Saint Elizabeth Roman Catholic Church

Bring It Home …to Fellowship Road
A One-Time Gift Appeal to Fund an Onsite Residence for Priests
September 20, 2015

Dear Parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Church:

Greetings from the parish ministry center!
Over the past fifteen years, many parishioners have demonstrated a genuine interest in the growth and development of Saint Elizabeth and have generously supported our parish community. Their financial support, both in the regular collection and in one or both major capital campaigns in the past, has made possible the construction of the beautiful set of parish facilities we all now enjoy on Fellowship Road and the many stewardship-based ministry programs offered at the parish. For this, I am deeply grateful.

As you may have read in the parish bulletin or learned through the parish website, after multiple consultations since last January with parish staff and Archdiocesan administrators, as well as with the Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Stewardship Council, we have now begun the design and construction of an onsite residence for priests. This final phase of construction will complete the original design of campus facilities first developed back in 2003, Saint Elizabeth’s Field of Dreams.

So that you are well-informed about this project, I ask you to review the enclosed Case Statement. This statement provides the background to and the rationale for this final phase of the original parish building project, along with some specific information about the design of the proposed onsite residence for priests. The Case Statement also explains how the project is being funded without incurring any additional debt to the parish. As indicated, the primary funding source is a one-time gift appeal entitled Bring It Home, being conducted between now and December of 2015. As needed, proceeds from the sale of the existing rectory in Glenmoore sometime in 2016 will be used to cover the cost of the project. I formally inaugurated this parish-wide, one-time gift appeal at Mass this past weekend.

I am happy to report that some 120 families have already contributed more than $260,000 to the appeal as a special challenge gift for the parish community as a whole. These families have “set the pace” for you and our fellow parishioners to match their generosity in the Bring It Home appeal.

I now ask you to participate in the Bring It Home appeal by making a one-time contribution in whatever amount your current circumstances allow, payable between now and the end of the year. Please reflect prayerfully upon your participation in the appeal and return the enclosed gift form by Thursday, November 5, the feast of our patroness, Saint Elizabeth.

If you have any particular questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me at the ministry center (610-321-1200 or tmullin@stelizabethparish.org). Thank you for your generous stewardship commitment to Saint Elizabeth Church, for all that you have done in the past, and for all that you continue to do. God’s blessings upon you and your loved ones in the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

(Reverend) Thomas M. Mullin, Pastor