

Subject: A Celebration of Faith and Progress: Concluding Our "Building Our Faith" Campaign



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Peace and all Good,

I write to you today with deep gratitude and a sense of wonder as the "Building Our Faith" capital campaign nears its conclusion. This remarkable undertaking began in 2016 under the leadership of Fr. Joe Kim OFM Conv. and Dr. Beuder. Their guidance, along with your support and God's grace, set the course to expand the school and church, fulfilling a long-held dream.

Over the years, a transformation has been witnessed, made possible by the faith and sacrifices of many. **Together, we have been able to fund \$5 million for wonderful additions to our parish.** These include a state-of-the-art STEM lab, new school office space, the portico with its multipurpose room, a new school entrance, and the soon-to-be-completed new church stairs. These additions have provided us with the ability to expand our ministry space and now the old school offices are being remodeled to create dedicated ministry space, using funds from the "Called to Renew" initiative.

The official close of this campaign will be on the Feast of All Saints, November 1, 2025. Additional donations are encouraged between now and November 1st, as every contribution will continue to play a crucial role.

The donor recognition wall on the Portico is being finalized and will reflect donations received up to November 1, 2025. It will be a bronze and tile wall and will acknowledge those who contributed \$2,000 or more, with previously approved names based on our recognition amount tiers. Recall that the recognition levels for our donor wall are Platinum (\$10,000 or more), Gold (\$5000 - \$9999) or Silver (\$2000-\$4999). Each tier is reflected in a different section of the wall with a different size font. Contributions received by November 1st will impact tiering and name placements. **It's not too late to move to the**

next level or add your name to the wall! All outstanding pledges beyond November 1, 2025, are still appreciated, and fulfillment is highly encouraged as those commitments are being counted on to finish the new church stairs. However, the amounts received after November 1st will not be reflected on the wall and no changes will be possible past this date.

Also, donations are still being accepted specifically for the "New Church Stairs" project. The goal for this project is \$175,000, and \$150,000 has been raised. Additional contributions toward the New Church Stairs project will be greatly appreciated and will be reflected on the donor wall if received on or before November 1, 2025.

I am amazed as I reflect on all we have been through since the time I came here in 2018, from the raising of the money for this campaign, the COVID pandemic, the construction itself, and much more! I am also very pleased that as originally presented and prayed for, this building of the physical church has been a first step in a greater building of our church spiritually as we are now in the third year of presenting our **Pathway to Discipleship** which helps Jesus to continue to call, form and send disciples into the world. I see Jesus active here at Our Lady of Guadalupe Bay in Hermosa Beach, much like he was in Galilee 2000 years ago! We are truly blessed indeed!

To make donations to either the New Church Stairs, or the Building Our Faith capital campaign, visit our website under the giving tab "New Church Stairs/Finish Building Our Faith Campaign:

<https://ourladyofguadalupechurch.org/new-church-stairs/>

If you have donated to the Building Our Faith or New Church Stairs campaign you will be receiving a letter with the amount of your donations. But if you do not receive it, and wish to know the amount of your donations, contact Katie in the school office at finance@ourladyofguadalupeschool.org

On behalf of Dr. Beuder, the OLG Parish financial council, Fr. Carlos and myself, thank you for your donations, your contributions of time and talent, and your faith.

I am grateful for you, and May God Bless You,
Fr. Paul