.**

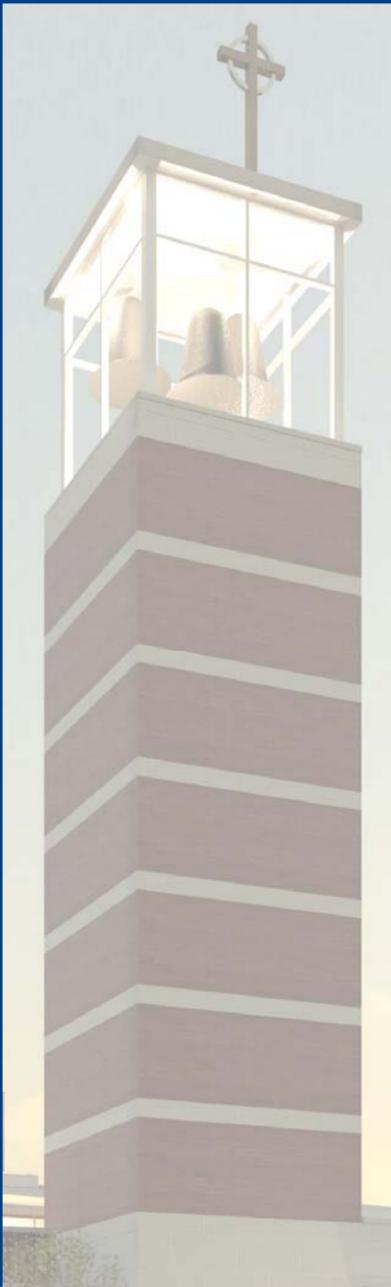
## Tax Deductible Gifts

All gifts are tax deductible as provided by law. Receipts will be provided upon request.

**ST. THOMAS À BECKET**  
509 Gill Hall Road  
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025  
Tel. 412.655.2885

**PASTOR**  
Rev. Robert L. Seeman

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If you are interested in a particular memorial naming opportunity you can contact Father Bob at 412-655-2885. Keep in mind that requested memorials are based on availability

## MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES

An **Honor Roll** Listing will be on display acknowledging those who have donated to our important campaign.

All those donating will be listed alphabetically regardless of contribution amount.

1,000,000	Church Bell Tower & Cross	25,000	Stained Glass Panel of Christ
500,000	Chapel	25,000	Stained Glass Panel of John the Baptist
250,000	Church Nave	25,000 each	Reconciliation Room (2 opportunities)
250,000	Church Narthex—Exterior Entrance Way	25,000	Work Sacristy
200,000	Sanctuary Flooring	25,000	Reflective Glass Wall –separation between Chapel & Church
200,000	Altar of Sacrifice	20,000	Sanctuary Credence Table
125,000	Predella—main platform for the Altar	20,000 each	Sacrarium (2 opportunities)
100,000	Pulpit	15,000	Celebrants Chair
100,000	Sanctuary Crucifix	10,000	Vestment Closet
100,000	Baptistry	10,000	Sacred Vessel Cabinet
100,000	Sorrowful Mother & Christ Statue	7,500	Altar Server's Robe Closet
100,000	Rose Window of the Holy Spirit	5,000	Processional Torches
100,000	Music Sound System	5,000 each	Ciborium (6 opportunities)
75,000	Stained Glass Window—Sacred Heart	5,000 each	Chalices (6 opportunities)
75,000	Stained glass Window—Our Lady	5,000	Altar Linens—3 sets
75,000	Priest's Sacristy	5,000	Wedding Prie-Dieu Kneeler
75,000	Altar Server Sacristy	5,000 each	Stations of the Cross-Chapel Area (14 opportunities)
75,000	Bride's Room	3,500 each	Candleabra for Benediction (2 opportunities)
75,000	Usher's Room & Meeting Area	3,500	Processional Lectionary
75,000	Liturgical Staging Area—Choir	3,000 each	Holy Water Fonts (6 opportunities)
75,000	Tabernacle Pedestal	2,500	Wedding Prie-Dieu Kneeler Cover
50,000	Daily Mass Chapel Altar	2,500	Table for Offertory Gifts
50,000	St. Thomas A' Becket Statue	2,000 each	Altar Server's Chair (3 opportunities)
50,000	Tabernacle	2,000 each	Drawers for Stoles & Linens (3 opportunities)
50,000	Main Doors to the Church	1,500 each	Cruet & Tray Set (2 opportunities)
35,000 each	Stained Glass Windows—3x4 (14 opportunities)	1,500	Host Box
35,000	Processional Cross	1,500	Altar Missal
35,000	Altar Candle Stands	1,500	Holy Water Vessel & Sprinkler

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# SUGGESTED GIFT PLAN FOR NEW PLEDGES

## Three-Year Plan

Gift Level	Total Pledge	36 Monthly Payments	12 Quarterly Payments	6 Semi-Annual Payments	3 Annual Payments
Gift of Angels	\$50,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,333	\$16,667
Gift of the Anointed	\$35,000	\$972	\$2,917	\$5,833	\$11,667
Gift of the Apostles	\$25,000	\$694	\$2,083	\$4,167	\$8,333
Gift of the Saints	\$20,000	\$556	\$1,667	\$3,333	\$6,667
Gift of the Faithful	\$17,500	\$486	\$1,458	\$2,917	\$5,833
Gift of the Joyful	\$15,000	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
Gift of Sustenance	\$10,000	\$278	\$833	\$1,667	\$3,333
Gift of Encouragement	\$5,000	\$139	\$417	\$833	\$1,667
Gift of St. Thomas A' Becket	\$2,500	\$69	\$208	\$417	\$833

Success will be ours if every family will set aside, over the next thirty-six months, at least \$2.30 a day or \$69.00 a month. If, however, you are not able to do this, your pledge in any amount is encouraged and will be gratefully received.

The Suggested Gift Plan encourages financial commitments over a three-year period. The pledge card provides space for you to designate payment intervals: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. Payment reminders will be sent in accordance with the schedule selected. We ask you to keep in mind that it will take gifts at these levels over 36 months to reach our goal. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

### St. Thomas A' Becket Church † Jefferson Hills, PA

*It is with a full heart that this offering is shared toward "Fulfilling The Promise"*

Name *Mr. & Mrs. John Doe* Telephone *412-655-0001*

Address *100 East Main Street* Envelope Number *1234*

City/ST/Zip *Jefferson Hills, PA 15025* Date *10/31/10*

Signature *John Doe*

**New Pledge**

Please Check One of the Boxes Below

Please check the box next to how you would like to fulfill your commitment

\$2,500  \$ 5,000  \$10,000

Monthly  Quarterly

\$15,000  \$17,500  \$20,000

Semi-Annually  Annually

\$25,000  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Over a period of 3 years

Amount Enclosed: \$250

Balance Due: \$2,250

Please make checks payable to: **St. Thomas A' Becket Church Building Fund**

#### NOTE:

Use the other side of the pledge card if you are currently paying on a pledge from our original campaign.



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If you are currently honoring a previous pledge, please consider extending those payments over the 3 years. We encourage pledges over three years to be made payable monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or in annual installments. However, you can make your payment in full if you wish.

We are asking that you consider how generous the Lord has been to you and that you respond in proportion to your own financial ability. As you consider your own responsible Christian citizenship, we ask you to consider sacrificing and praying about making the largest gift you have ever made, or ever will make, to a charitable organization.

# SUGGESTED EXTENSION GIFT PLAN

## Gift Plans to Consider if You are *EXTENDING* Your Pledge

If My Current Monthly Payment is ...	If My Current Quarterly Payment Is ...	If My Current Annual Payment Is ...	Then My Total 3 Year Extension Amount Will Be ...
\$1,389	\$4,167	\$16,667	\$50,000
\$972	\$2,917	\$11,667	\$35,000
\$694	\$2,083	\$8,333	\$25,000
\$556	\$1,667	\$6,667	\$20,000
\$486	\$1,458	\$5,833	\$17,500
\$417	\$1,250	\$5,000	\$15,000
\$278	\$833	\$3,333	\$10,000
\$139	\$417	\$1,667	\$5,000
\$69	\$208	\$833	\$2,500

#### NOTE:

This side of the pledge card is for those parishioners currently paying on a pledge from our original campaign.



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City/ST/Zip *Jefferson Hills, PA 15025* Date *10/31/10*

Signature *John Doe*

**Extension Pledge**

Please Check One of the Boxes Below

Yes, I will extend my existing pledge for an additional 36 months for a total extension amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

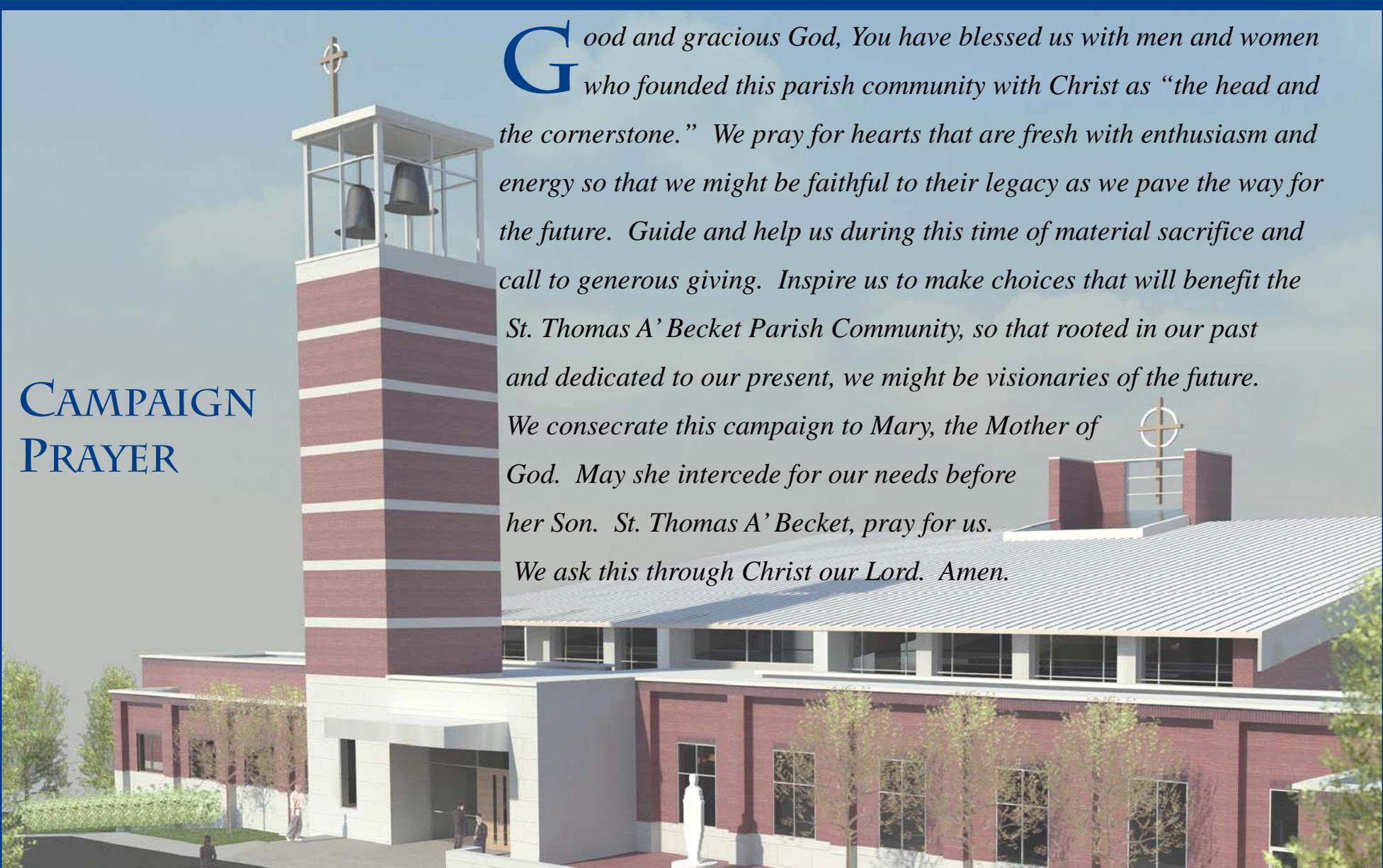
Yes, I will increase and extend my pledge. However I would like to do so over an additional:

48 Months  60 Months  Other: \_\_\_\_\_ for a total extension amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance Due: \_\_\_\_\_

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An architectural rendering of a modern church building. The central feature is a tall, square bell tower constructed of red brick with horizontal white stripes. The tower is topped with a white metal cage containing two large bells and a cross. The main church building is also made of red brick with a grey metal roof. Large windows are visible on the ground floor. The scene is set against a clear blue sky with some light clouds. A few small figures of people are visible near the entrance of the church for scale.

## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

**G**ood and gracious God, You have blessed us with men and women who founded this parish community with Christ as “the head and the cornerstone.” We pray for hearts that are fresh with enthusiasm and energy so that we might be faithful to their legacy as we pave the way for the future. Guide and help us during this time of material sacrifice and call to generous giving. Inspire us to make choices that will benefit the St. Thomas A’ Becket Parish Community, so that rooted in our past and dedicated to our present, we might be visionaries of the future. We consecrate this campaign to Mary, the Mother of God. May she intercede for our needs before her Son. St. Thomas A’ Becket, pray for us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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