

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC COMMUNITY  
OLD MISSION SAN JOSE  
“BUILDING A PEOPLE OF FAITH”  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

***What Other People Are Saying:***

*This has been a milestone year in the story of our parish's desire for a permanent worship space. After years of dreaming, planning, negotiating & developing our plan, the reality has come even closer when we received unanimous approval this spring, of our plan by the City of Fremont HARB, Planning Commission and City Council. Since the mid- 1960's when our current sanctuary was constructed as temporary, our parish community has tripled, yet our facilities have largely remained the same. To say we have out grown our home is an understatement. We now have a chance, with this momentum of approvals; to complete what those who came before us began. The opportunity to be part of this historic moment is ours. Let's not miss this chance! Let's be a "can do" community and together put our hearts into our parish's future!*

**Mary Hernandez**

*After careful soul searching and a sincere desire to see the “New Church” project come to fruition, I am again pledging for this second campaign and I have made a commitment to fulfill my pledge over five years. The future of St. Joseph parish's continued growth and success depends on having proper worship space with room for all parishioners within a realistic distance from the altar, dire need of meeting space, a proper recreation area for the school children, and decent and healthy offices for our parish staff to work. The present plant is outdated and inadequate. Please join me in bringing this dream a reality.*

**Barbara Aylward**

*Our Capital Campaign is an exciting opportunity for the children and families of St. Joseph School to truly "be" Church --- part of a Faith Community working together for the benefit of all. I want our children to experience "building Church, spiritually and physically." They will reap the blessings of our new worship space and renovated multi-purpose facilities in the future. They ARE the future Church! It's my hope and desire that all school families will support this important endeavor as generously as they are able to do so.*

**Sister Mary Virginia Leach O. P.  
Principal, St. Joseph School**

*My wife Dianne and I are grateful to be part of the St. Joseph community and excited to have this opportunity to "give something back" to the parish. In making our pledge, we have been inspired by the examples of our parents, who contributed to building new churches for their parishes, and by my great-grandparents, who helped to build the church that I was baptized in. They weren't wealthy people, but their examples show that great things can be accomplished when the parish community works together on a common goal.*

**Bill Utic**

*The building of this new church is very important to this parish as well as to this community. It will be a benefit to everyone. However, it is disappointing when many of the people who will benefit from this project do not help to make it a reality but simply stand by and let others do the work and make the necessary sacrifices. The people who have supported this project, and in particular, the people who have sacrificed so much of their time and energy from the very beginning have done a great service for us all. I wish the rest of our families would join with the efforts of those working to make this project a reality, or at the very least say "thank you".*

**Gael Stewart**

*In the new church, no seat will be more than 60 feet from the altar. There will be no folding chairs – seating capacity will grow to 850 with plenty of seating for all. The cry room becomes a parent room, with comfortable seating and good ventilation and sound systems. There will be a ministry room for the Ushers and other ministries to share. We'll have a music room, office space, gathering places, gardens, and a beautiful chapel to serve as a peaceful refuge for all!*

**Margaret Nilson  
Head Usher**

*This is such an exciting time to be part of the parish! I look forward to watching the rectory move up the hill, to having a worship space that will not echo with the sound of whatever is going on in the hall and finally to have a hall/gym where PE classes can be held whether there is a funeral or not. It's good to know we are so close to seeing something happen now!*

**Lauri Kaefer**

*As parish secretary, I am anxious to see, not only a beautiful, quiet, sacred worship space but also an office complex in our renovated space that can better serve our growing and varied ministry community. Our current space in the carriage house is a constant buzz of activity. Also, as the person who is responsible for the scheduling of our current facilities, I see first hand the growing demands for meetings, activities and events...and the constant conflicts of use it creates. Won't it be great to have other options for groups and ministries? I think so!*

**Matthew Remlinger**

*Beginning in June 1797, the construction of buildings dedicated to Christian worship have been recorded at Mission San Jose. At the beginning of the 21st century, our task, like that of our ancestors in faith, is to build a new Church that meets the needs of our times.*

**Andrew Galvan**

*Having the chance to participate in OUR new church is exciting to me. It is what WE all need as parishioners of St. Joseph. Our Church was built in the 60's as a temporary facility for worship and as a meeting and social place. Today, with an ever-growing population, we need to expand and remodel. Being very active in many aspects of our parish, I think we need a church separate from our hall. Church should be a place of quiet and reflection, not a place where interruption from meetings and other activities takes place. On the other hand, with so many different meeting needs, we need adequate room. We also need a place where we all come together as one to socialize and be Family. I think everyone who is involved at St. Joseph Parish one way or the other should be excited to participate and be proud of what we can all accomplish. I am!*

**Don Kaefer**