

Dear Saint Raphael Parishioners,

For nearly 75 years, St. Raphael has ministered to and served our community in the spirit and compassion of Christ. By making many sacrifices, our founding members created a path to greatness which has enabled our parish to thrive in ministry for seventy-five years. To ensure this legacy of ministry for the next seventy-five years, we, too, must make many similar sacrifices in our pursuit of “The Path to Greatness.”



THE TRADITION CONTINUES WITH US.

Today, therefore, we launch a generosity initiative that will ensure the next seventy-five years of ministry thrive with as much effectiveness and significance as the first seventy-five years. For this initiative to be truly successful, we must raise \$3 million or more in financial support over the next five years to fully fund needed updates and renovations to our current facilities as well as build new facilities that will strengthen the ministry of both our parish and our parish school. Our plans include the following:

- We will refresh our parish church, enhancing its beauty while preserving its magnificence.
- We will expand the entryways into the parish church and enlarge the gathering areas, providing ample space for parishioners to visit before and after Masses.
- We will update and expand restroom facilities in the church making them larger to serve the needs of growing and thriving parish community.
- We will make all our buildings more user-friendly and handicap accessible, as well as install security systems to better protect our students, teachers, administrators, and parish staff.
- We will build new office space for our parish and school, making both more secure while enhancing the work of our staff, teachers, administrators, and enriching the experience of our students.
- We will redesign and update the Sheeran Center, too, making it more useful and serviceable for our growing parish and parish school.

Many more details and architectural pictures are outlined in our Campaign Brochure. As you review the exciting changes that are proposed, I am confident you will feel as I do – we are indeed on the right “Path to Greatness.” By completing these updates, renovations, and new buildings, we will continue the tradition and thrive for the next 75-years of ministry.

The next several months will be very busy for sure, as we will encourage bold generosity through our generosity initiative between now and May 2020. Be in prayer. Share the excitement. Make this vision of greatness a reality by joining with me and embrace our future with generosity and sacrifice.

May St. Raphael the Archangel guide us on “The Path to Greatness” for our good, for the good of the Church, and for the betterment of our community.

God bless you and your loved ones,

Rev. Fr. Shayne R. Duvall