Dear Holy Trinity Parishioner,

Holy Trinity has begun a Capital Campaign to raise $750,000 for parish maintenance and infrastructure upgrades. We need your help to achieve our goal. Your commitment will help keep our facility pristine for generations to come. Our last capital campaign was over 20 years ago. So, it’s time to address some issues that are due.

The Parish Council has carefully considered the reliability, energy efficiency, and risk to the church of key assets such as the church dome, heating and cooling systems, and the parking lot. The most urgent need is maintenance of the church dome, on which we intend to begin work in the Spring of 2022. A comprehensive appraisal of the necessary work was completed last year, and a proposal was presented and unanimously approved by the Parish Assembly on November 21, 2021. Details are given below.

Among some of the tax efficient donation tools to consider is planned-giving. This allows donors to contribute today’s value of invested stock shares to avoid paying taxes on realized gains on those shares while allowing the existing value to be realized as a tax-deductible donation. For more details on planned-giving please contact the church office.

**2022 Church Dome Project Background - $220,000**

The church dome was originally erected in 1974 and last refurbished in 1999. The warranty for the dome expired in 2020. A continuation of the warranty requires that the dome be refurbished. Maintaining the church dome is critical to protect the interior of the church, its sanctuary, and contents, including valuable iconography, religious relics, and furnishings. This level of refurbishment, absent extraordinary circumstances, is required every 20-30 years, depending on various conditions. The church dome refurbishment will consist of applying a customized waterproof polymer membrane on the dome, re-caulking all seams, and replacing expansions joints. This process requires skilled labor, scaffolding, and heavy machinery. The Parish Council has interviewed three reputable contractors and conducted a competitive bidding process, selecting the contractor and technology that provides the most appropriate and cost-efficient solution, with an acceptable warranty.
Total church and building refurbishment costs are estimated to be $750,000.

**Short-term work requiring attention:**
- Refurbishment of the church dome: $220,000
- Replacement of hot water boiler, condenser, and coils: $260,000
- Pavement of church parking lot: $120,000
- Replacement of rooftop air conditioning units: $75,000
- Replacement of church air conditioning unit: $75,000
- Estimated Total Repairs: $750,000

As always, we thank you for your support and generosity.

**Please help maintain your spiritual home.**

To help maintain and refurbish our church infrastructure, I/we pledge to contribute a total amount of:

- □ $10,000
- □ $5,000
- □ $2,000
- □ $1,000
- □ $500
- □ Other_________

If you would like additional information regarding the planned maintenance and refurbishment projects or have other questions, please contact Fr. Peter or a Parish Council member. Church office (908) 233-8533.

Name_________________________________________ Date______________________________

Address_________________________________________ Email______________________________

City________________________State____ Home #_____________________________________

Zip Code__________

Signature_________________________________________ Cell Phone #__________________________

Please complete and mail your Capital Raise Commitment Card and donation to the church:

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