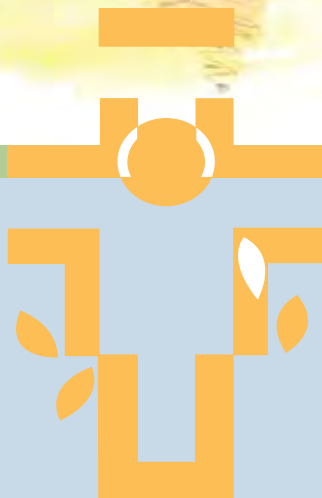


# The Franciscan Church of St. Bonaventure



## Caring For Our Future

Fundraising Campaign  
2009-2013

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Dear Parishioner,

"Why would anyone, in their right mind, begin a fundraising campaign in this economy?" That's the last thing I remembered as I jolted out of sleep. Later in the morning, over a cup of Timmy's, I thought about that question. The answer is simple: "We have to!"



Our church roof was leaking and threatening to cause damage to the church. The boiler has been given, at most, three years of life. The parish centre's roof has been patched, but that too can only last a few years. The reason we have to have a capital campaign is not to make things pretty or fancy, but simply to keep our church from deteriorating. We've put together a plan to do this work over a 5 year period. That also gives us a chance to raise the funds.

That's where we need a hand. We are seeking the support of parishioners and friends to ensure that the buildings we have inherited and the ministries we enjoy continue well into the future. New and exciting ministries for our youth, our seniors and the broader community are required and the buildings that serve us so well are in need of repair, and restoration. We recognize the challenging financial environment affecting us today. Your prayerful and calculated response to our financial need must be measured and thoughtful. I would like to ask you to pledge your financial support to this campaign. **St. Bonnie's is not just another charity; it's your spiritual home. Help us care for our home, our community, our future.**

Peace,  
Friar Rick Riccioli, OFM Conv.  
Pastor



**many faces ...**

# How We Have Cared in The Past - The Last Campaign

The Revitalization Campaign, conducted almost 4 years ago now, succeeded in raising \$2,266,503 for the construction of the Ministry Centre, Meditation Garden and infrastructure such as a new high capacity transformer, dedicated fire-hydrant, drainage system and landscaping. Construction costs totaled \$1,912,160 leaving \$354,343 available to the parish. Combined with our Parish Reserve Fund balance of \$395,260, we were able to commence the roof repair in an effort to complete the work before the spring rains. However, much more needs to be done to secure our building for years to come.

## Our Financial Situation

The re-shingling of the church roofs was funded from reserves in the Building Maintenance fund and the Revitalization Campaign of 2004. However, those sources of funds have been depleted. Additional funds are needed to complete payment. We also need to replenish the Parish Reserve Fund by the end of the campaign pledge period. The following chart of activities was planned based on our projected cash flow and fundraising success.

Capital Costs and Projects		\$
2009	EnergyStar® Metal Cool Roof for Church	757,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	Energy efficient lighting and ceiling tiles for Church	30,000
	<b>Total Costs for 2009</b>	<b>827,000</b>
Capital Costs and Projects		\$
2010	Wheelchair Accessible Washroom in Church	20,000
	Wheelchair Accessible Front Door in Church	15,000
	Parish Centre Kitchen & Bathroom Renovation	100,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	<b>Total Costs for 2010</b>	<b>175,000</b>
Capital Costs and Projects		\$
2011	EnergyStar® Metal Cool Roof for Parish Centre	375,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	<b>Total Costs for 2011</b>	<b>415,000</b>
Capital Costs and Projects		\$
2012	Ecological Heating and Cooling System	350,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	<b>Total Costs for 2012</b>	<b>390,000</b>
Capital Costs and Projects		\$
2013	Refresh Rooms in the Parish Centre	180,000
	Rebuild the Outdoor Cross	45,000
	Repair the Precast Beams	10,000
	Energy efficient lighting in Parish Centre	25,000
	Youth Ministry	40,000
	<b>Total Costs for 2013</b>	<b>300,000</b>
Contingency and Professional Fees		243,000
<b>Total Capital Costs</b>		<b>2,350,000</b>
Funds Available		\$
Revitalization Campaign Funds		355,000
Parish Reserve Funds		395,000
<b>Total Funds Available</b>		<b>750,000</b>
Replenish the Parish Reserve Fund		300,000
<b>Capital Required</b>		<b>1,900,000</b>

\* Amounts listed in the chart have been rounded

## Caring for our Community

St. Bonaventure is known for its warm and friendly atmosphere, which welcomes newcomers and nurtures long-standing parishioners alike. Our parishioners play an active and vital role in fulfilling the Church's ministry through the sharing of their time and talents. We have vibrant programs, active study groups, fellowship opportunities, and programs for outreach into our community and the world. All of this is centered on our Sunday Eucharist, which integrates people of all ages and backgrounds in worship and prayer, word and sacrament.



## Caring for our Future

We have identified two significant areas of focus over the next five years. These include areas of repair, renovations and refurbishment to our church and parish centre and areas of ministry to youth and seniors.

**Our Spiritual Home - The Buildings:** Our church and parish centre are places of prayer and learning and both are in need of repair, renovations and refurbishment in order to serve the many needs of our growing Catholic community. As with all structures, they must be maintained and the repairs must be environmentally and ecologically sensitive.

**Ministry:** Our parish is blessed with an abundance of young people seeking the spiritual guidance found in the Church. Our seniors have served our parish for decades and as vital members of the Church they are in need of programs that build community and relationships with others.



**one community.**

# Ministry

The Spirit of Assisi vision challenges us to create an oasis where all can find peace, a connection with God and an opportunity to serve others. St. Bonaventure boasts many vibrant social ministries that enable us to forge a deep connection with our parish, with our community and with each other. We are particularly committed to expanding our youth programs and enhancing our outreach to seniors.



We have hired a Youth Minister who will assist Friar David in coordinating all aspects of our bond to youth in our Parish. Part of the ministry will be about making sure we have meaningful and relevant sacramental preparation programs. Key though, will be helping build bridges for youth between their lives and their spirituality; helping them become excited and energized about their faith in action.

In January 2009 we broadened our social ministry with a new Seniors' Club. The club is a chance for socializing and for reconnecting with the parish and with friends. It is also a gateway for all to unite and serve the needs of seniors.



# Our Caring Response

A significant fundraising initiative is before us at St. Bonaventure, but it is also a unique opportunity to make a big difference! To realize our vision for our buildings and ministry, we need to be bold and commit ourselves and our resources.

Every member of St. Bonaventure parish will be asked to make a meaningful gift, over a 5-year pledge period.

We are a community who takes up the challenge laid before us, to keep ourselves vital and alive for future generations. St. Bonaventure captures the Spirit of Assisi and puts the gospel into action – a gospel that will always challenge and inspire us.

## Wondering What to Give?

We recognize that there are many financial demands today. This chart is only intended to be a guide upon which to base your pledge decision, but any offering would be greatly appreciated.

Annual Household Income	5 Year Pledge			Annual Equivalent			Monthly Equivalent		
	Amount Pledged	Tax Savings	After Tax Amount	Amount Pledged	Tax Savings	After Tax Amount	Amount Pledged	Tax Savings	After Tax Amount
Less than \$25,000	\$500	\$105	\$395	\$100	\$21	\$79	\$8.33	\$1.75	\$6.58
\$25,000 to \$35,000	\$1,500	\$315	\$1,185	\$300	\$63	\$237	\$25.00	\$5.25	\$19.75
\$35,000 to \$50,000	\$2,500	\$775	\$1,725	\$500	\$155	\$345	\$41.67	\$12.92	\$28.75
\$50,000 to \$75,000	\$5,000	\$1,650	\$3,350	\$1,000	\$330	\$670	\$83.33	\$27.50	\$55.83
\$75,000 to \$100,000	\$10,000	\$4,340	\$5,660	\$2,000	\$868	\$1,132	\$166.67	\$72.33	\$94.33
\$100,000 to \$150,000	\$15,000	\$6,510	\$8,490	\$3,000	\$1,302	\$1,698	\$250.00	\$108.50	\$141.50
\$150,000 to \$200,000	\$20,000	\$9,200	\$10,800	\$4,000	\$1,840	\$2,160	\$333.33	\$153.33	\$180.00
\$200,000 +	\$25,000	\$11,500	\$13,500	\$5,000	\$2,300	\$2,700	\$416.67	\$191.67	\$225.00

All gifts are eligible for tax credits. The indicated savings are guidelines only and may vary depending on individual circumstances.



### Capital Campaign Committee

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# Questions & Answers

**What happened with the money from the last campaign?** In the last campaign in 2003/04, \$2.26 million was raised and \$1.91 million was spent on the Ministry Centre, Meditation Garden and other infrastructure. This left \$355,000 available to begin the new church roof.

**Who paid for the friary?** The construction cost of the new friary was paid entirely by the Franciscans. A few parishioners assisted with the purchase of appliances and another had the Chapel dedicated to their memory in appreciation for a sizeable donation to the last campaign.

**What's the difference between this campaign and the last one?** The last campaign was directed at new construction and infrastructure needs to expand the ministry at St. Bonaventure in light of the Spirit of Assisi vision. The current is for the prudent, necessary and environmentally responsible care of our 50 year old existing facilities. It's also about making the parish more inclusive by an exciting outreach to youth and by making our facilities more accessible.

**Are these needs real and urgent?** A professional study of our church roof called for urgent replacement. The study also included other aspects of all our buildings to determine what work was urgent, needed or simply preferred. Based on the life expectancy of roofs, heating systems and an energy saving audit and after consultation with fellow parishioners, this 5 year plan was proposed.

**Have you looked at government grants for the ecological options?** Government grants have been identified that may apply. Our estimates do not include these grants which may or may not materialize during the 5 year period when the projects are initiated.

**How did we arrive at the cost estimates?** Most of the estimates were made by our consulting engineers at Halcrow Yolles. Cost estimates for refreshing or renovating parts of the Parish Centre were performed by an independent contractor.

**What's included in the "contingency" & "professional fees" category?** Our Parish Finance Council has added \$75,000 to the estimates to account for unexpected complications to the projects and also for changes in prices between the estimate and the completion of the work, possibly 5 years from now. Professional fees include engineering and fundraising consultants, legal costs and printing.

**How will you keep us informed about progress?** Parishioners will be kept informed by weekly progress reports in the Bonnie News bulletin and on the website. There will be a Campaign Centre located in the church and all updates will be communicated there. Look for our Campaign Thermometer to monitor our financial progress.

**Why are you asking for a 5 year pledge?** Raising \$1,900,000 over a five year period will help us to achieve our goals without putting undue financial pressure on our parishioners and community supporters. The renovations and restoration will be completed gradually over a 5 year period so that your pledge contributions will support the work as it is completed.

**If my financial circumstances change, may I alter my pledge?** Yes. We are sensitive to the current economic climate and if your donation amount needs to be changed please contact our Treasurer, Norman Bell, at the Ministry Office. All gift amounts or changes will remain confidential.

**Will all parishioners be asked to contribute?** All parishioners will be invited to make a proportionate gift (above their regular weekly offerings) in accordance with their income and as an expression of their faith and commitment to St. Bonaventure Parish.

**Who can I contact for more information?** You are welcome to contact any member of our Parish Campaign Committee including the Chair, Mrs. Anna Marziliano ([annamarziliano@sympatico.ca](mailto:annamarziliano@sympatico.ca)), the Parish Manager, Mrs. Connie Durante ([connie.durante@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:connie.durante@st-bonaventure.ca)) or our Pastor, Friar Rick Riccioli ([friar.rick@st-bonaventure.ca](mailto:friar.rick@st-bonaventure.ca))

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