

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

CASE STATEMENT



LORD. IN YOU WE HOPE. IN YOU WE PLACE OUR TRUST. GRANT US, THROUGH EUCHARIST. TO LIVE IN COMMUNION WITH YOU SO THAT. FREE FROM FEAR. WE MIGHT **BUILD YOUR** CHURCH.

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

I am so grateful God brought me to Our Lady of Lourdes at this exciting time. At Our Lady of Lourdes I have found a true home, where people have welcomed me and are eager to serve God in his work of salvation. So first off, I want to thank both you and God our Father for this great blessing in my life.

I am excited and proud to announce that we are launching a capital campaign to repair and beautify our church and to add a narthex gathering space. Our campaign theme is *A Future Full of Hope*, which is a phrase taken from Jeremiah 29:11. Although this passage often is used to speak to individual lives, in context it is actually about the city of Jerusalem after very difficult times. Our own parish has seen some difficult times in the past, but I am confident that God has a very big plan for our future.

Please take a few minutes to read through this case statement. Together, we will learn how pivotal and exciting this campaign is to our parish. OLOL is thriving in a time when so many parishes around the country are struggling to stay open. We have a unique opportunity to show that our Catholic faith can thrive and appeal to a broad spectrum of people through authentic Catholic spirituality and meeting people's spiritual and communal needs. In order to continue our mission, however, it is imperative that we repair, restore and beautify our church. We simply cannot wait any longer to complete this project.

Today, I am asking all of you to be a part of our mission by contributing to the capital campaign. It is my hope you will partner with me to rebuild our parish for generations to come. Thank you for all you've done to make OLOL what it is today. We give thanks to God for what He has done, and we trust in His will for our parish.

IN CHRIST,

Fr. Brian Larkin



MISSION STATEMENT Lourdes Catholic: Born of Love, on a mission of communion.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES HISTORY

Our roots at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Parish are traced back to February 1947, when Archbishop Urban J. Vehr announced that land had been purchased for \$25,000 at the northeast corner of South Logan and Iliff. For the 331 Catholic families scattered within the new parish boundaries, this news came at an opportune time. The neighborhood included a large group of World War II veterans returning home to young families with new jobs or advanced education opportunities. Added to the mixture of the neighborhood's population was a balance of middle-aged couples and a scattering of retirees and elderly. That September, a group of men that would become known as the "Rocks of Lourdes" began construction of the grotto and the original church was dedicated December 16, 1948. Today, the parish continues to be a vibrant place of worship and community for families from all around Denver.

I BELIEVE NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE - YOU HAVE MY PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS AS YOU MOVE FORWARD IN THE RENOVATION OF THE CHURCH." MONSIGNOR QUANG -PASTOR 2008-2014

JUNE 2008 Monsignor Quang is assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes. JUNE 2011 The school institutes the classical education model, ultimately saving the school. JUNE 2014 Father Brian is assigned to Our Lady of Lourdes. FALL 2016

Enrollment at Our Lady of Lourdes School continues to climb, reaching 206 students. FALL 2019 Projected date of full enrollment at the school. -OUR Reality

We are blessed at Our Lady of Lourdes to have a church with a homey, small town community feel. In fact, in 70 years our structure has never undergone major construction. The tradeoff is that we have fallen behind on a number of important maintenance items that cannot be ignored any longer. Along with the facilities upgrades, our master planning committee has identified additional improvements that should be made to ensure OLOL maintains pace in serving our growing community.

After consulting with our finance council and the greater OLOL community, we have decided that accepting a long term loan and going into deep debt to correct these issues is not in our best interest. Additionally, it would be difficult to add these costs to our monthly budget. Instead our plan is to meet these obligations through the funds raised in the *A Future Full of Hope* Capital Campaign.

OUR GOALS

GENERAL MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES

Time has caught up with OLOL and we are faced with the reality that these needs MUST now be addressed:

- The chiller in the air conditioning unit is operating at 20 percent capacity. It cannot be repaired
- The boiler is 20 years past its lifespan
- Leaky, outdated plumbing systems
- Fire safety system integration
- Electrical systems in need of an upgrade
- Inadequate restroom facilities
- A sound system that does not work correctly

TOTAL APPROXIMATE COST \$1.5 MILLION

BEAUTIFYING THE CHURCH WITH A FOCUS ON THE SANCTUARY

Addressing our aging facilities requires major interior construction to our walls, ceilings and floors. Once the maintenance items have been completed, it makes sense to rebuild and restore the building's interior in a cost effective way that enhances the original beauty of our church. The beautification and renovation of the church will include:

- Additional seating for 50 parishioners
- New floor finishes and improved lighting
- Construction of a raised roof with high windows to allow natural light into the church
- Restoration of all pews
- Beautification of the sanctuary
- New alter and liturgical elements, including the tabernacle and ambo

TOTAL APPROXIMATE COST \$1.1 MILLION

CONSTRUCTION OF A NARTHEX

Along with the building improvements, our plan includes the addition of a narthex entrance and gathering space to our church. This new, beautiful narthex will:

- Be a welcoming, central entrance
- Serve as a gathering space before and after mass
- Foster fellowship among all parishioners
- Act as a cry room for the many young families

TOTAL APPROXIMATE COST \$1.4 MILLION

WHO BENEFITS FROM OUR SACRIFICE?

We all benefit! In addition to the facilities upgrades, our church will be rebuilt and renovated in great beauty. The improved appearance will inspire us all, enhancing our spirituality and bring us closer to God.

The church building at Our Lady of Lourdes has served our needs well for nearly 70 years. Now, however, its functionality is being tested as Mass attendance has increased by more than 50 percent in the last two years. At a time when new parishioners, both young and old, are coming to OLOL to have their spiritual and communal needs met, our church building is struggling to keep pace. When our church is repaired, restored and beautified, it will truly reflect our thriving parish, which is committed to the next generation of Catholics in our community.



-METHODS OF Giving

There are many ways to contribute and support the capital campaign. Pledges are commitments made in good faith, but are not legally binding. Pledges are encouraged to be made over a three-year period to make it easier to maximize your support. A commitment may be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual installments.

CASH

Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and will allow Our Lady of Lourdes to address its immediate needs.

SECURITIES

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have appreciated offer special tax advantages and can be a great way to provide a significant gift to Our Lady of Lourdes.

REAL ESTATE

Gifts of property entitle a donor to an income tax deduction equal to the full market value with no tax on any capital gains.

LIFE INSURANCE

You can donate an existing policy by simply naming Our Lady of Lourdes as the owner and beneficiary. Or you can consider donating a new policy.

PLANNED GIFT

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and assets for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. A bequest contained in your will is the most common form of planned giving.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of employees, retirees or board members.

Note: This information is not intended as legal advice. You are advised to consult your own qualified professional adviser for specific recommendations.





GIVING CONSIDERATIONS

Archdiocesan policy stipulates that a parish, before breaking ground, must have at least 50 percent of a project's cost in the bank and the other 50 percent pledged. We are anxious to start construction as soon as possible, and therefore our hope is that each family will prayerfully consider giving a large portion of their pledge up front.

TOTAL GIFT	MONTHLY	QUARTERLY	SEMIANNUAL	ANNUAL
\$100,000	\$2,778	\$8,334	\$16,667	\$33,334
\$75,000	\$2,082	\$6,250	\$12,500	\$25,000
\$50,000	\$1,389	\$4,167	\$8,334	\$16,667
\$30,000	\$834	\$2,500	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$15,000	\$417	\$1,250	\$2,500	\$5,000
\$10,000	\$278	\$834	\$1,667	\$3,334
\$6,000	\$167	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$3,600	\$100	\$300	\$600	\$1,200
\$1,800	\$50	\$150	\$300	\$600

Note: The chart above is provided to serve as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support.



THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES, WE HAVE COME TO REALIZE THAT IT IS RARE TO BE PART OF A PARISH THAT MEETS OUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS AND ALSO MAKES US FEEL LIKE WE ARE PART OF A GROWING FAMILY. HOWEVER, THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES. WE HAVE TRULY FOUND A CATHOLIC PARISH THAT WE CAN CALL HOME. NOW, WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO REPAIR, EXPAND AND RENOVATE OUR BELOVED CHURCH. NOTHING COULD BE MORE FULFILLING THAN TO LEAVE A LEGACY OF LOVE, FAITH AND HOPE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS OF CATHOLICS!"

JOHN AND MARGARET KELLY

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

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