

Together We Build...
Together We Grow...



ST. PIUS X CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Meet John Rickman

Co-chair Capital Campaign Steering Team



My family has been a part of St. Pius X parish since 1977 when we moved to Portland from Astoria. Father Joseph McMahon celebrated the first Mass we attended and gave a homily on the need to build a new church.

Since then we have seen our parish grow with the addition of a community center and gymnasium and as well as improvements throughout the entire campus including the school and old church. All of the infrastructure work has come as a result of a very active parish that is dedicated to educating its children in the Catholic tradition as well as providing for the spiritual needs of over 2000 registered families.

The needs of St Pius X parish continue to grow, as evidenced in part by over 50 students who registered for kindergarten in the fall. Father Boly asked me several years ago if I would be interested in being part of a group to look at developing an updated Master Plan for St Pius X. I was excited to be asked and felt it would be a privilege to work with parishioners to arrive at the current and future needs of the parish. The feedback we received from parishioners during our information gathering meetings was extremely satisfying because the focus was truly on the spiritual education of all parishioners with a strong emphasis on our

youth. As a father of four children and six grandchildren, I could not agree more with the feedback. As a result, I agreed once again when Father Boly asked me to co-chair the Fund Raising Steering Committee aimed at raising \$ 3.5 million for Phase I of the revised Campus Master Plan.

When we are successful in raising these funds, the parish will be able to build a new gymnasium with significant storage space under the new gym, remodel the old gym into a multi-purpose facility that will be used by the school as a cafeteria and other parish groups as much needed meeting space, and remodel the old Education Center cafeteria into classrooms.

“Buildings are but instruments to be used in fulfilling the purpose of a parish: To render greater Glory to God and to assist in the sanctification of human souls...”

Rev. Joseph McMahon
Sept. 1957

The current needs and future growth of our parish give all of us the opportunity to say “thanks” to past generations and for Father Joseph McMahon, for having the foresight to give us the footprint to add to our parish the facilities needed to fulfill the spiritual needs of our parishioners.

Please join me in helping our parish meet the needs of St Pius X.



**Join us in KICKING OFF
the Capital Campaign at the
St. Pius X Round Up
Parish Picnic, Sept. 13, 2009
at 11:00 AM**