

Christ the King Parish

Embracing Our Mission: Living the Light

This spring, our parish leadership teams—the Pastoral Council, Stewardship Council and Finance Council—met to begin discussions about how best to address the parish debt and our responsibilities to the Diocese of Helena. After much thought and prayer, it was decided to conduct a five year capital campaign. The primary financial goal for our **Embracing Our Mission: Living The Light** capital campaign is to raise \$1,000,000 to retire our debt and our commitment to the diocese's capital campaign, *from Age to Age*.

How We Got Here:

- ❖ In December 2004, ground was broken on the Newman Faith Formation Center. The building was complete in January 2006. The project totaled \$1,400,000. This addition has given us much needed classroom space for faith formation, and provides a great space for Catholic Campus Ministry. Our new space also accommodates a variety of parish and other functions, like retreats and Cursillos. Almost \$1,000,000 was raised prior to and during construction through your generosity. But we still have approximately \$476,750 remaining on this project, which includes \$30,000 to replace the heating control system in the church, Lower Center and offices in 2008.
- ❖ In 2006, it was determined that the Parish House needed to be renovated to address safety issues. These renovations included new plumbing and wiring, a new heating system and insulation. This project totaled \$95,000. With accrued interest, the total is now \$98,406.
- ❖ Interest continues to accrue on these loans. The amount we need to retire our debt is \$575,000.
- ❖ Part of our campaign also includes our responsibility as members of the larger church. As we conduct the *Embracing Our Mission: Living the Light* campaign, the Diocese of Helena is conducting its own campaign, **from Age to Age**, for the needs of our brothers and sisters in Western Montana. Each parish in the diocese is participating in this campaign. Our responsibility is \$361,058, which also includes our commitment to the Diocesan Offertory Program (DOP) for 2008.

Where We Are Today:

Our Capital Campaign was launched in August. As of December 4, we have gratefully received pledges in the amount of **\$701,613** from 258 households.. This puts us at 70% of our financial goal and 34% participation. Thank you for your support!

We will update these numbers each month in the parish bulletin. For more information on our capital campaign, please call the parish offices.