



growing stronger  
every day



# St. Sebastian Parish Foundation

SINCE 1971

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

*How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good He has done for me?*

*– Psalm 116:12*

## growing stronger every day

### Patrick O'Neill

Thank God for the generosity of his people. Because of you this parish continues to be a beacon of light in our community. Throughout the past 39 years, many of you have quietly given of your time, talent and treasure to assure the long-term viability of our parish. We are grateful for your generosity and please know that any amount you give is received as a treasured gift.

We serve as stewards of these gifts of today to ensure they will be there for upcoming generations, ten, twenty, thirty years into the future; and beyond. The decisions we make today are based on this reality. As you continue to invest in this parish, I am certain future generations will look back with grateful hearts and give thanks for what you have done for them, starting way back in 1971.

Thank you and God bless you and your families,  
Patrick O'Neill  
President • St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



There is no doubt about it. St. Sebastian Parish remains a firm anchor and powerful beacon of faith and knowledge to the West Akron area – in part because of the St. Sebastian Foundation. Whereas donations put in the collection basket allow us to meet our day-to-day operational budget, it is contributions to the foundation that allows us to achieve so much more.

Over the years the foundation has given millions of dollars to the parish and that has allowed us to make significant improvements to our facilities, has helped us keep our tuition low, provided equipment and technology for our school, and has funded many programs (a more detailed list you will find inside), none of which would have been possible without the assistance of the foundation.

This parish would not be as successful in its mission if not for the foundation and the foundation would

not exist if it were not for you. When you entrust your generosity to the foundation you are not only helping the parish today but well into the future. You are making sure that the faith is handed on, ensuring that our beautiful buildings remain solid and up to date, providing education for future generations, giving your community programs and services for people of all ages every day of the week, and most importantly, providing West Akron a strong vibrant Christian Catholic community to worship, minister and grow in Christ.

If you have already given to the St. Sebastian Foundation thank you. If you are contemplating giving please know that your contribution not only helps today but will continue to bring hope, faith, and stability well into the future.

God bless you,  
The Rev. John A. Valencheck • Pastor

*"The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation was established to provide funds for the benefit of its school children. Today, because of this foundation, the children of St. Sebastian Parish School are fortunate to study and learn while conducting experiments in the state-of-the-art Victor E. Buehrle, Jr. Science Lab."*

*– Kathleen J. Buehrle*

### About the Foundation

In 1968, Father Charles L. Byrider assumed leadership of the church, following Monsignor Zwisler. He was noted for his love of people and unabashed support for the value of "family." In fact, in a Sunday homily he once said, "...If things are tight, I would rather not see the money in the collection, but spent on a family vacation, instead."

He also understood finances and soon realized that the day would come when needs would exceed what the regular parish collection could provide (especially if all our parish families suddenly went on vacation)!

So, in 1971, Father Byrider, along with some long-time parishioners, established the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. The idea was to ensure funds would always be available to continue the St. Sebastian tradition. The original foundation consisted of six parishioners and the pastor. Today, the number of trustees has grown to eight of our most committed parish faithful as well as our pastor, but they cannot do it alone.

We may sometimes think of the structures at St. Sebastian as "old friends"! Some have been with us for more than 80 years. Although they're

showing their age, we can't imagine our campus, or our lives, without them. Hundreds of our neighbors pass through these buildings every year. Many generations before us have enjoyed their hospitality. However, as in any aging process, the years take a toll. Things vital to the life of our church and school start to wear out. Heating, plumbing, electrical, cooling, roofs, foundations, windows, sidewalks and parking lots all need attention. All need continuing care. If proper care is withheld, like old friends, they will gradually fade away, and their passing will lessen us all.

In addition to proper care for our "old friends", we must continue to add new technology, new accommodations and new revenue-generating avenues for the parish, as well as educational and youth sports facilities for our parishioners and their children. The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is dedicated to supplying the funds that support the old and the new. Our aim is to provide the needed dollars to support the spiritual, educational, recreational and physical needs of our Church and School. But in order to hit our target, we need your help!



Your gifts propagate and strengthen the faith, shape young minds, educate adults, encourage youth sports activities and comfort our elderly. Next time you are on the St. Sebastian campus, look around you. See what your contributions have already done. Take pride in it. Then look again, and see how much more could be done – how much more should be done – how much more must be done!

It is important to note that all contributions to the St. Sebastian Foundation, as well as the interest generated from them, stay within the parish. So, in a way, whatever you give comes back to you and your family with interest!



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS TO THE ST. SEBASTIAN PARISH FOUNDATION FOR 2009

We thank and acknowledge all those who have designated a gift to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, many in memory or honor of their loved ones. We are grateful for their generosity in making a lasting gift to the parish.

We will publish gifts on a periodic basis as a way of thanking our generous contributors. Inevitably, we may inadvertently omit some names. Please call these oversights to our attention so that we may verify our records. If you would like to honor someone you love, you may contact Director of Development, Jennifer Knapp Ciarlariello, at 330.836.2233. Please feel free to use the enclosed envelope for any future gifts.

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*"Providing money for a scholarship fund is very heartwarming. Knowing some boy or girl is receiving a Catholic education at St. Sebastian Parish School is a privilege and parishioners should, if possible, be willing to finance a child's education."*

– Maralyn Yanko

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The John L. and Nellie A. Tormey  
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*Designated to the St. Sebastian  
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Installation as Our Pastor**  
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\*The endowment or fund was  
new for 2009

*They are like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in season;  
Its leaves never wither; whatever they do prospers.* — Psalm 1:3



*“As past president of Sanctuary Society, I was extremely thankful for the support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. The foundation was one of our sponsors for the 2009 International Festival. The International Festival is the major fundraiser for Sanctuary Society. All funds raised help with the maintenance and beautification of the altar. The foundation's support of our event was greatly appreciated.”*

— Jenny Minear



## Financial Statement

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Financial Position at December 31, 2009

| Assets                        | 2009                |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash & Short Term Investments | \$ 89,789           |
| Long-term Investments         |                     |
| Fixed Income                  | \$ 1,274,328        |
| Equities                      | \$ 2,061,037        |
| <b>Total Assets</b>           | <b>\$ 3,425,154</b> |

| Liabilities and Fund Balances              | 2009                |
|--|---------------------|
| Grants Approved for Future Payment         | \$ 60,117           |
| Fund Balances                              | \$ 3,365,037        |
| <b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balances</b> | <b>\$ 3,425,154</b> |

## St. Sebastian Parish Foundation Statement of Income and Expenses for the Year Ended December 31, 2009

| Income                       | 2009              |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Gifts & Fundraisers          | \$ 146,299        |
| Net Gains from Investments   | \$ 420,312        |
| <b>Total Gifts and Gains</b> | <b>\$ 566,611</b> |

| Distribution and Expenses               | 2009              |
|---|-------------------|
| Distributions to Church and School      | \$ 156,063        |
| Expenses                                | \$ 124,511        |
| <b>Total Distributions and Expenses</b> | <b>\$ 280,574</b> |

*“The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation has provided a beautiful way to keep the vision of my late husband, Jim, a reality. In helping to provide a quality Catholic education for those who are in need of assistance will only foster his idea of nurturing the next generation in the ways of faith and generosity. Thank you for the leadership that makes this possible.”*

– Brenda Pier

## Treasurer’s Report

Your support to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation helps our church and school each year. The purpose of the foundation is to provide for the continuing success of our entire parish and to assist our community to grow stronger and smarter every day, especially in times of unusual need. Our sincerest thanks to those who have made gifts to the foundation to allow us to continue making extraordinary things happen.

Since 1971, the foundation has grown as a result of earnings on the investments in past years and the very generous gifts from our parishioners as well as from memorials; which allows the foundation to make large gifts to our church and school each year. In 2009, the Foundation Board approved \$262,031 to be distributed as follows:

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| <b>Tuition Assistance</b>                          | <b>= \$35,999</b>  |
| <b>Classroom Renovation</b>                        | <b>= \$9,848</b>   |
| <b>Bell Tower Repair</b>                           | <b>= \$4,000</b>   |
| <b>Deficit Reduction</b>                           | <b>= \$60,117</b>  |
| <b>Restricted &amp; Unrestricted Distributions</b> | <b>= \$156,063</b> |

### The Foundation Value over the last four years

| Year Ending | Total Market Value | Unrestricted Value | Restricted Value | % Change |
|-------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|
| 12/31/2009  | \$ 3,425,154       | \$ 2,336,367       | \$ 1,068,398     | +13.96%  |
| 12/31/2008  | \$ 3,119,627       | \$ 2,135,678       | \$ 953,948       | - 31.00% |
| 12/31/2007  | \$ 4,571,419       | \$ 3,141,111       | \$ 1,429,516     | + 5.04%  |
| 12/31/2006  | \$ 4,187,763       | \$ 3,046,048       | \$ 1,141,688     | +12.34%  |

**The total contributions to the church and school from the foundation thru 2009 totals \$6,627,797.**

We hope to increase the value of the foundation so that we can continue to support our church and school. St. Sebastian Parish receives greater distributions as the foundation grows stronger. If you have not yet done so, please consider a gift or bequest to the foundation. Once again, our sincerest thanks to all our past supporters and to especially those who regularly contribute to the foundation.

During the past year, the foundation welcomed two new board members to the foundation, Tim Beringer and Tricia Gerak. John Beringer, a former President of the Board, has resigned after over 20 years of dedicated service. Our new Director of Development is Jennifer Knapp Ciariariello.

Sincerely Yours,  
John D. Kelley, Jr.  
Treasurer • St. Sebastian Parish Foundation



*“The Buehrle Science Fund has provided me with a state-of-the-art science lab. I believe that our students are working like real-life scientists when they, for example, use the Vernier System equipment or participate online in the Planting Science Program. To ensure success for all students, science lab concepts taught visually/orally in the classroom are reinforced with hand’s-on (kinesthetic) activities in the lab.*

*In the Science Olympiad Program, event topics change over time. The fund has enabled me to purchase study materials and equipment for the Science Olympiad Team as needed.”*

– Betty Indriolo, Junior High Science Teacher

**1998**

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Boiler Controls        | \$ 12,420 |
| Campus Security System | \$ 71,521 |
| School Fire Alarm      | \$ 40,480 |
| School Financial Aid   | \$ 11,000 |
| Teacher Salaries       | \$ 26,250 |
| Restricted Accts.      | \$ 31,026 |
| Distributions          |           |

**1999**

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Schools Boilers                 | \$ 52,770 |
| Church Roof Repair              | \$ 21,680 |
| Lighting Zwisl Hall Parking Lot | \$ 38,967 |
| Design Fees                     | \$ 39,518 |
| School Financial Aid            | \$ 11,000 |
| Repair Church                   | \$ 2,884  |
| Cooling Tower                   |           |
| School Computers                | \$ 17,330 |
| Zwisl Hall Repairs              | \$ 18,500 |
| Restricted Accts.               | \$ 25,470 |
| Distributions                   |           |

**2000**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Church Roof Repair   | \$ 62,925  |
| Design Fees          | \$ 23,443  |
| School Financial Aid | \$ 12,000  |
| Replace Church       | \$ 16,517  |
| Cooling Tower        |            |
| Church Sound System  | \$ 13,901  |
| School Deficit       | \$ 69,500  |
| Convent Renovation   | \$ 393,589 |
| School Computers     | \$ 8,965   |
| Restricted Accts.    | \$ 123,514 |
| Distributions        |            |

**2001**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid | \$ 12,000  |
| Church Sound System  | \$ 43,578  |
| School Deficit       | \$ 32,000  |
| Convent Renovation   | \$ 271,675 |
| Restricted Accts.    | \$ 23,545  |
| Distributions        |            |

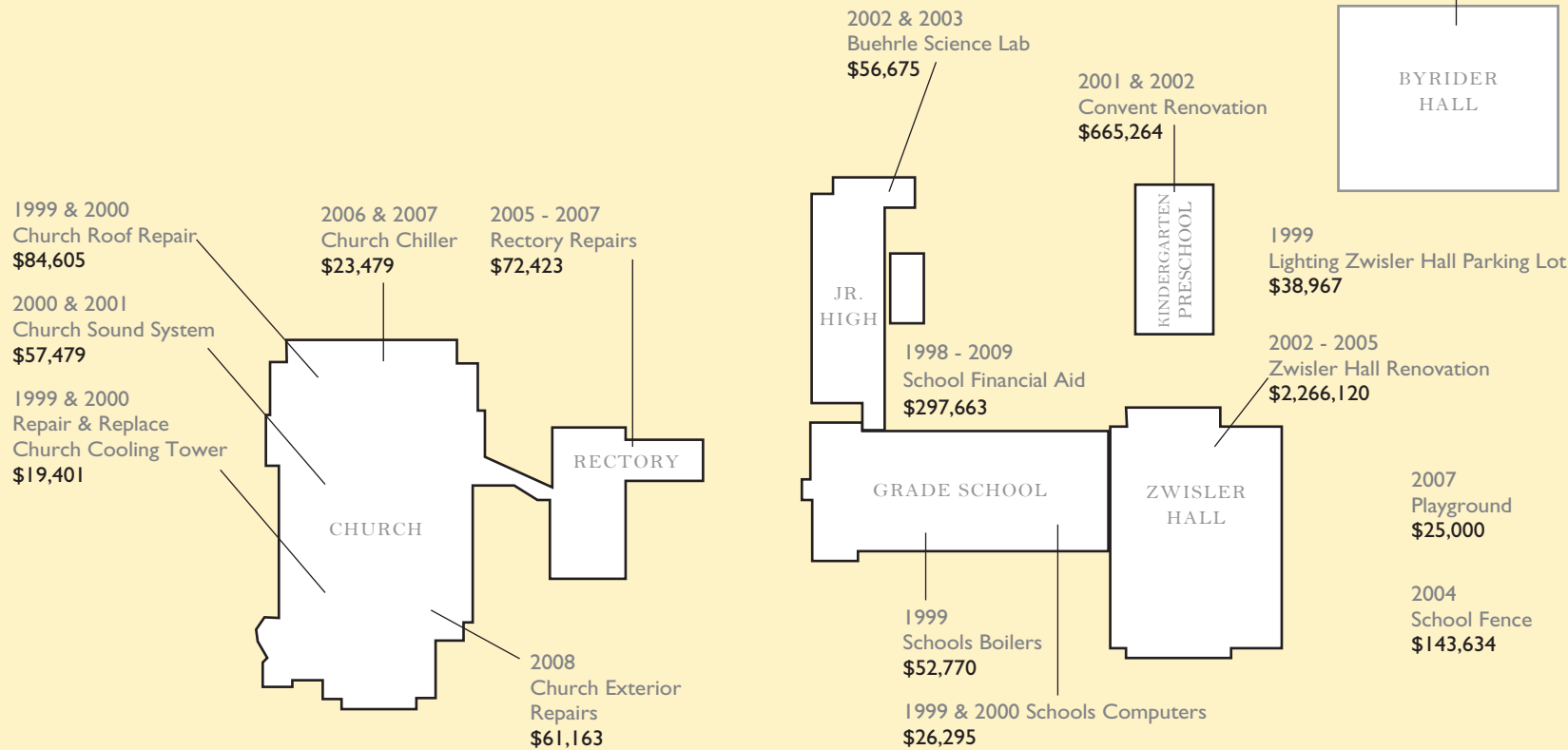
**2002**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid     | \$ 28,000  |
| Capital Campaign Expense | \$ 27,219  |
| Rectory Internet Wiring  | \$ 4,896   |
| Byrider Hall Renovation  | \$ 112,551 |
| Church Pianos            | \$ 5,000   |
| School Science Lab       | \$ 41,751  |
| Zwisl Hall Renovation    | \$ 333,491 |
| Restricted Accts.        | \$ 66,234  |
| Distributions            |            |

**2003**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid     | \$ 25,000  |
| Financial Aid to Parish  | \$ 78,000  |
| Byrider Hall Renovation  | \$ 4,832   |
| Parish Signs             | \$ 4,107   |
| Zwisl Hall Renovation    | \$ 813,435 |
| Altar Furnishings        | \$ 2,093   |
| Copy Machine             | \$ 13,000  |
| School Marketing Expense | \$ 8,386   |
| School Water Fountains   | \$ 2,275   |
| Church Floor Mats        | \$ 3,716   |
| Repair Brick Parking Lot | \$ 5,617   |
| School Carpeting         | \$ 9,578   |
| Church Repair            | \$ 8,169   |
| Zwisl Hall Renovation    | \$ 746,835 |
| Science Lab Renovation   | \$ 14,924  |
| Restricted Accts.        | \$ 78,826  |
| Distributions            |            |

Thank you for your support of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation, which has helped us grow stronger and smarter every day.



This shows you some of the major projects the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation has accomplished over the years.

**2004**

|                             |            |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid        | \$ 27,664  |
| Assistance to Church/School | \$ 35,000  |
| Church Parking Lot          | \$ 2,500   |
| School Fence                | \$ 143,634 |
| School Boiler Treatment     | \$ 20,186  |
| Byrider Hall Roof Repair    | \$ 26,800  |
| Stonework Repair            | \$ 88,192  |
| School/Z-Hall               |            |
| Zwisl Hall Renovation       | \$ 368,075 |
| Restricted Accts.           | \$ 81,394  |
| Distributions               |            |

**2005**

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid     | \$ 30,000  |
| Zwisl Hall Renovation    | \$ 4,284   |
| School/Rectory           | \$ 45,525  |
| Masonry Repair           |            |
| Junior High Wall Heaters | \$ 6,598   |
| Rectory Repairs          | \$ 58,452  |
| Kindergarten Renovations | \$ 10,856  |
| Church Boiler Pump       | \$ 13,370  |
| Church Organ Repair      | \$ 8,425   |
| Restricted Accts.        | \$ 129,456 |
| Distributions            |            |

**2006**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid | \$ 35,000  |
| Classroom Renovation | \$ 15,432  |
| Seinna Institute     | \$ 3,784   |
| Church Repair        | \$ 6,000   |
| Rectory Repair       | \$ 9,581   |
| Stewardship          | \$ 6,000   |
| HVAC Monitor         | \$ 7,900   |
| Church Chiller       | \$ 11,499  |
| Campus Signs         | \$ 16,300  |
| Rectory Boiler       | \$ 16,017  |
| Restricted Accts.    | \$ 118,642 |
| Distributions        |            |

**2007**

|                            |            |
|----------------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid       | \$ 35,000  |
| Classroom Renovation       | \$ 10,763  |
| Rectory Repair             | \$ 4,390   |
| School Video Security Sys. | \$ 10,000  |
| Playground                 | \$ 25,000  |
| Church Chiller             | \$ 11,980  |
| Restricted Accts.          | \$ 199,306 |
| Distributions              |            |

**2008**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid    | \$ 35,000  |
| Classroom Renovations   | \$ 9,642   |
| Deficit Reduction       | \$ 21,000  |
| Church Exterior Repairs | \$ 61,163  |
| Zwisl Hall Plaza        | \$ 86,187  |
| Restricted Accts.       | \$ 123,434 |
| Distributions           |            |

**2009**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| School Financial Aid | \$ 35,999  |
| Classroom Renovation | \$ 9,848   |
| Bell Tower Repair    | \$ 4,000   |
| Deficit Reduction    | \$ 60,117  |
| Restricted Accts.    | \$ 156,063 |
| Distributions        |            |



## Capital Improvements

Father Valencheck has identified the most critical challenges we currently face on our campus. He stated that “the parish of St. Sebastian is a vibrant and active parish where community, faith, and action meet every single day, all day. The parish had been historically and richly the cornerstone of West Akron and gem of the Diocese of Cleveland and continues to be so today. In order to keep the parish alive and active we need a plan for the future. Sufficient for the day is its own sin, as Scripture says. Here are some of the major blessings and challenges of the parish that lay outside of the day-to-day operations of the parish and thus need special attention”. Here is a brief list of our needs that need tended (Father’s complete report can be found at [foundation.stsebastian.org](http://foundation.stsebastian.org))

### FINANCES

St. Sebastian is a wonderful parish and we are blessed to have parishioners that generously support all our efforts and good works within our community. While our parish is financially stable, over the past decade we have slowly been spending next year’s budgeted income (i.e. tuition) during the current fiscal year. This has created an operating deficit which climbed to over \$230,000 at the end of the 2008-2009 fiscal year. Significant measures have been taken to reduce this operating deficit and we are confident that we are on the correct path.

With the assistance of the foundation and many generous donors, we believe that this operating deficit will be reduced by over 26% by the end of the 2009-2010 fiscal year. It is hoped that with this information, an understanding will develop in the various parish groups responsible for finances and that a viable solution might be found.

### SCHOOL BRICK PARKING LOT

This is a unique feature at the parish and was built of used paving bricks under the guidance of Monsignor Zwisler. The lot has a long history and many people have an attachment to it and mention of the brick parking lot always brings memories. It would be difficult to name one other location that has such a lot as this one and it does add to the charm of our grounds. Though this lot is approximately 80 years old, since it was built using used paving bricks the materials used are actually much older. A significant number of the bricks

range from crumbling to completely disintegrated. Shifts in the ground have caused low areas to develop that hold water and freeze in the winter.

### ROOFS

Most of the flat roofs on the buildings of the main part of our grounds are ten-year roofs. Through careful attention and maintenance, we have made them last approximately 15 years. The flat roof on Byrider Hall is about five years old. These foam roofs have served us well but they will not last forever and their removal and replacement will be expensive.

### CHURCH PLAZA

The church plaza is our front door to the community and creates the first impression to a person attending our parish. It is also the “front yard” of the parish so to speak. This past summer we used the plaza for our first outdoor Donut Sunday. It was a smashing success, which we directly attribute to people not having to walk or drive to Zwisler Hall. The church plaza is important to us both for the aesthetics of our property both to the parish and the greater community and for the usefulness of gathering, especially in the summer for events like Donut Sunday. The 50+ year concrete is starting to deteriorate. The concrete wall surrounding the garden is starting to give way and concrete pads are cracking. There is an issue of safety as well as aesthetics.

### PEWS AND TERRAZO

The pews are the most used and touched objects by most people in the Church. We use them to sit, kneel, hold books and personal objects. We set our children on them and place our hands on the back rests of the pews in front of us when standing. Simply because they take up a huge amount of the floor space the condition of pews reflects the overall feel of the cleanliness and physical state of the church building. To this extent we can be proud of the original craftsmanship of our pews. In style and construction they are befitting our parish building. The pews have been in use for over 50 years and are showing signs of wear both in their finish and in their structure. The finish is wearing, scratched, and unsanitary looking so that even when clean they look distracting. On a weekly basis kneelers that have fallen off need to be repaired. The pews need to be repaired, refinished, and have book racks added to them and at the same time the terrazzo floor would be restored filling pitted areas and restoring the original luster.

### SCHOOL HALLWAYS

The hallways in the school provide a first glimpse of the condition of the school when new parents come for a visit. It is one of the few areas of the school building that is used by every student, every teacher, every staff person, and every visitor. It is extremely important in the impression that people have of our school and facility. The floors in our main hallways are over 80 years old. In some places the tiles are cracked or missing. For safety and

aesthetic reasons the current floor must be removed and a new floor put down.

### BYRIDER HALL

Byrider is wonderful facility used for everything from sporting events, gym classes, meetings, to food assistance. It is one of the places most often seen by visitors to the parish who bring their kids for sporting events or who come for area wide meetings. It is part of the face of the parish. Though the gym is in good condition the surrounding structure has two basic problems. The first is that the building has settled causing some of the door jams to skew so that doors do not close properly. The second concern is simply that not a lot of attention has been paid to the interior of the building in recent years and so wood work, floors, and painted surfaces need attention.

### BYRIDER WINDOWS

Windows are the eyes of a building and give it its character. Well-maintained windows give good impressions as well as provide safety and conservation of energy. Byrider Hall is one of the buildings most often visited by people from all over the diocese who are not members of the parish as well as being a place where our groups, particularly our children meet for activities, meetings, and clubs.

The lower windows of Byrider Hall are in terrible condition. Their single-pane construction and deteriorated state cost a lot of money in unnecessary energy waste. Their condition also poses a security risk for the building.

### BYRIDER LOCKER ROOMS

Whenever we have overnight programming it usually requires the renting of facilities off of our premises. We are happy to report our youth programs are growing stronger every year and the need for programming for them increases. We have also been approached by the diocese to host an overnight retreat for those considering a priestly vocation. The Byrider locker room are in terrible condition. The showers are completely unusable. This greatly limits the possibility of having overnight retreats on our grounds adding to the expense of such activities since buses, meeting halls and sleeping quarters must be rented.

For your convenience, a donation envelope is included in this report.

## Estimated Capital Costs

|                          |      |            |
|--------------------------|------|------------|
| Finances                 |      | \$170,200* |
| School Brick Parking Lot | min. | \$200,000  |
| Church Plaza             |      | \$ 20,000  |
| Pews                     |      | \$170,000  |
| School Hallways          |      | \$ 35,000  |
| Byrider Windows          |      | \$ 30,000  |
| Byrider Locker Rooms     |      | \$ 30,000  |
| Byrider Hall             |      | \$ 20,000  |

*\* Please Note: Actual costs of projects can vary depending upon the type of services finally decided upon as well as the architectural design and components implemented. Some costs are early estimates.*

## Arrow Society

The Arrow Society recognizes and honors individuals who have included the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in their estate plans. Members of the society can include alumni, parents and grandparents of students, faculty members, school trustees and many others who have supported St. Sebastian Parish Foundation through the years.

If you have already made a planned gift and remembered St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in your will or as a beneficiary of a life insurance or retirement account, please let us know so we can welcome you into our society. Notifying us now will also help us make plans to use your generous gift as you intend.

*“All you have shall some day be given;  
Therefore give now, that the season of  
giving may be yours and not your inheritors.”*  
— Kahlil Gibran



## Planned Giving

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation relies on the generosity of our community and can help you shape a legacy of hope for future generations. Planned gifts are becoming an increasingly important and critical source of endowment income for St. Sebastian Parish. The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation can help you achieve your long-term goals and secure your legacy of charitable giving for generations to come. Planned gifts are simply gifts that St. Sebastian Parish will receive sometime in the future. They often provide benefits (income and tax) to the donor as well as to St. Sebastian Parish, and provide important support for the St. Sebastian Parish.

Long-term giving and planned commitments to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation may be made many ways, including deferred gifts and estate trusts; you

can designate St. Sebastian Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of a will or trust, retirement plan, life insurance policy, bank account or stock holding, or charitable lead trust. If having an income stream is important to you, a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust may be an option. Please allow our staff to assist you in achieving these goals, as we are dedicated to helping donors achieve their long-term charitable goals.

If you have included St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in your estate plans, or are considering including St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in your plans, please let us know so we can thank you now for your generosity. Individuals who have included St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in their estate plans are invited to become members of our Arrow Society.

*“Our elementary school is the major asset of St. Sebastian Parish and represents the legacy of our founding pastor. The financial needs of the school are a proper focus of the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Several funds within the foundation exist for the purpose of student and school support.”*

— Anonymous



## Commemorative Bricks

Own a piece of History! Commemorative bricks, located just outside the doors of Zwisler Hall, are a wonderful way to memorialize a special person or event in your life. These also make perfect gifts for a birth, Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, graduation, wedding, anniversary, or anything important in your life. Bricks allow three lines with 14 characters per line.



## Commemorative Cast Bronze Name Plates

Leave a permanent and lasting memorial with a cast bronze name plate. Located on the west wall of the narthex, these name plates offer a truly timeless way to memorialize a special person or event. Certain restrictions do apply with our Cast Bronze Name Plates; a truly significant tribute to present.

## How to Donate

The St. Sebastian Parish Foundation is so grateful for any support you can give: No gift is too big or too small and all your gifts are tax deductible. The foundation accepts gifts of cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard, real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bequests, and much more. There are so many ways you can support the foundation now and in the future; for a comprehensive look at the ways you can make a real difference, please visit our Web site at [foundation.stsebastian.org](http://foundation.stsebastian.org). You can make your donations by mail, phone or online at:

St. Sebastian Parish Foundation  
476 Mull Avenue • Akron, Ohio 44313  
330.836.2233  
[foundation@stsebastian.org](mailto:foundation@stsebastian.org)

Please feel free to use the enclosed envelope for any future gifts.

## Matching Gifts

Many employers match charitable contributions. Check with your employer in regards to its matching gifts program. Many companies offer this type of program to their employees, and sometimes retirees, as a way to encourage charitable giving. You could possibly double, or even triple, your contribution by taking advantage of your employer's generosity.





Your gifts to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation in 2009 helped  
57 students receive an education at our school;  
your generosity changed the world for those 30 families.

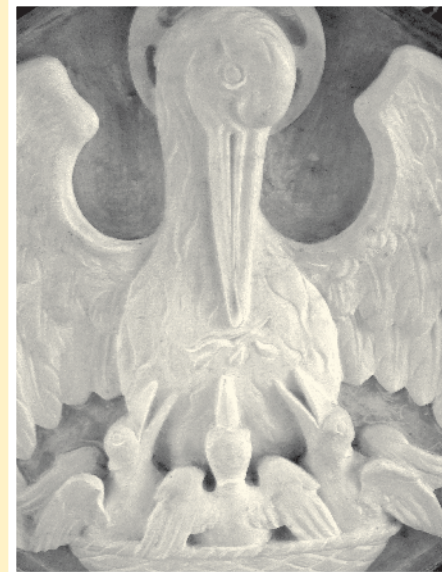
### Endowments and Funds

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Cleary Family Scholarship Endowment  
Hugh Colopy Scholarship Endowment  
Computer Fund  
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Dayspring Opportunity Scholarship Fund  
Foley Family Adult Religious Education Endowment  
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GOAL Endowment  
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in honor of Reverend William D. Father Karg  
Grounds Crew Flower Fund  
Helen Barry Hamlin Library Fund  
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### Jennifer Knapp Ciarlariello

You make a real difference in our community with your gifts to the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation. Because of your support, the foundation is able to continue repairing and updating our buildings, especially critical projects, provide a quality Catholic education to our children, help us employ some of the best educators available, AND SO MUCH MORE! **You** help St. Sebastian grow stronger and smarter every day.

**Thank you for helping the foundation.** 100% of your donations stay within the foundation, to only be used here at St. Sebastian Parish: Every gift helps keep our places of worship and learning remarkable, and every gift is valued and so appreciated. Please continue, or start, to help us keep St. Sebastian Parish thriving. I am always available to help you with your giving and planning needs.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Knapp Ciarlariello • Director of Development • St. Sebastian Parish Foundation

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In 2010, the development office is starting a new Development Committee. This group of talented volunteers will help the director plan and execute events such as the Senior and Bereavement Fair, the Tax and Estate Planning Fair, various parish recognition events, help write newsletters, assist parish organizations with their fundraising efforts, and much more. Would you like to help secure the future of St. Sebastian Parish and join the foundation's new development team? Do you have ideas, a voice and talents you can use to help the St. Sebastian Parish Foundation continue growing stronger and smarter every day? Contact [development@stsebastian.org](mailto:development@stsebastian.org) today and get involved.

*“The foundation’s generosity and support of the Music Ministry has helped it to flourish and grow immensely in the last five years. With the development of handbells, children’s choir and Musical Arts Concert Series, we are able to bring the arts to St. Sebastian more readily.”*

*– With deepest gratitude and thanks,  
Music Ministry of St. Sebastian*



**Your gifts to St. Sebastian Parish Foundation help us all grow stronger and smarter every day.**

2009 was an exciting year for St. Sebastian Parish. Our community has grown to 1,573 households representing 4,093 people and continues to grow today. In 2009, we celebrated 42 Baptisms, 62 Confirmations, 77 First Communions, 23 weddings, and had seven people make a profession of faith. We also had 27 members of our community join the saints in our heavenly homeland, may they rest in peace. It is incredible to see so many people participating in, and joining, our community to call St. Sebastian their spiritual home.

Each week in 2009 over 550 children received some kind of training in the faith through PSR (we experienced a 25% growth in student body to our PSR program), St. Sebastian Parish School, Preschool and Children's Liturgy of the Word. Each and every week members of our community prepare for sacraments, celebrate marriage and anniversaries, celebrate Mass, pray, sing, have Adoration and Benediction, have confession, receive Communion, our sick are anointed, receive last rites, mourn, light candles, support those in need, give council, hold rehearsals, have club and other organizational meetings, sports games... and the list goes on and on. Your gifts make a real difference.

Because of your gifts to the foundation, we can make years of difference in the lives of our students. Since 1928, St. Sebastian Parish School has been home to more than 30,000 students, combining a long and impressive history with a solid Catholic education. More than its academic heritage and stately architectural design, St. Sebastian represents a place of learning that is family-centered and welcoming.

Private education is an investment in a child's future and one we take seriously. St. Sebastian Parish School offers a robust curriculum, higher teacher retention, excellent academic scores and an impressive percentage of students who continue to share the confidence and values developed during their years here. Your continued support to the foundation helps us demand and deliver excellence to all those who enter the halls of St. Sebastian Parish School, where we are growing smarter every day.



**St. Sebastian Parish is making 4093 members stronger in faith.**

**St. Sebastian Parish School is making 446 children smarter.**

**Each is a worthy purpose.**

**Please support the foundation.**

*"Parents who want a Catholic education for their children appreciate the help of the foundation funds. Since our family was fortunate enough to go to St. Sebastian Parish School, we need to work together, because in today's world more and more families can't afford it. Those who can give to the foundation will do so much good by assisting others with a Catholic education."*

*– Kathy Seikel*

*"Many persons have a wrong idea of what constitutes true happiness. It is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose."*

*– Helen Keller*





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*It is possible to give away and become richer!*

*It is also possible to hold on too tightly and lose everything.*

*Yes, the liberal man shall be rich!*

*By watering others, he waters himself.*

*— Proverbs 11:24-25*

