

OUR GOAL \$100.000 IN BONDS

Our Lady of Good Counsel DEBT FUND CAMPAIGN

December 1st to 15th, 1945

November 28, 1945

My dear Friend:

You have often heard of the history of our parish—how we started in a little red house on Brooks Avenue in 1928. During these seventeen years, Our Lady of Good Counsel has grown to be, in many ways, one of the outstanding parishes in our diocese. This has been due to the wonderful spirit of cooperation on the part of every one of our parishioners.

Our growth has now reached the point, however, where we find that our church is entirely inadequate. The contents of the enclosed folder will give you pertinent facts regarding our needs. A building program, in the near future, is absolutely necessary so that we can have sufficient room in the church for our many parishioners.

The financing of our parish throughout the past seventeen years has been rather unique. Never but once a year do you hear money from our pulpit. Not one of the priests connected with our parish has ever taken up a collection. In our financial statement on January 1st of this year, we learned that our parish had paid off a greater sum than our pastor ever dreamed possible: more than in any other year—thanks to an ardent group of enthusiastic workers and our pledge collection. However, our immediate post—war needs are so great that it will take a sizeable amount of money to begin our Expansion Program.

We, therefore, are inaugurating a Debt Fund Campaign from Dec. 1st to 15th to raise \$100,000 in UNITED STATES WAR BONDS and this can be accomplished if each wage—earner in our parish will contribute at least one \$100 BOND. This might seem to some that we are asking for quite a sizeable amount; however, let's break this down: If you give us an \$100 BOND, the purchase price of the BOND, which we will buy, is \$74.00. You can then deduct at least twenty percent from this \$74.00 as the amount you would have to pay Uncle Sam as income tax. This brings your actual cost down to \$59.20, or a little less than \$1.14 a week. Is that asking too much?

The success of this campaign will mean many things to every one of our parishioners. Not only are our priests anxious to give you proper church and school facilities but they are extremely anxious to incorporate in this new church a fitting memorial for the boys and girls of our parish who are in the armed forces and a very special memorial for those who have given their lives for their country. The success of this campaign will enable us to fulfill our dreams of a new church for our parish, worthy of the name of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

Sincerely,

M. ALVAH HALLORAN, Co-Chairman

MRS. THEODORE F. FLORACK, Co-Chairman

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