



SCB Parishioners Welcoming Volunteers

With the spirit of the Advent alive in their hearts, parishioners at St. Charles Borromeo Parish continue to respond favorably to the *Under God's Construction* Capital Campaign. In the last week alone-during Thanksgiving week-supporters opened their homes to welcome visits from capital campaign volunteers and committed nearly \$100,000 toward the campaign.

"We've witnessed a wonderful reaction from parishioners," Steier Group representative Rich Roberts said. "I am thankful that many have willingly accepted phone calls from our volunteers, discussed the campaign and reached a decision. For most, it's been a positive experience."

That optimism is reflective in the gifts received. With one week of active, face-to-face, solicitation remaining, 149 individuals or families have made a pledge or provided a gift.

"We've received nearly \$750,000 in gifts and pledges [\$745,606], and that figure should continue to rise over the final three weeks of the active campaign," Roberts said. "It shows the people are committed to the future of St. Charles Borromeo Parish."

The commitment begins with campaign leadership and other volunteers who took ownership in the effort by reaching out to their fellow parishioners. In many cases that required a meeting between individuals who may know one another by name only. However, any trepidation associated by visiting with an "unknown" quickly vanished.

"I was able to have some good conversations with people that share in the mission of St. Charles," said capital campaign volunteer Don Pechous. "In addition, this gave me the opportunity to meet some folks that I did not know and for that I am appreciative."

Parish Center Moving Along

Construction crews are working diligently on the new parish center/gymnasium at St. Charles Borromeo Parish which is scheduled to open in late spring 2010.

The roof on the entire structure is in place, while numerous doors and windows have been added.

Inside, the building awaits the cement floors but the studs are up in the area that will house the administrative staff.

Outside, the cement for much of the parking lot is down and ready to accept the line of vehicles that promises to flow to the new parish home.



(Right: Block applied to wall in worship area)



Thank you to the families who have sacrificed to St. Charles Borromeo's *Under God's Construction* Capital Campaign.

For more capital campaign information please contact Rich Roberts at the parish rectory office at 916-9730 or the Steier Group office at 391-3244.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make life by what we give."

~Winston Churchill