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Above: Picture of the Family Life Center with work in progress.

Right: The Family Life Center in the final stages of completion.



## "Embracing the Future Together... Building on the Purposes of God"



In 1997, we completed a parish needs assessment that gathered input from our ministries as well as every member of our parish. We tried to understand the future needs of our growing faith community here in Vernon. The results of that survey indicated a need for a facility to accommodate and support the 79+ ministries over the next 20 years. Following that parish-wide survey, we recognized the urgent need to provide more adequate space. We tried to respond to the

growing needs of our people and the ministries to which they would be served.

### Our Vision Included:

- a central facility for our religious education program
- a center for the many ministries of our church
- a shelter for homeless families
- storage space for our parish outreach ministry
- a parish center hall for large meetings and the social activities of our parish.

## Family Life Center



In response to the expressed needs of the people for more adequate space, we set in motion plans for a new family life center. In 2001, we launched our building campaign. We established a minimum goal of \$2,500,000 in pledges in order to begin our project. With the commitment of 500 families, we met that goal which allowed us to commence work on the building. Loans obtained from the Diocese and a local bank have permitted us to carry the project to near completion.

### For your Information

With every plan, there are unanticipated obstacles and challenges that could not have been anticipated and were beyond anyone's control. This certainly has been true in our project here at St. Francis.

- The weather had a dramatic impact on our progress and our costs.
- Unexpected site work and drainage became necessary once we broke ground.
- Life safety issues such as a secondary power system, fire suppression, and comprehensive security were addressed and added as we developed the final design.
- We experienced unanticipated challenges and costs to connect the two buildings.
- And we are addressing fundamental needed repairs and improvements to our existing building
- We are looking to raise an additional \$1,500,000 to the aforementioned areas of need and help reduce debt cost.

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hat you and your family consider one of the following net plans.

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750	\$187.50
175	\$93.75
80	\$75
5	\$56.25
1	\$17.50
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In 1983, a small group of people (250 families) had a dream ... a dream that took months of blood, sweat, tears and prayerful faith in GOD to achieve. That dream was our current church here at St. Francis de Sales. From those 250 families that looked to the future, our parish community has grown with leaps and bounds to be the spirit-filled faith community that we are today.