

Testimonials from Parishioners Regarding the Building Project

The entire One Light, One Future Together campaign is about the future. It is about building the school, facilities and worship space for the next generation. We are contributing as our gift to the next generation of Lumen Christi Catholic families. – Doug Borys

I am grateful for working at a parish that has two wonderful leaders, Fr Dan and Fr Matthew that truly embody the Gospel message of Jesus. There are so many wonderful opportunities for our parishioners to get involved in building up the Body of Christ within the Parish and out in the community. I am hopeful that all of the good things that will go into the renovated church will brighten the Light of Christ at Lumen Christi. – Bob Pauly, Minister of Discipleship

I am grateful for the many activities Lumen Christi has to develop faith at a deeper level, such as Fr Dan's book clubs, the Alpha series, Soup and Substance series, prayer groups, volunteer opportunities and so much more. – Monica Misey

I'm grateful to be asked to help and I'm thankful when I can help. My spirit and faith have been enhanced and nurtured by parish leadership, staff and the parishioners. Faith sharing opportunities are the highlight of my experiences at Lumen Christi and I'm grateful for each and every one of them. Each community needs a central place/home to share faith, hope, love and community with others. Lumen Christi is the Catholic home central to those in Mequon-Thiensville (and beyond). – David Kriete

I'm grateful for the witness of faith my parents provided through their actions. The personal relationships, adult education and activities available at Lumen Christi help me not only better understand and be a witness for my faith, but also provide the opportunity to be part of a community of wonderful people. The sacraments that define us as a faith community and mark the major milestones in our lives occur in our worship space. Its vitally important that we have an environment that can effectively support them for future generations. – Jim Karolewicz

As Lumen Christi's Director of Finance, I got to witness the generosity of over 1,000 Parish families who donated to Phase 1 of our Building Project. We are embarking on Phase 2, which renovates our sacred space called Church. I sense the enthusiasm and look forward to the many blessings that will result upon completing our Master Building Plan. –Jane Bartlett

My husband and I are so grateful that we attended a school open house 9 years ago and decided to enroll our daughter. It's been an amazing community to be a part of and to enjoy our children's experiences together. When we moved to Mequon, our goal was that this would be our family's "home town". My hope is that Lumen Christi continues to be vibrant and grows, that I get to attend a lot of weddings here in the future of my child and her friends, and we continue to feel a part of the Lumen Christi community. Phase 1 brought us together. In Phase 2, we get to build what that togetherness looks like for the future of Lumen Christi! – Kim Althaus

Parish involvement and Parish Life activities have introduced me to new friends and strengthened relationships with existing ones. For all that I have, and for all that is to come, I have a responsibility to "give something back". Both sets of my Grandparents built a church and a school for the benefit of my parents' generation. My parents built a church and a school for the benefit of my generation. Now it is my turn to step up to the plate. My wife and I are now praying over our commitment. – Ken Sosnowski

I want to be part of Phase II, and I want very much to have made a personal contribution to the Lumen Christi of the future. Presently, I have four grandchildren in the area, and I hope that one day they will bring their young families here to worship in the church we are planning and designing. This is a lasting legacy and much

bigger than the people who fill the pews today. This is something we each are creating for generations to come. – Anne Best

Making a Difference- *A child was walking along a beach when he saw a starfish washed-up on the sand. The child picked-up the starfish and threw it back into the sea. An adult witnessed what the child had done. He told the child, "There are hundreds of starfish washed-up on this beach. What difference did it make to throw one back into the sea?"*

The child replied, "It made a difference to that one."

The child intuitively knew the meaning of Christ's parable about the Good Shepherd, leaving the flock of 99, to search for the one, lost sheep. The child understood Emerson's verse about "Success"; "To know that another life breathed easier, because you lived." The child taught the adult the lesson, "Not to forsake the good, in search of the perfect."

In this complex world of Global Economy, diverse constituencies, and absence of shared values it seems impossible for one person to make a difference. Yet, Lumen Christi offers such an opportunity. The merging of two parishes demands more worship space. The completion of Phase 1 of the Construction Project provided the necessary space for the merged schools and administrative offices. Now is the time to provide space for additional "lost sheep" to worship.

Any amount, like the child throwing one starfish back into the sea, makes a difference. Any amount, like the child who provided 5 loaves and 2 fishes to feed a crowd of five thousand, made a difference. Any amount given, with the grace of God, will construct an ample, wonderful house of worship, for all God's children. That's the magnificent mystery of the Mystical Body of Christ. All members, different from each other, sharing what they have to love God and each other, yet, all valued the same by God. That's the power of the Mystical Body of Christ, accomplishing things, through the grace of God, that the secular mind can't imagine. Please, take this rare opportunity to stand on the shoulders of the parishioners who came before us, and the opportunity to tell your children, and your children's children: "I helped build that Church."

The amount is irrelevant. The opportunity to love one another, whatever the amount, is what makes a difference. _ Paul Maliszewski