



**St. Mary's Catholic Church
16 Wylie Street
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Mr. John Kearns
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Dear Jack:

It is with a great sense of gratitude that I write to thank John Kearns & Associates for your professional management of our highly successful Sesquicentennial Capital Campaign. You may recall that since we have approximately 225 families some on our committee and others who know the parish well thought that our goal of \$400,000 was too ambitious. Well I'm excited to report that we have now raised an amazing total of over \$480,000 which will allow us to not only restore our church but also take on some additional projects.

I will never forget the response from parishioners when I announced our latest total at Mass. The congregation erupted with applause and everyone was filled with joy. In addition to raising the funds necessary to restore St. Mary's church, the campaign had another positive effect: the spirit of our parishioners has actually been lifted because of the way they united as a parish family under your program.

Since this was my first assignment as a pastor and having never been through a capital campaign the task seemed a little daunting at first. However, I was pleased that your campaign plan did not prevent me from meeting my daily obligations to ministry. I was also delighted with the effective way the campaign was laid out and the relative ease of follow through. Your expertise as a fundraiser and knowledge of parish life was the perfect combination.

Finally, along with my gratitude goes my very strong recommendation of your firm's services and reliability. You more than live up to what you promise. May God continue to bless your efforts among God's people.

Sincerely,

Father Jason Hage
Pastor