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Dear Parishioners,

At St. Francis Xavier, we are looking to the future and planning for our first major capital campaign effort in 25 years.

Our parish leaders have been assessing our facilities and structures to identify needed improvements to our parish buildings. A Buildings and Grounds Committee, comprised of parishioners with expertise in construction, engineering, design, etc., completed their assessment and provided a list of areas in need of attention to our Finance Committee in April of this year. After careful deliberation and review of the associated costs, the Committee has decided to conduct a parish-wide capital campaign to ensure that St. Francis Xavier remains vibrant and sustainable for many years to come. The needs that have been identified include:

New Construction

Addition of a New Multipurpose Room

- This building would be to alleviate things that currently happen in Reker Hall (quilting, some meetings, gatherings, etc.) This building would also provide the necessary storage for the parish to have all decorations and various items stored in one location.

Campus Facility Improvements and Maintenance

Church:

- A new confessional and sacristy, replace the carpet with hardwood, repainting the interior, updating the HVAC system, replacing the roof, upgrading the sound system, refinishing pews/kneelers/seat cushions, asbestos removal, and other quality of life updates.

Reker Hall:

- Adding a restroom, new flooring, insulating the walls, and other aesthetic improvements.

School:

- Updating the HVAC system, replacing the old portion of the roof, and asbestos removal from three old classrooms.

Before we move forward, though, we want to hear from you. St. Francis Xavier is conducting a campaign planning study, which starts November 20 and includes a survey of the entire parish community. The survey will let us know which projects you – our faith family – consider the most important and will gauge support for a potential major fundraising effort to pay for them.

We have hired the Steier Group, a leading Catholic development firm, to conduct the study. We will share more details about the study, the projects, and a potential capital campaign in the coming weeks.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelechi Uzuegbu', written over a decorative flourish.

Rev. Kelechi Uzuegbu
Pastor