

Shepherd *the way*

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS FROM FAITHFUL SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Faithful Shepherd Launches \$2.5M Capital Campaign

The campaign theme, "Shepherd the Way," encompasses the school's identity of philanthropy and faith.

Shepherd the Way Committee Members

Fr. Charles V. Lachowitz
President, FSCS Board of Directors

Tom and Jean Levandowski
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During the spring of 2008, Faithful Shepherd Catholic School launched its second capital campaign entitled "Shepherd the Way."

"Shepherd the Way is our gift of gratitude for all the blessings God's has given us," said Fr. Charles V. Lachowitz, "Strengthening the relationship with our three parishes, providing for the long-term maintenance of our facility and thereby having additional resources for excellence in education and faith formation — that's an exciting part of the future of our School."



The goal of the "Shepherd the Way" campaign is to raise \$2.5 million dollars, of which \$2 million dollars will be used to reduce the School debt. Reducing the debt will allow the School's mortgage to be refinanced at a fixed interest rate without a balloon payment. This will allow the School to eliminate a substantial amount of interest expense from its annual budget, strengthening the School's ability to invest in other priorities that maintain and enhance the quality of education available at FSCS. It will also reduce the likelihood parishes will need to contribute beyond the initial \$1.8 million of debt assumed in 2003. The remaining \$500,000 raised in the campaign is specifically targeted to supporting important School technology needs.

Tom and Jean Levandowski to serve as General Chairs

Strong faith in the outcomes of Faithful Shepherd directs family to serve.

Tom and Jean Levandowski will serve as General Chair for the three-year tenure of the campaign. The Levandowski family has been a part of the Faithful Shepherd community since relocating from California in 2006. With children in the elementary and Middle School grades, their family has connected in a special way to Faithful Shepherd.

"We are excited to help lead the campaign because we believe in FSCS and this is our chance to help with a project of lasting importance to FSCS," said Tom and Jean adding, "We believe that FSCS plays a vital role

in the development and well-being of our children and that the School and Tri-Parish Center strengthens in a significant and tangible way the community life and mission of the supporting parishes."

The Levandowski family are members of St. Thomas Becket.



Faithful Shepherd

Fast Facts

THE FACILITY

- Opened September 2000
- 29 classrooms
- Meditation chapel
- Technology lab
- Science lab
- Art room
- Media center and loft
- Gymnasium and stage
- Soccer, softball, football and baseball fields

THE COMMUNITY

- 565 students
- 349 families

THE STAFF

- 38 Instructors
- 21 with Bachelor's degrees
- 17 with Masters's degrees
- 19:1 overall teacher to student ratio

THE CURRICULUM

- Roman Catholic Religion
- Language Arts
- Mathematics & Science
- Social Studies
- Spanish Language
- Health & Physical Education
- Art & Technology
- Library & Media Education

MASS SCHEDULE

Please join us at Mass every Wednesday morning at 8:15 a.m.

Campaign Update

GOAL:
\$2,500,000

PLEDGED:
\$516,548

Capital campaign to be launched in phases

The capital campaign for Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, entitled Shepherd the Way, is being conducted in eight phases: the Marketing Phase; the Strategic Gift Phase (\$25,000 or more); the Leadership Gift Phase (\$10,000 to \$24,999); the Major Gift Phase (\$5,000 to \$9,999); the Benefactor Gift Phase (\$2,500 to \$4,999); the Board of Directors Phase; the Faculty/Staff Phase; and the General Gift Phase.

The Marketing Phase, Board Phase, Strategic Gift Phase and Leadership Gift Phase have already been launched with the remaining phases to be initiated from August 2008 to February 2009. The timeline for each, and the members of the Faithful Shepherd community who have so graciously volunteered to lead each phase, are listed below.

Board of Directors Phase:

May '08 to June '08
Brian Howard

Strategic Gift Phase:

April '08 to Sept. '08
Mark & Jodie Zesbaugh

Leadership Gift Phase:

May '08 to Sept. '08
David & Diane Moeller
Dan & Jenny O'Brien

Major Gift Phase:

August '08 to Nov. '08
Jim & Teresa Lodoen

Faculty/Staff Phase:

Sept. '08 to Dec. '08
Kevin Dalum

Benefactor Gift Phase:

Nov. '08 to Feb. '09
Mike & Linda Kautzky

General Gift Phase:

Feb. '09 to June '09
Tom & Amy Fafinski

Response overwhelming! \$516,548 raised to date

Strategic and Leadership phases kickoff "Shepherd the Way" capital campaign.

Led by Mark & Jodie Zesbaugh, the Strategic Gift Phase of Shepherd the Way Capital Campaign officially began in May. This phase of the campaign is a critical component of the overall success of the campaign.

The Leadership Gift Phase was also launched in May. This phase is led by co-chairs Dan & Jenny O'Brien along with David & Diane Moeller.

The Strategic and Leadership Gift phases are generating significant momentum with these portions of the campaign.

Thank you to these volunteers who have committed their time, energy and resources to this important task.

A special note of thanks to those who have already made a pledge toward our campaign – your contribution is greatly appreciated!



Zesbaugh Family



Moeller Family



O'Brien Family

If you are interested in becoming involved in the Shepherd the Way capital campaign, please contact Sue Riesgraf at 651-406-4747 x 5395 or sriesgraf@fscsmn.org.

Thank you!