Phase II Capital Campaign Update and Urgent Request
My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we have begun Advent, I write to first express my deep thanks, acknowledging the great generosity of so many which has brought our Parish-wide dreams now, so closely to realization. **I humbly ask, if you are able, to consider a “first” or an “additional” gift or pledge.**

We are about to realize most of the last part of our vision and hopes that began nearly eight years ago. In February of 2014, as we marked our 50th Anniversary as a Parish, we began our First Capital Campaign in the hopes of renovating and adding Classrooms to our School, and to construct a new Parish Hall, which would serve as a second Gym and Auditorium. This Project was the result of two years of focus groups and Parish wide meetings and surveys.

That Capital Campaign raised nearly $3.5 Million and supported the Construction that was undertaken in the Summer of 2015 which included the complete modernizing of our existing classrooms and the addition of eight new classrooms. Bishop Gainer dedicated our “new” School on September 19, 2015 and in the past few years, we have enjoyed, each year, record or near record enrollment.

In the Spring of 2017, we launched our Second Capital Campaign to ultimately complete this Project, particularly the addition of our Parish Hall. This Hall would allow for Parish wide events, School Plays and Performances, and serve as an additional Gym to support our expansive boys and girls Basketball programs.

We initially received Pledges and Payments totaling $ 1.9 Million in this Second Campaign. Near the end of 2017, an Anonymous Donor came forward, with remarkable generosity, to pledge whatever was needed for the completion of our Project. These funds that were pledged were part of a large family Estate.

The Estate has remained tangled in the Courts so that these funds have yet to be disbursed. It is possible that this delay could continue throughout 2020.

In the interim, as our Land Use Development Plan is set to expire in March 2020, we are considering to undertake, if possible, a part of the Construction for which we have sufficient funds.

After various meetings with our Construction Team, a revised partial Phase 2 Construction Plan was proposed which would include just the construction of the new Parish Center and Gym/Auditorium. The Projected Cost of that partial construction would be approximately $3.6 Million.
Just a few weeks ago, on November 20th, a Parishioner came forward to pledge $500,000 to this Campaign. So, including available savings, we now have approximately $2.7 Million for any Partial Construction in 2020, still needing an additional $900,000. Our Parish Council met this month and unanimously supports proceeding with this planned construction.

**We are now so close to the realization of our dream! Can you help?**

**Can you give a “first” or an “additional” gift or pledge to our Capital Campaign?**

Your gift would enable us to consider undertaking that Partial Construction Project in 2020 so that, whenever the Anonymous Donor’s Estate funds became available, we could then complete the more extensive construction that we had planned.

For nearly 12 years, it has been my greatest joy and privilege to serve as your Pastor. We have seen great improvements in our Church and School. We have witnessed great growth in our Parish Ministries. We have prayed together, celebrated milestones and joyful events, and mourned the loss of loved ones. And all along, we have given so generously in so many ways to help each other and those beyond our Parish boundaries.

I humbly ask that you prayerfully consider this request. **Can you either give a one-time gift in the enclosed envelope or a pledge of a gift as we close 2019 or as part of your sacrificial giving in 2020?** Can you let us know on or before January 10, 2020 so we can then obtain the necessary Diocesan approvals to begin Construction in February? Our School and our Parish Life will continue to grow through your generosity. Thank you.

God bless you,

*Father Hahn*
Dear God our Heavenly Father,

You have brought us together as the Parish Family of Saint Leo the Great. As we marked our 50th Anniversary, You blessed the work of those who led our initial Capital Campaign and those benefactors whose generosity made that Campaign a success.

We humbly ask, in Jesus’ Name, that all might generously support this Campaign so that You, “Who have begun the good work in us may bring it to fulfillment,” as You continue to guide all of us to that “ultimate fulfillment” one day, we pray, forever, in the eternal joy and peace of heaven.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.
Saint Leo the Great, pray for us.