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For the Church, Easter provides us with a time of resurrection and rebirth. In this time of reflection, it is fitting that the 50th anniversary of our church's rebirth falls so close to the Easter celebration, for it was on April 23, 1969, that our community first broke ground on today's Church of the Holy Redeemer.

While we take a moment to look back, it also provides us a great opportunity to look forward. Our church has transformed over the years, and the anniversary celebration allows us to further define what we hope to see from our church in the years to come.

That is why I am excited to announce the beginning of a true, local capital campaign, as an opportunity to discuss investment and beautification of our parish facilities. While the "One Faith, One Hope, One Love" campaign helped address several necessary maintenance issues, sanctuary renovations and improvements to date, this effort will be truly local, with **our local dollars being used on enriching our local church**. Specifically, the campaign seeks to achieve multiple goals in the enrichment of our Catholic faith experience:

- **To Improve** - provide greater access to the church, by expanding parking capacity and accessibility.
- **To Reinvest** - support the Church for years to come with both functional and aesthetic enhancements.
- **To Beautify** - increase pride and excitement in our celebration of the sacraments in the House of God.
- **To Conserve** - reduce overall energy consumption as well as operational costs of the church.

There will be multiple opportunities to learn more about the campaign's efforts, as well as how you can help shape how the dollars raised are allocated. First among them are **information sessions, to be held after Mass on Saturday, April 6, and at the Mission Breakfast after each Mass on April 7**, where you will be invited to help prioritize these efforts. Additional information, including how to donate or volunteer, may be found at <http://hrcatholic.org/renovations/>.

Over the coming weeks, it is my hope that you will take this opportunity to get involved in ensuring our 50th Anniversary Celebration exemplifies the spirit of our amazing congregation. So, what is my ask of you? **I would ask that you open your hearts and minds, and attend an information session** to see how you can become involved in this effort, and to consider giving of your time, talent and treasure, for in the words of the Apostle Paul:

*"Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.**" (2 Corinthians 9:7)*

As always, I am thankful for your continued kindness and generosity. May God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Thomas E. Dorn