

Dear Faithful of St Michael's,

A number of questions have arisen in reference to the parish's fund raising project. I would like to answer them here for everyone's benefit.

### **1. Who controls the money?**

The SSPX does, and always must in our parish activities.

The Faith in Our Future account is being managed exactly as the chapel accounts are. The signatories on these accounts includes myself, Fr. Rutledge the District Bursar and Fr. Rostand the District Superior.

This account is being managed by the chapel Treasurer, Mr. Kevin Weber. This account is a separate account under St. Michaels and the SSPX, and is being managed as such, in order to avoid any co-mingling of funds. The funds that are deposited into the Faith in Our Future account are earmarked for the parish expansion plans only. These funds can not be used for the operating expenses of either the chapel or the school.

Monies from this account can not be disbursed without the approval of the priest agents of the SSPX.

### **2. Who is Arthur Dromerhauser?**

Art Dromerhauser is the Project Manager for the Faith in Our Future campaign. He has been advising me on the project since January. In addition, Art has conducted a number of individual and small group meetings with potential donors. He has been working exceptionally hard to bring our expansion plans to fruition.

Artie is a lifetime Catholic, father of 10, grandfather of 19. He is currently the Director of Development at St. John the Baptist High School in West Islip. Artie has also been a high school teacher and a baseball scout for the Cleveland Indians and Baltimore Orioles. He has also worked as the Director of Development at Southside Hospital and Chief Executive Officer of the Long Island Aquarium and CEO of Strategic Fundraising, Inc.

I find Mr. Dromerhauser to be an exceptional man. His integrity is beyond reproach and I fully endorse his involvement with this chapel. In fact, I am so impressed with his character and his work experience that I have recommended him and his services to the U.S. District Headquarters of the SSPX.

*I have left a number of Mr. Dromerhauser's bio's in the community room for your review.*

### **3. How much money do we need to accomplish this project?**

The goal of the Faith in Our Future Campaign is \$1,000,000. This number was agreed upon in order to accomplish the following.

1. Re-do and expand the parking lot – and bring it up to code.
2. Replace existing septic system and bring it up to code.
3. Install necessary drainage.
4. Erect one (1) multipurpose building. (already purchased)
5. Landscaping of improved grounds (required by the Town of Brookhaven)
6. Installation of lighting in improved parking lot (required by the Town of Brookhaven)
7. Purchase additional properties adjacent to St. Michael's.
8. Improve existing church building.
9. Purchase an additional multi-purpose modular unit.

Numbers 1-6 will carry a price tag of approximately \$500,000. This is what we need in order to beautify the grounds, erect the multi purpose building and bring various elements of our property up to code.

#### **4. Who and what are the Steering Committee?**

The Steering Committee was comprised of a number of parishioners who I chose to assist the Project Manager in getting the Faith in Our Future Campaign off the ground. This committee has been dissolved and I along with the Project Manager, the Chapel Coordinator and the Chapel Treasurer are now running the project. If anyone would like to assist with this fundraising please see me personally, or put a note in the collection basket or the new poor box.

I am looking for some dedicated individuals to move the Faith in Our Future project into the next phase.

#### **5. How much has been pledged and who has donated thus far?**

The campaign has two components. The first component is immediate funding and the second is long term endowment. Here is what we have thus far.

Immediate Funding: \$130,000

Long Term Endowment: \$250,000

Those that have donated/pledged to the Faith in Our Future campaign are as follows:

- Mr. & Mrs. Brian Dixson
- Mr. Alan Fricke
- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Marino
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Nolan
- Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bagnoli
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Quigley
- Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kmeth
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gabriele, Sr.
- Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Gabriele, Jr.
- Miss. Kathleen Monaghan

Congratulations are in order for these pioneers of the developments here at St Michael's. My deepest thanks to them and to all involved in advancing this parish potential to expand the Kingship of Christ. We are now at a turning point in this chapel's history. Do we move forward and make St. Michael's a vital center of traditional Catholicism on the East Coast, or should we remain as we are. I urge you to support this initiative for your Catholic future on Long Island.

*"In the spiritual life, whoever doesn't go forward – goes backward. It's the same as with a boat that must always go forward. If it stands still, the wind will blow it back."*

St. Padre Pio

The choice is yours. Choose to be a significant part of the genuine Catholic Restoration!

My prayers go with you.

Yours in the Precious Blood of Our Divine Lord,

*Fr. Kevin Robinson*