

THE PARISH OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST



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Dear Jack,

The phrase I keep hearing over and over again at parish events, basketball games, after weekend Masses and building committee meetings is, "It was well worth it!"

It was well worth the effort it took to invite parishioners to rally around the vision we laid out for a new Parish Center. It was well worth the effort that was expended in organizing the pledge campaign captains and workers. It was well worth the effort that went into the brochure, the address given at the weekend Masses by our Chairman, the prayer cards and the other carefully coordinated elements of our campaign. It was well worth the investment of time, space, talent and funds that led us to achieve a pledge total surpassing the \$900,000 the Diocese thought we could raise. We're at \$1.1 million and still climbing!

You believed in our project from the beginning and your positive posture and "can do" approach to the entire campaign buoyed us all up in the early days when our confidence was most fragile. Personally, I am quite disconnected from the fiscal component of parish administration, but your encouragement and determination was of great assistance to me and kept me focused as we moved from success to success. Besides awakening the volunteer spirit among the parishioners, you kept it vitalized through the five weeks of visits and report back sessions, always building expectations and nourishing our hopes.

Finally, the most significant benefit of the process was the way this energized the entire parish family, underscoring our vitality as a faith community. Yes, Jack, it was well worth it. Well worth it indeed!

Sincerely in Our Lord,

Rev. Glenn R. Whitman
Pastor