

## Summer Projects 2011

Dear St. Clare Church community,

I want you to know the exciting news about our upcoming **Next Generation Campaign** projects, which are slated to begin very soon.

A team of parishioners and building professionals has identified and prioritized the additional needs on the campus. The roofs of the school and church are the next critical items that need attention because of their failing condition due to our inclement weather and the water damage that is being caused in the interior of these buildings. For instance, the school roof, on its third layer, is more than 20 years old.

As with your own home, maintaining quality roofs at St. Clare is essential. The parish buildings are heavily used for hundreds of events, ranging from daily Mass and neighborhood parties, to funerals and community functions. And of course, we have our school children, whom we are entrusted to protect and serve in our elementary and pre-school building. We've had numerous leaks through the years, but recently they have simply become too many to be overcome by patchwork repair.

We have engaged Bremik Construction to implement and supervise the work. They obtained multiple bids from competent roofing sub-contractors and will oversee the work done at a very competitive price. We feel this partnership approach is important as it gives us two contractors to guarantee the work is done timely, professionally and on budget. It was determined that doing both roofs this year would offer the parish more efficiency and economies of scale, therefore, lower costs—compared to doing the school roof now and the church roof in 2012.

This circumstance of greater efficiency and lower overall cost for combined projects applies as well to a third, long-term legacy project which parish leadership has been considering for years. We are acquiring ownership from the City of Portland of the portion of Freeman Street adjacent to 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue. I have added this acquisition, and the necessary reconfigurations of the street and sidewalks (for which we have also engaged Bremik), as an NGC project. I decided this after consulting and receiving the agreement of the Pastoral and Administrative Councils, NGC Committee, School Principal, Preschool Director and their respective advisory councils. This achievement fulfills a long-held desire for more complete control over the use of our property now and for all generations of St. Clare parishioners to come. That's why it's fitting to bring it under the NGC umbrella. See page below for computer-enhanced photo renderings of the proposed reconfiguration. Thanks to local architect and St. Clare Preschool dad, Philip Rutledge, for producing these images and one other for us! They will be on display in the church and/or parish hall.

Please note well that we are able to finance these projects through the use of designated and restricted funds. We cannot legally or ethically divert these funds to meet the challenges we are facing as regards regular operating expenses and general income from offertory or other sources. I have already contacted NGC donors with outstanding pledges to show how these projects fit within the campaign's framework. If anyone else has questions about this next step toward enhancing the life of St. Clare Parish now and for generations in the future, feel free to contact me or Business Manager Terri Cozzoli at the parish office.

*From Fr. Charles, Pastor*

# *Freeman St. Project*

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**SW Freeman Street & SW 19th Avenue  
facing Rectory from Parish Office**



**SW Freeman Street & SW 19th Avenue  
facing Church from south of the Parish Office**