



September 30, 2012

Dear St. Stephen Family,

On behalf of our St. Stephen Parish, we want to first thank you for your support, participation and commitment to our church in all we have accomplished to preserve a Eucharistic life and Catholic community in our area. Our church community today is as strong as ever with growing programs for youth ministry, outreach programs abroad and diverse mix of support groups and organizations that make up our congregation.

While our faith is strong, unfortunately our worship space is not. You can tell as you drive by and attend Masses in our family life center, we are undergoing one of the most severe rebuilding efforts we have ever faced. We've determined it will require funding of \$2.5 million to completely restore our church. Although this may seem like an enormous weight, we remain confident that with the support of the diocese and our parishioners, and governance committee that we will sustain this burden together.

To that end, we are kicking off a five year capital campaign, aptly named, "***We're all in this together***" to help raise the needed funds to support our church. Your generous support helps to ensure the success of our parish rebuilding effort, and is a reflection of your devotion to our faith community here at St. Stephen.

We are both gratified and inspired by the personal investment so many of our parishioners have made already. Now is the time to come together and achieve the vision to preserve the life of our church and for everyone to prayerfully consider a financial pledge to support this capital campaign. Please refer to the pledge card, fill out and return to the capital campaign committee at buildingfund@ststephenbentonville.com.

May the blessing of God's Spirit continue to nourish you in the days to come.

Gratefully in Christ,



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