



DIOCESE OF FORT WAYNE – SOUTH BEND

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Dear Monsignor Schooler and Parishioners of Saint Pius X:

Saint Pius X is an exemplary parish in our diocese, vibrant and full of life. I commend you for your commitment and dedication to the Lord and His Church.

Your initiative and enthusiasm to pursue this plan and build a new church are inspiring. Having a beautiful and larger new church at this location will send a message to the wider community that the Catholic Church, in particular Saint Pius X Parish, is alive and growing. A new church will edify the parishioners and, even more, will be a place whose beauty gives honor and glory to God.

When we think back to the first parishioners and your ancestors in faith at Saint Pius, we see that they were not only thinking about themselves. They were thinking about their children, grandchildren and future generations. They made incredible sacrifices and every generation is called to do the same. This campaign and the resulting new church will be a gift to future generations.

In my visits to Saint Pius, I have witnessed the difficulties faced when trying to arrange gathering space and organize events with the limited space available for such a large parish. It is time for Saint Pius to have a larger space for the many people who are coming and, of course, for the generations to come.

I deeply appreciate your dedication to the mission of the Church. A new church will help the parish continue its great mission. Your parish is an evangelizing community that is always reaching out and extending itself to the community, inviting others to encounter Christ here at Saint Pius.

Building a church is building a house of God and a home for his people. The design of the new church shows it is going to be a beautiful house of God, where the liturgy can be celebrated in a noble and beautiful way. The project is a total package: it involves the whole life of the parish and, at the center, the church.

I have been inspired by your parish since I became Bishop of Fort Wayne-South Bend. By your goodness, by your outreach to others, by the many sacrifices you made in the past building the Parish Education Center, I am convinced of your deep faith and commitment to the Gospel. I thank you for truly putting into practice your Catholic faith, your love for God, expressed in your sacrificial giving for His Church. I encourage your continuing generosity in this capital campaign.

May God bless you and Pope Saint Pius X intercede for you in this holy endeavor!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Kevin C. Rhoades

Most Reverend Kevin C. Rhoades
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