



On historic Bayou Plaquemine at the Mississippi River

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Dear Dr. & Mrs. Carville,

In my July letter to you I informed you of the beginning of our 100 Years Campaign for the restoration of our church building and our Parish Hall. Since that writing, we have gathered nearly 40 parishioners to help in prioritizing the needs of the church in its present condition. We also have had four Town Hall meetings in church scheduled after all weekend Masses where there were over 200 or so parishioners asking questions and offering ideas.

We have met with Mr. Henry Carville, a native son of Plaquemine and of St. John the Evangelist, to be our architect as we move forward to restore our church. Henry is also on the Diocese of Baton Rouge's Building Committee and will help us through the process of diocesan approval of our plans.

We are enclosing with this letter our three-phase plan for the restoration and a donation form. Please take some time to review and pray over our plans. Please reflect on what you can offer to God and your faith community through your treasure of finances as we take up this great task. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call us at the Parish Office and we will be happy to answer your questions.

[I realize I am asking a lot in a very difficult time for us all. Yet, I remember that 97 years ago in similarly difficult times, St. John the Evangelist Church was built.] Whatever you can offer will be a blessing for all. Remember, if you cannot offer anything at this time, please pray for our success. Do not feel guilty or the need to explain. God understands. May God bless the work of our hands and answer the prayers we offer. [As we enter these first days of the campaign, let us remember what is inscribed in Latin over our tabernacle, "HIS THRONE ENDURES AS LONG AS DO THE HEAVENS."]

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Enclosures