



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

soft sell, vs. **HARD SELL !** (ready?!?..)

A couple of months ago we began a “soft sell” on **OPERATION RENOVATION**. Now it’s time for the “hard sell” and we’re pulling out all the stops! It’s time to prayerfully consider all that we can do to address our facility needs. We have been entrusted with the care of God’s house. We renovate our own houses to make them more functional, safer and with the general purpose of making them feel more like a home; so it is time to do the same with our house of God. People of all faiths and walks of life (rich and poor, old and young) gather in Bonzel. Let us together create a warm and welcoming atmosphere where all can feel they belong! We are making a wonderful investment for our future!

OPERATION RENOVATION: adding HVAC to Bonzel Hall (finally!); remodeling ceiling, walls, lighting, flooring; remodeling the nursery, moving and doubling the food pantry, remaking the music room, all to make the spaces more homey, workable, and usable (AND bring them up to code) for all our social events, funeral meals, coffee & donuts, VBS (*read: no more sweaty kids*), youth events, TMIY, First Things First, and FUSION, etc. The kitchen is 27 yrs. old, built for a parish ¼ of the size we are now. [I remodeled my 31 yr. old kitchen (and boy it needed it!) and I don’t have 2,300 households using it!]

Kitchen, nursery, HVAC, food pantry, music room, play area, outdoor grilling area – all projects that were in my lap when I arrived 6 years ago (July 1st, can you believe it!?) We’re just catching up on all of this stuff! AND we’re still working on our future discernment vision....

WHO will benefit? YOU – ALL OF US !!!

Is there any way you, **personally** will NOT BENEFIT? If you step into the lower level even once a year for any reason, you will BENEFIT !! And **WE** can do it without debt if we **ALL** (that means every one of us) sacrifice some \$\$\$ and kick in (even again). You are part of this parish family; we cannot be family without you.

It’s time now to get **serious** about this effort. The soft sell was great as a beginning as we came to the end of the school year and wound down the Lent/Easter Season; however, if we are to get this effort completed **WITHOUT DEBT**, it’s time to get into high gear and get going!

I am (everyone is) relying on **YOU**. This is an exciting time to refurbish and renew our facility. Every gift is a treasured gift – large or small. However, every gift/pledge that totals \$1,000 OR MORE will be matched from the diocesan Returning God’s Gift rebate (from our savings). I, Fr. Larry, have personally, pledged \$2,000, which matched with RGG is really \$4,000 (and probably will bring that total up some). **HOW ABOUT YOU?**

Construction has already been completed on the food pantry and music room. The major construction begins June 23rd. NOW is the time to kick in and make a difference to complete this project without debt. I/WE need your help. New and clearer wall charts will keep you up to date on our progress. Check them out!

Make THE difference – DONATE !

Sincerely,

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pastor, Staff, Pastoral Council, Finance Council and many others.....

Rev. Lawrence T. Solan