



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Our Lady of the Assumption Mission

November 21, 2013

Dear Parishioners,

We find ourselves on the brink of a dream that began some ten years ago here in Zachary, and we find ourselves almost 150% percent stronger than when we first began the dream of a *LEGACY OF FAITH*.

The dream is not merely that of a building made of stone and mortar; it is of building up a faith community whose witness, strength and vitality will insure the presence and importance of our Catholic faith well into this 21st century. When we speak of making sacrifice for the benefit of our children, the next generation, the challenges we face are unknown, but the need for our faith to guide us through it is a certainty.

A large part of our growth is based upon people seeking a better life and future for their children, and it is in that hope that we find the necessity for a strong, vibrant faith community to guide them. This is first and foremost what we seek to build, and with that comes our new church that will accommodate our needs and whose beauty will inspire and instruct them on the rich heritage of our Catholic faith.

This will not, and cannot be achieved by any one individual effort, it has to evolve from the generosity and desire of each and every one of our parishioners. Together we can achieve the dream and continue the Legacy.

We will not be able to achieve this only from our comfort or leftovers, it will come from our generosity and willingness to sacrifice. The amount we ask of everyone will not be the same, but the amount of *sacrifice* we ask of everyone will be. We must be willing to do all that we can if we are to realize our dream.

With the sincere hope that all of you will respond generously and unselfishly, I ask all of you to respond to the request for your presence at our gatherings as well as individual requests to visit with you and to solicit your prayer, your help and your sacrifice,

Yours in Christ,

Fr. M. Jeffery Bayhi