



Dear Family in Christ,

We have been truly blessed these last few years in making necessary and significant improvements in our facilities. As good stewards, most of these items were delayed for years until we, as a parish, decided that the repairs and improvements were absolutely critical; after which, many hours of discussion and meetings among various committees – all of which centered in faith and prayer – led to the completion of the numerous projects listed here. These are small and big projects that have gone above and beyond the already regular maintenance we practice (costs included):

- Renovated and repainted the Church (\$90,000)
- Purchased new pews and chairs (\$15,000)
- Replaced the roof over all our building (\$110,000)
- Replaced or repaired boilers (\$27,000)
- Solved draining and flooding problems (\$31,000)
- Purchased and paved all parking lots (\$300,000)
- Remodeled Seton Hall kitchen (\$65,000)
- Remodeled Antioch kitchen (\$15,000)
- Remodeled Rectory for the Pastor (\$20,000)
- Totally remodeled the original Newman Housing apartments (\$460,000)

The entirety of the above items has cost approximately: \$1,133,000.00!

The mission of St. Thomas More University Parish is secure. Not only in the spirit of Christ carried out by our staff, parishioners, and students, but now, more than ever before, in our facilities. All this was possible because of you and your generosity.

It was your gifts that made these improvements possible for us to budget and complete. You, our permanent community members, benefactors, friends, parishioners, non-parishioners, students, faculty, and staff of BGSU, all of you who have seen the fruit we provide in this University Parish community have generously invested in us by your donations. As a result, our accomplishments are your accomplishments. Truly, our blessings are many. It is beautiful and humbling to see such commitment in and for this community. The Lord's work is being done here without a doubt.

Of all the projects we completed, the renovation of Newman Housing in the summer of 2016 was truly great and monumental. Due to the extraordinary situation of the deplorable conditions of the apartments prior to the renovations, it was necessary to take this project on, which had been discussed (and delayed) for over 30 years. The committees as a whole decided we couldn't wait any longer and with the permission from Bishop Thomas, we began this project the first day of BGSU's summer break with plans for the necessary fundraising. By the grace of God, we were able to complete this project just in time for the students to move in before the start of the academic year in August. Now that five months have passed since the completion, the students thoroughly enjoy their new living spaces and are able to further embrace the mission of our Newman Housing Community: a faith-based, intentional, living community.

That being said, we wish to officially close the Newman Housing Campaign and thank each and every one of you who made this long-time dream a reality for us and our students. It wouldn't have been possible without your support in our mission as we share Christ in the BGSU community. And so, on behalf of the Pastoral, Finance, Maintenance, and Development Committees and Members, Thank You!

Fr. Jason