

Pastor's Column

Towers of Faith—Be a Part of the Legacy!

The “**Towers of Faith**” is a grass-roots movement that has arisen due to the generosity of a number of Parishioners who wanted to ensure that the treasure they would leave behind upon their death would be a sign of life for future generations and a legacy that would continue to support the build-out of our Parish Campus.

As participants of the “**Towers of Faith**” program, these people share a common bond of overt generosity and visionary leadership which nourishes the ongoing success of our Parish.

The “**Towers of Faith**” have included St. Thomas More in their estate planning—through Designated Beneficiary Accounts, Life Insurance, Wills, Living Trusts, Stocks and Gifts of Property. In some fashion, St. Thomas More is remembered, just as they remember family members and friends!

“**Towers of Faith**” is an important part of our future support. It helps to ensure that we can confidently move into the future and meet “head-on” the challenges that await us.

The Members of the “**Towers of Faith**” are the pioneers who are setting the example and encouraging other Parishioners to follow their lead.

Our “**Towers of Faith**” include *Regina Aulisio, Geraldine Barton, Colleen Bechtold, Catherine and David Blecki, Michael Bosak, William Brincko, Louise and Ron Briseno, Pat and Roger Burkhardt, Charlotte Dale, Rosanna and Don Eppich, Lois and Len Garth, Charles “Robert” Hall, Mary and Bill Haynes, Paul Kennedy, Anne Marshall, Josephine Mase, Ann and Richard McGeary, Joyce Meehan, Lorraine Micallef, Beverly Miller, Ralph Mueller, Richard Obsitnik, John O'Donnell, Mary Anne Palmer, Natalie and Mike Provinse, Rev. Michael Ratajczak, Jana and Randy Reznicek, Connie Ringel, Maurine Shaughnessy, Christina Smith, Masako and Carl Streling, Maria Surmenidis, Mary Lou and Frank Thompson, Elaine Weiler and three households that wish to remain anonymous.*

We keep in memory those “**Towers of Faith**” who have gone before us in death: *Carl Bechtold, Hazel and George Bronzan, Jean and Lew Crowell, Jack Dale, Betty and Larry Dorsa, Virginia Frost, Barbara Geiss, Jim Kilian, William Mazzarella, Lillian Luisi, Patrick McCarthy, Leo Miller, and William Zontine.*

We welcome the newest “**Towers of Faith.**” They are *G. Jay Falkenstein, Kathy and Paul Santy, and Barbara and Ed Upson.*

It is my hope that you would consider remembering St. Thomas More in your estate planning and participating in this venture that is so vital to our future.

This year's “**Towers of Faith**” reception is taking place on Sunday, March 11. At this reception, which is being held at the rectory, we will break bread together again and celebrate with those who have chosen to be a part of the legacy. We will remember and honor those “**Towers of Faith**” who have gone before us in death, and we will recognize and honor our newest members.

If you would like more information, please contact Chris Smith, our Director of Stewardship and Development, at 760-758-4100 x120 or chriss@stmoside.org. She will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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