



# Saint Leo the Great CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Living and Sharing the Gospel of Christ*

*Lancaster, Pennsylvania*



## Capital Vision Plans

*The Next 50 Years*

# A Message from Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We have come to this glory of Autumn and anticipate the beginning of a new Liturgical Year soon with the First Sunday of Advent. I hope this vision of our capital plans finds you in God's peace and joy.

As you recall, last year, we conducted our Parish-wide Survey, various focus group discussions, and two open Meetings as part of a Feasibility Study that we began in 2009. This extensive study was undertaken to obtain a better understanding of the needs of our Parish.

On October 25, 2010, Bishop McFadden approved that Feasibility Study and its recommendations to further evaluate three specific areas: (1) the construction of a Parish Center with new meeting space; (2) modernization and possible expansion to our Parish School; and (3) some reconstruction to our current Sanctuary.

With regards to the renovations to our Church Sanctuary, I am delighted to advise you that a member of our Parish has come forward to provide what I expect to be the entire funding for this project. Proposals are being obtained and, it is expected that sometime next year, these will be presented to our Diocesan Liturgical Office for their review.

Regarding our Parish Center, we have developed a Vision and Preliminary Concept for this expansion, outlined in this vision statement. We anticipate an initial two-phase (1A and 1B) project that will minimize the impact on the Church and School year. Our estimate of the total cost is \$6 million.

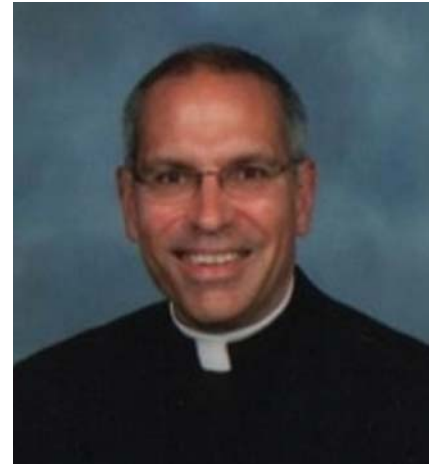
Over the next few months, we will continue to examine the feasibility of this project, providing a more specific survey, so that all will have the opportunity to give insights and ask questions about this project. This project will be funded by what we anticipate to be a three-year Capital Campaign which, again, would have to be evaluated and then presented to our Bishop for his approval.

As we move forward in this ambitious and necessary undertaking, I ask for your continued prayers so that our work may be guided by the Holy Spirit and bear much fruit in furthering God's Kingdom here among us. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,



Father Hahn



# Our Vision for Our Parish

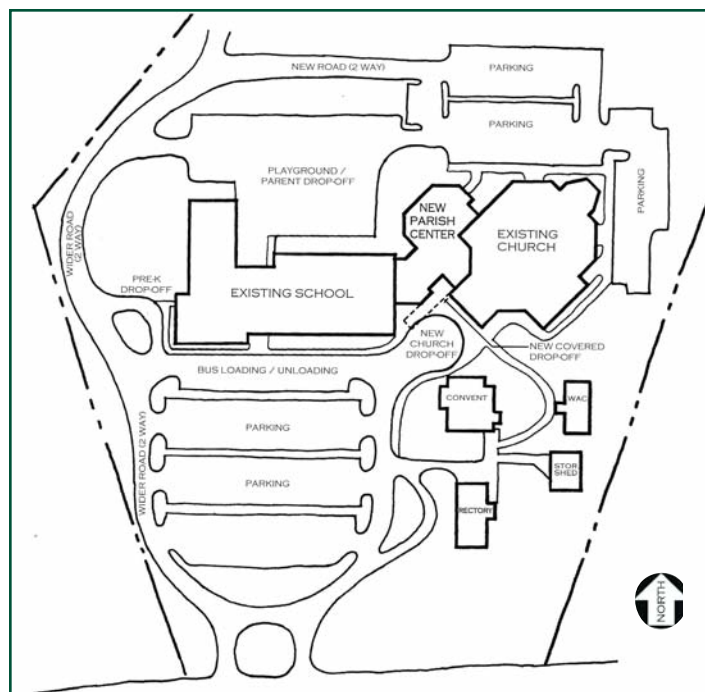
After two years of study, a parish-wide survey, and input from hundreds of parishioners, the Building Committee recommends the following **Three Phase Plan** for consideration by the Saint Leo the Great Parish Family. Phase I is the subject of the initial 3-year Capital Campaign, while Phases 2 and 3 support our needs over the foreseeable future of the next 20 years.

## Phase 1A—Parish Hall Addition, approximately \$3.5 Million

This 7500-square-foot addition would join the Church and school buildings to provide a new Parish Hall with cafeteria space, two additional classrooms/meeting rooms, and a state of the art media center and library space. This project relocates educational space from the lower level of the school and integrates existing rooms in the Church (Rooms 3 and 4, Nursery, and Library) into the addition for improved utilization and accessibility. This Phase also includes all design fees and permits, as well as site work, such as paving, sidewalks, stormwater management, and landscaping.

## Phase 1B—School Building Renovation and Upgrades, approximately \$2.5 Million

This second part of Phase I will be conducted once 1A is complete and the additional space is available so that minimal interruption of the school year will occur. Most of these renovations are required for a building approaching 50 years in age. It will include new electrical system and lighting, new HVAC system, new roofs for the school and gymnasium, and upgrades to the exterior walls and windows, all intended to meet current codes and energy-efficiency standards. New plumbing and fixtures in the restrooms will be installed to meet current codes and water conservation standards, and a new sprinkler system or alternate fire protection system will be installed to meet current life safety codes. Gymnasium improvements will include spectator seating and additional storage space, and a new elevator will provide access to the bleachers and basement. New interior finishes will be provided throughout the building to improve durability, appearance and comfort, and the administrative/lobby areas will be reconfigured to improve security and operational efficiency.



SAINT LEO THE GREAT PHASE 1A

## Phase 2—Church, Rectory, and Convent Roofs and Major Maintenance Items, approximately \$1.5 Million

Once Phase I efforts are completed, various major items will need to be addressed in our other 3 buildings on campus. By that time, the Church will be nearing 30 years old, while the Rectory and Convent will be more than 50 years old. Replacement of roofs, HVAC systems, windows, and other miscellaneous upgrades will be performed to meet current standards of safety and efficiency and office/residence needs at that time.

## Phase 3—School Addition, approximately \$2-4 Million

Pending the current trends at Saint Leo's for school enrollment, additional classroom space may be required to provide up to two classrooms per grade. Our parish has grown to more than 1900 families (up more than 100) over the past three years, and many of those new parishioners are families with young children. Our 2011-12 enrollment is up over the prior year, and continued growth is expected. The details of this addition will evolve as enrollment and education trends are monitored over the next few years. However, the preliminary indications suggest a need for an additional 8 or 9 classrooms (one more per grade). All support facilities—administrative offices, gym, and cafeteria—included in Phase I above should be sufficient to meet these future needs.



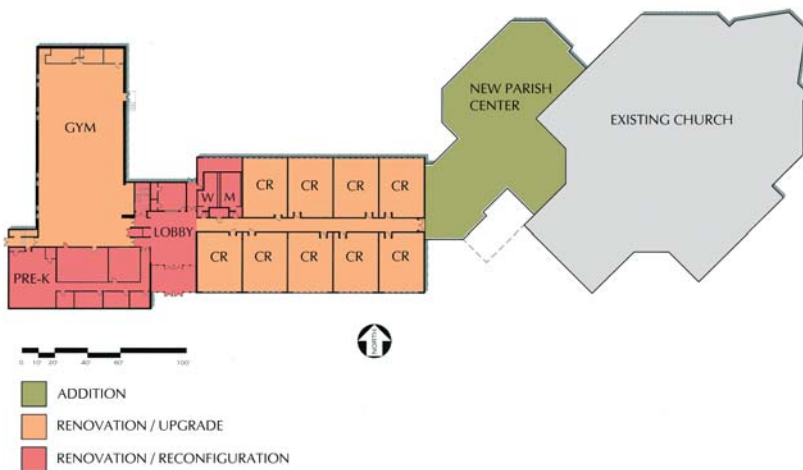
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## SAINT LEO THE GREAT, PHASE 1B, School Building Renovations and Upgrades



## Summary

This Three-Phase plan will restore our campus to almost “new” condition and complete roughly 85–90% of all the major renovations and upgrades anticipated over the next 20 years. Please note that projects in Phases 1B and 2 are simply required to maintain our current buildings and extend their useful life for up to another 50 years. While those phases are necessary, Phases 1A and 3 propose the new construction that expands our facilities and helps us meet the growing needs of our Parish with its many activities across multiple organizations and ministries.

## Next Steps

Over the next 60 days, approximately 5% of our parishioners will be personally interviewed by a representative of Kirby-Smith Associates to discuss our Capital Vision Plans. We will also be placing a survey online to receive input from all Saint Leo Parishioners. On November 20, we will have a Town Hall Meeting to outline our plans and to answer your questions. **Look for more information in our Parish Bulletin and on the Parish website ([www.stleos.org](http://www.stleos.org)) in the weeks ahead.**

Thank you to the scores of volunteers who helped pull our plans together and the hundreds of parishioners who provided their input.