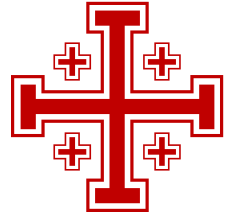




The Church of the Holy Cross

“Growing Inside Out”

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April 20, 2011

Dear Holy Cross Family:

Enclosed you will find a commitment card and work sheet for our ***Growing Inside Out*** capital stewardship campaign to finish expanding our church facilities. We're almost to the day of making our pledges for the next three years.

Before you decide what to set aside over the next three years please pause. You are about to make far more than a financial decision. Your pledge has the potential to set you on a path of spiritual growth:

- 1) **Pray it through.** Kim and I prayerfully ask what God would have us give. We believe and have experienced many times when God gave us specific answers to our prayerful questions. Seek God's will as you pledge; listen and follow through on the answer.
- 2) **Sacrifice.** Consider making a gift that is a joyful sacrifice. That is, giving up something for the greater goal. We are smiling inside as we think of the newcomers who will find ample space in our community to become members. Just as past sacrifices have made space for us, we have the opportunity to bless new people. It is our gracious legacy and opportunity to expand the embracing arms of this church.
- 3) Make it a **step in Faith.** When Kim and I pledge *more than we think we can do* we are acting in faith. The difference between our pledge, and what we are sure we can give is where our faith and trust in God grows. We will have walk closer to God in order to see the way through.

We were thrilled to discover in our Raising the Roof campaign that we were far more generous and giving than any one of us knew or expected. As we pledge to the ***Growing Inside Out*** campaign we understand a lot more about ourselves and God with us. Our faith has grown. We are a generous people. We serve the living Lord Jesus. We have every reason to expect that God will continue to be with us and provide for his mission.

For the Gospel,

Fr. Jim Eichner