

MESSAGE FROM FR. KELLY TO BE READ FOR CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF WEEKEND

Dear People of St. Paul's Church:

I was supposed to be with you today for the kick-off of The Legacy of Faith campaign, but the Bishop has asked me to celebrate the weekend Masses at another parish, and I couldn't say no to the Bishop! So, my words will be with you instead.

Many of you have been telling me that you are sorry about "My Gym." I want you to know that it is NOT mine – never has been and never will be! I would have been very happy if the letters had been blown away, rather than the roof collapsing. At any rate, it is a big loss for the parish, but it will be entirely rebuilt with funds from our insurance carrier and the perseverance of you good people.

There is one thing I neglected to do when I was Pastor there, and that was to build a new and larger church. If I was 20 years younger, I would have done it. St. Paul's is the only parish of this size in the diocese that does not have a church capable of seating its membership in less than six Masses on the weekends. I totally support the building of a new church!

In the past, parishioners have always been very supportive of me and the building that has taken place at St. Paul's, including the construction of St. Peter's Mission. Now, I would expect you to do the same for Fr. Houle and the committee that has been working so hard to bring this long-needed project into reality. Please respond with generosity and with unity when called to do so.

Fr. William Kelly