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Dear OLG Parishioner,

I pray that you've been safe and in good spirits. Today I share with you great news that the construction of our new building is very near completion! The excitement and anticipation of this completion brings us all HOPE for what lies ahead as we build our church community in Christ.

We are grateful for the contributions received so far to our Capital Campaign. It truly is an amazing collaborative effort by the parish church and school community to raise money for our new building. It is incredible what we have achieved with all thanks to God who has guided us; however, there is still more to go and we would be grateful if you were able to join us.

We need everyone...

To make our vision a reality and begin this new chapter for our community, we need everyone's help to raise \$550,000. This money will cover the additional costs of the project such as those listed below.

Our goal is to have *100% of our parish families* participate in this historic campaign. If every parish and school family participates, we will be able to fund this building project. You are important to the success of the Campaign!

How you can help...

Join us on this remarkable journey by making a pledge or gift to our Capital Campaign today! Your donation, no matter the amount, will make a significant difference to advance the work of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish and school in service of our faith! **To make a donation or pledge visit: ourladyofguadalupechurch.org**

Give whatever amount you can, either as a one-time donation or sign up to do a pledge. There are still a few open spots remaining on our donor wall to have your name (or the name of a loved one) with a donation or pledge of \$2,000. We suggest a pledge of \$2 a day for 3 years. Pledges of \$5,000 or \$10,000 will be added to the donor wall with more prominence.

Additionally, if you are employed by a corporation that offers a nonprofit donation matching program, kindly consider that option as it is an easy way to have your donation to our church doubled.

Why donations are needed...

Additional funding for the building project is necessary for cost overages associated with:

- A. To cover the *increased cost of construction materials* due to the pandemic, such as wood that had gone up as much as 100%.
- B. To address the following very important *safety and accessibility* concerns:

Once the work was begun, the engineers determined that a process called *shoring* was required. Basically, we needed to



build underground walls to support the church foundation during construction. The shoring is still in place making our church more secure.

A second concern is for our school children, families and visitors when they come to our campus. For safety and beauty, we seek to widen and level the entrance to the new school office, add a courtyard and a gated security fence. The new school entrance will provide an accessible pathway to the ADA-compliant elevator and ensure easy access for all.



(Architect drawing of the new school entrance)

Lastly, a stairway from the church to the courtyard of the new building, as you can see in the photo below, provides everyone easy access from the church to the gathering space, elevator, and parking lot.



(Architect drawing of the proposed stairway from the church to the new building)

Normally these last items might be covered by the original contingency funds included in the project, but the costs have pushed past that fund. Thank you again for your generosity toward this historic movement at OLG and support of this important stretch of our project.

May God bless and keep you,
Father Paul

*We are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 5:14-16*