

# Our Lady of the Valley Bulletin

## Announcement

### Weekend of April 12 & 13

## Cornerstones

Frequently Asked Questions about our Capital Campaign New Parish Home

**Q: How can we possibly afford to give a big pledge?**

**A:** *All shall give as they are able, according to the blessings of the Lord your God that has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17*

Your commitment should not be a financial burden. The principal of a campaign is to make a pledge per week or month for the four-year campaign. The giving chart in the soon to be mailed brochure illustrates how we can make small gifts yield a significant pledge over the course of four years. Individual or one-time gifts, while truly appreciated, are not the nature of a capital campaign. The idea of a campaign is for each family to reflect on what God has provided to them and to give back to the church a portion of what has been given us. It should be a sacrifice but not a burden, for in this way we truly feel the wholeness of our spirituality.

We as Catholics are fundamentally responsible for supporting the church and its mission for the benefit of the whole community. However, the church does not expect people to make substantial gifts at one time as this is usually too burdensome, but by giving a small portion back to God over time we can be successful in achieving great things.

The real beauty of building a new church is that it takes the entire faith community to work together in order to achieve success. And through this communal work we grow in faith, love, and charity.

You may send your questions electronically to [ella@ourladyofthevalley.net](mailto:ella@ourladyofthevalley.net) or you can write them out and drop them in the Building Campaign Question Box located in the entryway. The questions appearing today and future questions will be added to the parish web site soon so that you may refer back to them at anytime.