



CATHOLIC PARISH
Fulfilling Hope, Issue I

Parishioner's Report: Fulfilling Hope Participation

Goal:	\$13.5 Million
Total Pledged as of 11/22/08:	\$4,904,072
Number of donors to date:	390
% of Goal to date:	36%
% of Participation to date:	16% (of 2,450 members)
Average pledge to date:	\$13,000 (payable over 5 years)

Dear Parishioners,

It has been eleven weeks since the official launch of our Parish Initiative - *Fulfilling Hope*. In that brief time - we have met with incredible acts of charity - despite global economic conditions that have deteriorated significantly since last we spoke. While our economy, our society and our world continue to struggle with many challenges, the generosity of our parishioners and our faith continues.

Based on the statistics as reported above, if the current rate of giving continues across the remaining parishioner base, we can achieve and exceed our stated \$13.5 million goal renewing the life of our parish with God's grace building upon willing hearts!

We can hear many saying, "Great! How can we do it, and when?"

The "How": From the outset, the success of this five year initiative has been characterized by two central themes: concentration on a stewardship way of life and 100% parish participation.

To that end, our efforts continue. In the months ahead, we intend to develop additional education and outreach programs designed to engage every parishioner. This will be marked by small group gatherings aimed at increasing our abilities for more personal outreach, and improving our resources for communication, including online resources and direct mail.

Specifically, as it relates to achieving *Fulfilling Hope's* financial goals, we are evaluating additional avenues such as creative capital raising events and appeals to philanthropic organizations focused on Catholic values.

The "When": Our ability to answer the "when" ultimately lies within each of us. While the successes of *Fulfilling Hope* and *Building on Our Faith* move us closer towards realizing our parish vision, we have a long road yet to travel. We pray that we will continue to receive pledges throughout the celebration of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas. As we stated at the outset, the ultimate decision for giving is between you, the parishioner and our Lord. For those who must answer "not yet", we humbly ask you to remain prayerful in this matter.

Next Steps: We foremost encourage you to enter into the Advent season with Christian Hope, which is most truly fulfilled by participating in the life of Christ through Faith. We look forward to Fr. Ed's return. Upon his return we will evaluate all our options, in conjunction with your continued feedback and that of the parish Finance Council, in order to balance *Fulfilling Hope* goals with the parish's long term financial health.

Parish financial foresight and security, and feedback from parishioners, are foundational elements to our ultimate success. We intend to build this foundation through fiscal prudence, the development of practical capital reserve levels, and appropriate new asset construction.

For those of you who have responded, thank you. With participation by all parishioners, we will meet and exceed our goal! Please feel welcome to contact either Phil Vottiero at (303) 882-3722, or Lenny Best (303) 414-2267.

Best regards,

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