



Largest Matching Fund in Campaign History Launched

Faith and Foundation kicks off its Fall Campaign on the Nov. 21 weekend with a \$230,000 matching fund that has been established through the generosity of eight St. Augustine's parishioners who are eager to continue raising funds to build a new school.

This is the third time in the history of the school building campaign that such a fund has been created, exceeding the two previous matching funds that totalled \$200,000 and nearly \$20,000.

Under the terms of this year's matching fund, all donations or pledges will be matched dollar for dollar.

"We are very grateful to these donors who have committed to this matching fund

as a way of inspiring the rest of us," said Lawrence Pillon, chair of Faith and Foundation. "They, like many others in the Parish, are making these gifts for the second or third time because they believe that a new school is the priority."

"This is yet another indication of the commitment to keep moving forward. On behalf of our entire community, I want to express deeply felt appreciation for those who initiated the matching fund, for their leadership and belief in what we are doing."

The Campaign expects this fund will quickly allow the parish to break through the \$3 million milestone by the end of 2010.

How to help us match funds

If you have already given, you can repeat your initial gift or extend your pledge.

If you've never given before, you can make a \$1,000 donation (the cost of a "brick") or more, spread over a year (about \$84 per month or about the cost of a Starbucks' coffee per day). You can also spread your donation over two years or longer.

If you have securities in your portfolio, you can take advantage of some attractive tax benefits while helping us build a new school. Please see more details in this newsletter. If you have other creative ideas, call us at 604-736-4455 (Ext 231).

Leaky Roof puts a Damper on St. Augustine School

St. Augustine School roof is past its prime and students and teachers are paying the price.

The roof has 10,000 sq. feet of white plastic sealant on its surface – making it visible from an airplane according to one frequent flying parent in the School - because of numerous leaks that go from one end of the building to the other.

The major leaks are located in four places creating a large impact in one classroom and a minor impact in a few other locations.

"No adult in the community would be asked to work in an environment that was

this tenuous," said St. Augustine School principal Catherine Oberndorf. "How can we ask our kids and teachers?"

The roof had an 18 – 20 year life span and is currently at the 20 year mark. The school's leadership team has done its best to provide bandaid solutions over the years but has recognized there is an increasing sense of urgency to get a new building underway. A new roof would cost a minimum of \$100,000.

"We can't leave it like that indefinitely," said Ms. Oberndorf, adding that the current plan is to keep the cover in place until a stretch of dry weather, then patch as needed.

"Some people have been wondering about the genuine need to build a new school," said Ms. Oberndorf. "We have done an incredible job of masking, bandaging and plugging holes and systems in that school that are so outdated and in need of replacement."



Creative Giving Options: Securities Make Sense

In recent years it has become more popular to donate stock to charities. The following helps explain why.

Let's say you bought shares in XYZ Company some years ago for \$1,000 (known as the Adjusted Cost Base

or ACB). The stock's current Fair Market Value (FMV) is \$5,000.

We will assume that your marginal tax and charitable tax credit rates are both 40%:

Option 1

You sell the stock, and then donate the proceeds to a charity

Amount of gift	\$5,000
Total gain (FMV-ACB) (\$5,000-\$1,000)	\$4,000
Taxable capital gain (50% x \$4,000)	\$2,000
Tax on gain (40% x \$2,000)	\$ 800
Tax credit for donation (40% x \$5,000)	\$2,000
Net credit (tax credit – tax on gain)	\$1,200
Net cost (gift – net credit)	\$3,800

Option 2

You donate the stock directly to a charity

Amount of gift	\$5,000
Total gain (FMV-ACB) (\$5,000-\$1,000)	\$4,000
Taxable gain (0% x \$4,000)	\$0
Tax on gain (0% x \$2,000)	\$0
Tax credit (40% x \$5,000)	\$2,000
Net credit (tax credit – tax on gain)	\$2,000
Net cost (gift – net credit)	\$3,000
Net advantage of donating stock (\$3,800 - \$3,000)	\$ 800

The tax savings are \$800, equal to the tax paid in Option 1. However if you donate the shares directly to charity, instead of selling the stock and then donating the cash, your net cost is less. With a knowledgeable financial advisor, you can give stocks, bonds, trust

units or just about any mutual fund and make your donation go further.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Ingham at 604 506-0388, Faith and Foundation Major Gifts Outreach Chair.

New School Feasibility Study Almost Complete

The feasibility study to determine whether a new school for St. Augustine can be built in two stages, is almost complete.

Vic Vela, Faith and Foundation campaign building committee chair, said he is pleased with the progress and that phase 1, which involves operating two buildings on the site during construction, is feasible in essence.

He added that the building committee is still working with the City of Vancouver on traffic concerns. The new school would need to allow vehicle access on 7th Ave., which is a designated bike path.

“We’re down to one issue,” said Vela. “We believe we have given the City satisfactory solutions for that and now are trying to get in front of them for a final decision.”

Vela said architects from the firm, Acton Ostry (www.actonostroy.ca), which was hired in the spring to facilitate the study and determine how much “we can build” given the cost and city regulations, have been terrific.

Acton Ostry was selected out of 18 applicants. The firm’s bid won because of the architects’ ability to listen to and understand the community’s needs, in addition to their experience in designing beautiful and unique buildings for schools, dealing with complicated building issues, and working well with the city.

On cost, Vela said the building committee is starting to compile cost estimate information on phase 1 and phase 2, to be completed once the city’s general support

has been received at the conclusion of the feasibility study process.

The results of the study will eventually help inform the Parish’s submission to the Diocese for subsequent approvals. Once the Diocese gives us the green light the parish will be in a position to formally apply for permits with the City of Vancouver, a process that will also include public engagement.

Vela expects final word from the City by December.



Vic Vela
Faith and Foundation
Building Committee Chair

Reconnecting with the Sisters of Saint Ann

A letter from St. Augustine School Principal Catherine Oberndorf

Have you ever had the occasion to pray sincerely for something that was very important to you, and come away from that "receiving" something very different?

That's what happened when a few members of the campaign leadership team met with Sister Marie Zarowny, provincial leader for the congregation of the Sisters of St. Ann, Western Canada region, in Victoria this past summer.

For decades, we have been detached from the Sisters and maybe out of prayer, partly out of need, we reconnected with them and their leadership team.

But God's holy humour had something else in store for us. Once in Sister Marie's company, we all were quickly aware that there was a strong probability that something important was going to be asked of us at St. Augustine's.

Sister Marie spent some of the group's time together explaining how the Sisters are currently living out their mission and ministry to the Church. Although their numbers are significantly reduced, their zeal, passion and vision for the needs of the world in education, health and social justice remains as strong as it was in the days of the Sisters first arrival on the Western shores of British Columbia in 1858.

We at St. Augustine's were blessed by their presence when they joined with the Oblate Fathers and created the Parish and School of St. Augustine's in 1911. We are very honoured and humbled to be reconnecting with the Sisters after all these years.

As part of our reconnection vision, the Sisters of Saint Ann will be participating in two upcoming events at St. Augustine's School and Parish. On Nov. 29, at a School

assembly, the Sisters will be making a presentation to our school community on the work that their Community is committed to in Haiti, and the challenges they face in losing five of their schools in the January 2010 earthquake. As well, at our Dec. 9 Advent Concert, Sister Marie will make a personal appeal to all of us to now support the Sisters, in their current campaign entitled "Fund a Teacher."

These events are part of an important reconnection process with the Sisters, who helped to found St. Augustine School a century ago.

Those of us at the summer meeting in Victoria soon realized there was a real sense of belonging and the significant relationship that existed in the past should be revived.

Knowing our roots, and appreciating the sacrifices and vision of our founders can only serve to inspire us all in the work that is before us, to build our school again for the next 100 years!"

History of the Sisters of Saint Ann in BC

In 1843, Sir James Douglas established Fort Victoria on the southern tip of Vancouver Island. The first Catholic Bishop, Modeste Demers, arrived in the 1850s to take over his newly established See, which stretched from the Strait of Juan de Fuca to the Arctic. Having neither priests nor other missionaries for the apostolic work he envisioned, he left for Montreal to seek help.

Help arrived in the form of four Sisters of Saint Ann, who joined the Bishop and his other recruits. After two months traveling to the West Coast, the SS Seabird glided into the Victoria harbour on June 5, 1858. The Sisters' first home was a rundown, empty log cabin, and their first act was to open it as a school for local children.



St. Augustine's first church, school and parish hall (1911) at the corner of 7th and Arbutus

A Word from Father Terry McNamara, OMI



Dear Parishioners and school parents:

We stand on the shoulders of great dedicated women and men who have sacrificed so much in the past 100 years to make our Parish such a vital community.

Our school was staffed in the early days by the Sisters of Saint Ann. On a recent trip to Victoria I visited one of those dear Sisters who, believe it or not, taught in the old school 70 years ago. Sister Lucille is now an invalid and will celebrate her 90 birthday in July. I have reconnected her with the school through her prayers and time living in a bed. Her eyes sparkled when I told her of the progress that has been made to build a new

school. This will be the third one at St. Augustine's.

So much has been accomplished in the past ten years since this campaign to build a new school was launched. Sister Lucille and the other Sisters have passed the torch onto us. Over 700 donors have stepped forward to accept the challenge. What is most gratifying is that our financial contributors come almost equally from school parents and those who do not have children in the school.

I ask you for your continued generosity, support and prayers as we forge ahead in building our new school.

Father Terry McNamara OMI
Administrator

Profile of a Campaign Volunteer



Jennifer Ingham,
Campaign
Major Gifts
Outreach chair

“It is a privilege to be part of the legacy that will give our community the new bricks and mortar to continue an exceptional Catholic educational school and community that we all need.”

Jennifer Ingham is an experienced fundraising leader with more than 20 years of community experience. Currently vice president of development for the BC Lions Society for Children with Disabilities & Easter Seals BC, Ms. Ingham has a daughter at St. Augustine School and has taken on leadership of the Faith and Foundation Campaign major gifts outreach for the past three years. She graduated from Carleton University in 1989 and received her designation as a professional fundraiser in 2005. She is very involved in best practices leadership for fundraisers nationally and was a founding member of ‘Leave a Legacy BC’, a program designed to raise awareness of the importance of the estate planning process. The program encourages people to leave a gift through wills or any other gift-planning instrument to a charity or non-profit organization.

The BIG Picture

Total Donations and Pledges:	\$ 2,867,585	**2010 Matching Fund:	\$ 230,000
Funds Received:	\$ 2,575,420 *	Funds Matched:	\$ 0
Pledges Outstanding:	\$ 291,165		
Total Donors:	728		
Total Gifts:	1424		

* Faith and Foundation Campaign funds are held in a separate Parish/Archdiocesan account for the sole purpose of building a new school at St. Augustine's.

** 2010 Matching Fund totals not included in overall totals



- November 21 Faith and Foundation Campaign Sunday
- November 28 Faith and Foundation Campaign Sunday
- December 4 Faith and Foundation Campaign Sunday
- December 9 School Advent Concert
- April 9, 2011 Pass the Torch

Help us build our school.

Donation forms are available at the back of the church or contact the **Faith & Foundation** office at 604 736 4455 ext. 231