



Completing your pledge card

Please be sure to fill out your pledge card completely. This information is important so we can make plans not only based upon the total amount pledged but also on the timing of those gifts. The campaign office will follow up with you personally if we have any questions about the amount or timing of your pledge.

A Century of Excellence; A Future of Promise Pledge Card **EXAMPLE**

1. Name(s) John and Sally Smith 2. Total Gift \$ \$25,000.00 3. Initial payment \$ \$2,500.00

Address 123 Main Street 4. Balance \$ \$22,500.00

City/State/Zip Albany, MN 56307 5. Payments begin 1 / 15 / 2025

Phone(s) 320-555-5555 Email(s) _____

6. I (we) wish to pay the three-year pledge (circle one): annually semi-annually quarterly monthly semi-monthly weekly
Please make checks payable to "Holy Family School" and write "Capital Campaign" in the memo.

7. ☐ Please contact me about a non-cash gift. ☐ Please contact me about gift opportunities. ☐ Please contact me about a legacy gift.
☐ Please contact me about electronic giving.

Other special instructions: 8. _____

9. I (we) understand that this pledge is not legally binding, but will do my (our) best to fulfill this commitment.
John and Sally Smith 10 / 26 / 2024
Signature(s) Date: FUTURE OF PROMISE



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL
ALBANY, MN

Faith-filled education with academic excellence



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PRAYING FOR GOD'S GRACE PARISHIONERS, SCHOOL FAMILIES GATHER IN PRAYER



Parishioners, students, parents and faculty and staff gathered Oct. 13 at Holy Family School to pray the living rosary with the special intention of a successful capital campaign. They enjoyed fellowship with refreshments afterwards in the cafeteria.



Mark your calendars

- **Special Friends' Day**
12:30 p.m. Oct. 25
@Seven Dolors Church
- **Commitment Weekend**
Oct. 26 & 27
- **Celebration Weekend**
Dec. 7 & 8



COMMITMENT WEEKEND ONE WEEK AWAY MORE THAN \$4.6 MILLION PLEDGED

To date, we have \$4.6 million pledged. We hope Commitment Weekend can bring us closer to our \$1 million match and our minimum goal of \$5.6 million. We will continue to work towards our stretch goal of \$8.6 million, which will allow us to complete both phases.

HARVESTING A GARDEN OF POSSIBILITIES AMONGST THE IMPOSSIBLE

By Sue Gully
Campaign Assistant

In the summertime, I like to spend a half hour to an hour in the garden each day. I enjoy this time, and I find it to be about the right about of time to keep the weeds under control, the plants pruned and healthy, and the fruits picked.

Last July, my family and I left for camping for a week. Before the trip, I picked the beans and weeded as much as time allowed. But it was a glorious growing season with just the right amount of rain and sunshine for most of the vegetables and all of the weeds.

When we returned, I stared at my garden and didn't know

where to begin. The early picking of beans, when you can pick a bucket by only walking a foot into a row awaited, along with the cucumbers and the tomatoes and the peas and the raspberries and the strawberries.

At this time of year, the harvest time for most of the vegetables overlap, and the weeds have not yet slowed down. (Cont. on p.2)

THREE WAYS TO GIVE

- Make a pledge over three years. This is the way most people can make a significant donation.
- Make a non-cash donation such as stock, cryptocurrency, commodities, land, property, valuable possessions, in-kind gifts such as supplies and labor.
- Give a legacy gift through a charitable bequest in your will or living trust.

Pledge Cards can be brought to Mass on Commitment Weekend Oct. 26-27 or mailed to Holy Family School.

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Campaign Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have been ever generous in blessing our Harvest of Hope Catholic Community. We humbly ask for your continued blessing as we undertake this new project and campaign: A Century of Excellence; A Future of Promise. Through this project, we can ensure the students at Holy Family School will continue to grow academically, physically, and spiritually. Let the Holy Spirit stir up the faith in our congregation so that we will walk by faith and not by sight and support this vision through our giving, service, and prayers. We ask this in Jesus' name.

EVERYONE’S SUPPORT WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED

(Cont. from p.1) Just the sight of all the weeds in between the tiny carrot plants made me wonder why I even planted this garden and tempted me to plow the whole thing over.

“Mom, this will take forever,” said one of my daughters as she attempted to sneak away.

“Just help for one row,” I said. “It will go fast if everyone helps.”

With a sigh, she came back and plopped down by the beans with an ice cream pail and began picking. I started picking the next row. My seven-year-old weeded between the plants, my five-year-old found the red tomatoes, and my two-year-old circled us all, occasionally dropping a bean or a tomato in our buckets. Meanwhile, my husband and son mowed the lawn, which

also seemed to grow at an astonishing rate.

After about two hours, the girls and I had managed to work the garden back into shape. We had the fruits and vegetables harvested and the weeds, for the most part, removed.

As my daughter approached the end of her last row of carrots, she said, “At first it seemed like we would never get done, but we just kept going, and then we got to the end pretty quickly.”

In many ways, I feel like this campaign is like gardening. It is a large, overwhelming task that we are trying to accomplish in a short amount of time. It is not a task for one person, but for many, all working together, using their talents and abilities.

Everyone is able to contribute in different ways through prayer, service and gifts. Sometimes a significant donation comes in, and one of our buckets fills quickly. But to completely fill all our buckets, we need many gifts of all sizes. Every contribution is important and appreciated.

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend, the weekend when we are asking everyone who has not yet made a pledge to do so. Your contribution, no matter what it may be, will make a difference for the young children at Holy Family School and for the generations yet to come. Thank you for your support and prayers! God bless!



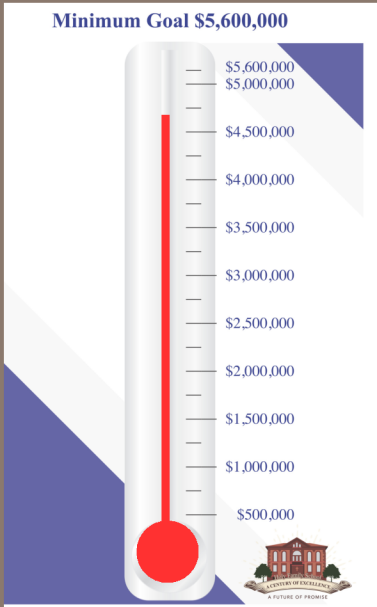
THE PLANS

Phase 1: Tuckpointing the brick and replacing the windows, a new HVAC system, electrical system, and plumbing, sprinklers for the second and third floors, kitchen and bathrooms remodeled with new appliances, fixtures, countertops, cabinets, and flooring, classrooms and hallways would have new paint, flooring, repaired ceilings, and refinished woodwork, improved security by updating the front and back doors, installing more security cameras, and adding another layer of security to the front entrance, and a one-way drop-off and pick-up area for vehicles.

Phase 2: A new secure entrance and lobby, all administrative offices would be relocated near the entrance for efficiency and extra safety and an elevator.

Our minimum goal of \$5,600,000 enables us to complete phase 1 and begin some work on phase 2.

The campaign stretch goal of \$8,600,000 will allow us to complete phase one and two around the same time. If we could reach our stretch goal we would have many cost savings.



Minimum Goal \$5,600,000

Size of Gift	Total	Number of Gifts Needed	Number of Pledges Received	Amount Pledged
\$1,000,000 Match	\$1,000,000	Many	32	\$173,902
\$1,500,000 or more	\$1,500,000	1	1	\$1,500,000
\$500,000 - \$1,499,999	\$500,000	1	1	\$750,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$500,000	2	2	\$600,000
\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$400,000	4	7	\$850,000
\$50,000 - \$99,999	\$400,000	8	4	\$200,000
\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$400,000	16	10	\$298,417
\$10,000 - \$24,999	\$300,000	30	12	\$169,982
\$5,000 - \$9,999	\$300,000	60	7	\$43,000
up to \$5,000	\$300,000	many	28	\$17,941
Total	\$5,600,000		72	\$4,603,241

Q and A: You Asked, We Answered



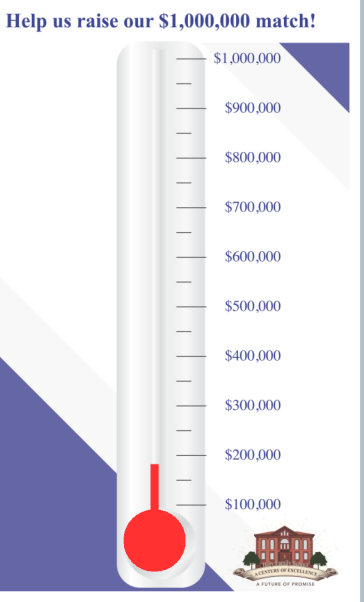
Q. What is Celebration Weekend?
A. Celebration Weekend is a special time to thank God for His generosity through His people (you!) We will announce the totals pledged to date and give an update on our building plans for Holy Family School.

Q. I don't have children attending Holy Family. Why should I donate to the school?
A. An old Greek proverb says, “A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they know they shall never sit.” A gift of charity is never for oneself. Often, it is for those we will never meet or even see. Jesus said, “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brethren of mine, you did for me.” Besides the spirituality of giving, investing in children's education is a great investment in our community for many years to come.

Q. How do I donate to the campaign?
A. Fill out a pledge card and turn it in to your parish or Holy Family School. Most people write out checks or sign up for electronic giving. If you want help setting up electronic giving, please contact our campaign office at campaign@holyfamilyalbany.com. Pledge cards and more information are available on our website: www.holyfamilyalbany.org. Thank you for investing in Catholic education!



Q. What will happen on Commitment Weekend?
A. Commitment Weekend is when everyone will have an opportunity to put a pledge card into an offering plate at Mass. Pledge cards are being mailed to homes, but they will also be available on the pews in case you forget to bring it with you. It is a special time to hear about our needs, plans and why this effort is so important.



MILLION DOLLAR MATCH

We received a \$1 million match opportunity to help us meet our minimum goal. If we can raise an additional \$1 million, a generous donor will match that million. If this match is reached, we will surpass our minimum goal of \$5.6 million!

