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January 2025

Dear STA Families, Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year! I haven't written to you since last year! 2025 brings great blessings to Saint Thomas as we celebrate our parish's 75th Jubilee Anniversary! Since 1950, STA has been at the service of Jesus and His Church. Now, in 2025, as Pastor I am honored to share this incredibly special milestone with you all. Serving you—and with you—is my great honor.



I am writing to share with you my joy in launching our **jubilee capital campaign**, *Under One Roof*, raising funds to pay for construction of our new school building, already underway! It is significant that we are kicking off this 3-year campaign on our 75th anniversary because it shows our shared commitment to the future of this parish and places our hope in the future of our Church and nation which is our children. After 75 years, our aging campus deservedly requires an infusion of innovation and investment to carry us all forward and to be a beacon to a world in need. *You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. -Matthew 5:15.*

With my deepest gratitude, thank you for trusting me with your financial gifts these past 10 years as we raised and saved \$10 million to dedicate to this capital development. Because

of your generosity and active participation our community, Saint Thomas is thriving and we were able to secure a \$9 million loan to get a shovel in the ground this past November. **It is not time to rest yet!** Our project approach is to shell the entire building and complete the Ground Floor to open to students and staff in early <u>Spring 2026</u>. **We still need to raise money to finish out the Basement, 2nd and 3rd floors.** It will cost approximately \$2 million per floor. This goal is absolutely within reach if we all come together!

I am personally committing \$100 per month for the next 3 years and asking each parishioner and school family to match me at this level or greater. Did you know that if you and every parish family met my "Match the Pastor" challenge and gave \$3,600, we would raise \$7.2 million! Perhaps you have the capacity to make a larger gift: consider a pledge of \$7,500 to commemorate our 75th Jubilee Anniversary! Perhaps \$100 per month is not in the cards—even smaller gifts make an impact and I would like to see 100% community participation. Pray about what gift amount is both sacrificial and sustainable for your household.

This project has been a parish dream for decades and it is finally underway! If you have been here as long as I have, then you know we have been fundraising since 2015 with our two *Building Virtues* and *Together Let Us Go Forth* campaigns. We have another lap to go! Bishop John Dolan has granted permission for us to proceed with this third campaign and **100% of funds received stay at Saint Thomas** for the benefit of our school. You have been a part of our history and I ask you to be a part of our future, *Under One Roof*.

In all things may Christ be glorified!

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Father Steve Kunkel

MAKE YOUR PLEDGE NOW

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR GIFT

Under One Roof is a 3-year capital campaign. Payments on your pledge can be made as a one-time gift or customize your giving plan with weekly, monthly, or quarterly payments over time. Pay by cash, check, credit card, or securities. Many employers have matching gift programs that match charitable contributions made by employees. Please consult your Human Resource Department for your company's policy.

Use the 3-Year Gift Chart to calculate your pledge payments over time.

	TOTAL GIFT	ANNUAL (x3)	QUARTERLY (x12)	MONTHLY (x36)
	\$500,000	\$166,667	\$41,667	\$13,889
	\$250,000	\$83,333	\$20,833	\$6,944
	\$100,000	\$33,333	\$8,333	\$2,778
	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$6,250	\$2,083
	\$50,000	\$16,667	\$4,167	\$1,389
	\$25,000	\$8,333	\$2,083	\$694
	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$1,250	\$417
	\$10,000	\$3,333	\$833	\$278
	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$625	\$208
	\$5,000	\$1,667	\$417	\$139
E	\$3,600	\$1,200	\$300	\$100

CREDIT CARD ONLINE



To make your pledge and payment(s) online, SCAN the QR Code or visit:

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staphx.org/underoneroof

CASH or CHECK

Cash or checks can be dropped in the collection basket at Mass or mailed to the parish office. Please let us know your pledge by completing the enclosed pledge card.

- Seal cash payments in an envelope and include your contact information.
- Make checks payable to: Saint Thomas the Apostle, memo: Under One Roof
- Mail to:

Saint Thomas the Apostle

Attn: Bri Cooney, Office of the Pastor 2312 E. Campbell Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85016

SECURITIES

Appreciated securities offers donors an income tax deduction for a charitable gift and donors avoid capital gains tax that will be incurred through a sale. Consult your tax accountant for advice and contact **Bri Cooney** in the parish office for necessary forms:

bcooney@staphx.org or (602) 368-5222



Saint Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Parish and School is a 501(c)(3).

Our Federal Tax ID is 36-4643961.

For project details: staphx.org/underoneroof

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Please complete the pledge card below and return in a Mass collection basket or mail to: Saint Thomas the Apostle attn: Bri Cooney

2312 E. Campbell Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85016

STEP 1: Enter the total amount of your pledge that will be paid at the end of 3 years.

STEP 2: Check the box indicating the frequency of your payments over time. For example: If you pledge \$3,600 and plan to pay \$100/month, check the box "Monthly (x36)"

STEP 3: Check the box indicating method of payment. Note: Credit Card payments can be set up online using the QR Code on the pledge card or by clicking the "Donate Now" button at staphx.org/underoneroof

STEP 4: Fill in your contact information so we can add your pledge to your parishioner record and send your end-of-year donation receipt! Your donation is tax deductible!

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