



August 18th, 2018

My Dear St. Mary Magdalene Family;

I am very excited and pleased to announce that our parish will now commence the project to final design and build the Parish Life Building. Our Capital Campaign Executive Committee, as well as other key staff and Parish councils and committees, recently made a recommendation to the Finance Council who subsequently unanimously voted in favor to the start the project. The Diocese of Charleston then approved our contract for our architect, Boudreaux, to begin to design the building.

This journey to expand **His Kingdom** started with a Master Plan a few years ago and as a result of your input, we rescoped the first major phase to encompass the Parish Life Building. Our capital campaign started this past January at which time our pledging commenced.

We anticipate that by mid-year 2019 we will have the building's design completed along with construction documents for submittal to the Diocese for their review and approval. Next, will be selection of a general contractor, followed by permitting and final bidding. We pray that by the mid-fall of 2019 groundbreaking and construction will start. Approximately one year later we should be able to move into the building!

We thank all of those who have sacrificially pledged to bring us to this point; and we thank those who for whatever reason have not been able to pledge but pray for our continued success. Today, we are getting close to \$6 million in pledges. This is a blessed achievement from just eight months ago! However, we still need to continue to climb the mountain to reach our goal of \$8.2 million. As announced to you this past June, the Diocese will assist us with an affordable loan if necessary to augment our pledges.

In our frequent conversations to our parishioners, many have said they would pledge once we officially started the project. So, if you have not pledged yet, **your time is now!** This new building will be a reality in just over two years.

I also want to thank the many volunteers, parishioners and staff who have contributed unselfishly to this project which has now become a reality. We will keep you updated in our bulletin, web site and other social media forms as the project progresses.

Please continue to pray the Capital Campaign Prayer for the success of our Church and the new Parish Life Building!

Your Pastor and Friend,

Rev. Theo Trujillo