



Sacred Heart Parish

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Dear Parishioner,

Wishing you, your family and friends a blessed Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year 2010! May the New Born Jesus Christ fill your lives with many blessings!

One of the most important things that a person needs is a home. A home is where one experiences the joy and grief in life, where one eats and drinks, where one rests.

The same is true for the house we use as parishioners. Sacred Heart Parish's church building is the house and home of our community. In it, we share those experiences of joy and grief in the sacraments and the Mass; we eat and drink of the Body and Blood of Jesus; we find peace and rest here. Throughout the year, along with the Mass, we have Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Reconciliations, Weddings, and Funerals. We celebrate the holidays here with our larger family.

But as with our own smaller families' homes, sometimes we need to make major repairs. At this time we find ourselves with the urgent need to replace the roof of the church. It comes at the end of the regular life of the roof that we presently have. If you have the means, you do not let your own roof leak; and so it should be with the home of your parish.

We cannot defer this to another year without risking even more extensive and expensive repairs in the near future. We have to fix it. We have to fix it now!

At this time we are beginning a campaign to fund the roof replacement called "Let us Repair God's House: Spring 2010." We have some bids in, and already we can see that the amount will be more than all the money we presently have saved for our buildings and grounds. At most, we have approximately \$38,000 available, but bidding has started in the range of \$60,000—\$90,000. The difference between what we have and what we need is our responsibility as a parish.

We could borrow money from the archdiocese, and though the interest rate would be low, it would still be a loan to be repaid. The Pastoral and Finance Councils of Sacred Heart Parish would prefer not to have to borrow, but cover the cost of all the repairs ourselves, if possible. Many hands make light work, the saying goes; if we all give something, we can make this happen.

We hope that, in the spirit of the Christmas season, as we remember how God gave us His Son at the world's time of greatest need, you will be generous as we all work to meet our great need. This campaign will be ongoing, with work anticipated for the spring, but we need to begin raising funds now.

It is God's house, and it is ours. Please help us take care of our own.

Rev. Nils Hdez.

Rev. Nils Hernández, Pastor

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