

October 20, 2017



Dear Holy Disciples Family,

Our *Freedom to Serve God's Will* Campaign has allowed us to take a giant leap forward. It has helped solidify our financial foundation and re-ignite parishioner involvement. This was no small undertaking and we have many reasons to be grateful! We will officially close our three-year Sacrificial Giving Campaign with a parish-wide event. Over \$2.2 million in gifts warrants a meaningful final celebration.

**Please, return the enclosed RSVP card to let us know you will be joining us for our  
“Campaign Final Celebration Event” on November 18!**

Now is the time for rejoicing and some well-deserved financial rest. We invited you to “equal sacrifice” and many of you generously diverted funds you intended to spend elsewhere. Now is the time to resume your plans and possibly upgrade your vehicle, update your home, take a family vacation, or increase retirement savings.

With a remaining loan balance of over \$1 million, our work is not finished, but this is something we will be addressing in the future. Today we rejoice that your sacrificial contributions have reduced our monthly interest obligation from \$17,000 to less than \$6,000. Now we can continue paying down the principle each month with monies from our regular income!

During the three years of our Campaign, we received important feedback. Several families informed us that they encountered significant unplanned financial setbacks which required adjustments to their pledge payments. A number of these families indicated that while they will not be able to complete their pledge by the end of the Campaign, they nonetheless intend to fulfill their commitment over a longer period of time. Others said that they had grown accustomed to contributing an “extra” amount and that we should consider keeping the Campaign going until we pay off our total debt. We appreciate the positive nature of this feedback, but firmly believe that it is time to formally end this fruitful Campaign — as we promised at the beginning.

To address this feedback while honoring our promise, we are establishing a new mechanism for any family wishing to complete their pledge or donate directly to our debt. In 2018, a green “Debt Reduction” envelope will be added to our monthly offertory packet. Any gift enclosed in one of these green envelopes (also available at the Welcome Desk) will be applied directly to the debt. Similarly, a “Debt Reduction” option will be available for our EFT parishioners who wish to contribute online.

Thank you again for your prayers, sacrifice, and commitment to Holy Disciples Parish. Your efforts significantly brightened the Catholic light shining out from our Hill in Puyallup. May God bless you with peace and prosperity.

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