



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Planning Our Future

From Father Jeffery

Dear Lourdes Family,

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. —Matthew 18:20

What a wonderful beginning we had for our Capital Campaign on Saturday, March 7th. More than 80 people joyfully gathered in Jesus' name to take the first step to build our new church by joining one of six Campaign Teams. I am grateful to God for making the evening such a success and to all of those who are contributing their time and talents.

If you were unable to attend this kickoff event, and would like the opportunity to join one of the Campaign Teams, please type the link below in your web browser and indicate on which team you would like to serve. We would be delighted to have you be a part of our journey!

We have set our Campaign Commitment Weekend for May 16-17. On those days, we are asking every Lourdes Family to make a financial commitment to



support the Campaign—payable over the next three years. Please mark your calendars.

Between now and Commitment Weekend, we will have a number of occasions to gather and discuss the plans and the way forward to build our new church. Above all, remember that our efforts rest on Christ as our cornerstone. In the meantime, please keep our parish family and community in your daily prayers.

Yours in Jesus, Our Brother,

Father Jeffery
Pastor

Campaign Teams Meet and Begin Work

Prayer Team

Team leaders: Julian Reid and Thayer Sturgis

The Prayer Team immediately began working on a prayer that will be used throughout the campaign.

Events Team

Team leaders: Xavier Semien and Pamela Toliver

The main purpose of this team is to create opportunities for all parishioners to attend an event and discuss the campaign, the plans for new church and ask questions.

Thanks Team

Team leaders: Trimika Fernandez, Janis Griffin, and La Royce Thompson

The main discussion revolved around an appropriate way to recognize all who make a pledge to the campaign. In addition, members will design and send out a personal thank you note to all who give to the campaign.

Youth Team

Team leaders: Isiaiah Fernandez, Bernetta Jones and John Ujda

The team will seek ways to involve the children and youth in the campaign. Ideas under consideration include presentations at Mass and making a video. This team welcomes additional adult and teen members.

Ambassador Team

Team leaders: Nyrva Cadet and Paulette Lewis

The team reviewed its responsibilities and discussed recruiting additional members. They also proposed dates for training sessions for team members.

Communications Team

Team leaders: Patrice Barton Smith and Joanne Breough

Members of this team have been hard at work on their first task—coming up with a theme and a graphic to represent the campaign. These two items will then be incorporated into a campaign logo.

How to Join a Team

Please type <http://bit.ly/2Q21law> in your web browser and fill out the form. A Team Leader will reach out to you with additional information.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

REGISTER FOR A

VIRTUS - PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (PGC) SESSION

at OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Thursday, April 30th - 6:30PM - 9:30PM

OR

Saturday May 9th - 9AM - Noon

in the Katharine Drexel Parish Hall

This 3-hour session is for adults (18 and older) and is mandatory for clergy, staff and volunteers working with children and/or vulnerable individuals. All interested individuals must **Pre-Register!** Participants must attend the entire 3-hour class to receive credit. Classes start promptly so please no late arrivals.

To register, visit: <http://virtusonline.org/virtus/>

- Click on *Registration* link on left side of the page
- Select *Begin the Registration Process*
- Select **Atlanta, GA (Archdiocese)** from the drop-down menu
- Create User ID and password – Do not use a shared email address
- Complete personal information
- Select primary location, role, and title (If you are an EMPLOYEE of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, please select your employer as the primary location)
- Indicate if you are involved with more than one location
- Select *'Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church'* from the *Protecting God's Children* session list

Your participation is a very important part of our continuing effort to make our Church a safe environment for children and vulnerable individuals.

