Three weeks ago I announced our Parish Air Conditioning Project and asked for your help. Thank you to all of you who have responded so quickly. Thank you for your generosity and for your enthusiasm.

It IS exciting that finally we are embarking on a long overdue project and our first priority – the air conditioning of our school. In fact, FLO Mechanical began the installation process this past Wednesday, March 8th. They will be working after school hours so that the install can hopefully be completed during the Easter break. In the very near future we will not only BE the coolest school in the diocese but we will HAVE the coolest school in the diocese!

Let me reiterate the scope of the whole project and the timeline:

 School (March 8th)
 \$285,000

 Gym (July 5th)
 78,000

 Church (September 9th)
 198,000

 \$561,000



Thus far we have raised \$183,697. That is an astounding amount of money raised in a short amount of time. But we still have \$377,303 to go. It is my prayer and hope that we will have 100% participation in this project. Surely not

everyone can give the same amount but we can all give what we can. It is also my prayer and hope that we will complete this project without having to incur any debt. Remaining debt free will position us to further serve our parish and school and to address our ongoing needs.

In the coming weeks I will announce the committees and thank the people working on them. Also I will begin publishing as a way to say "thank you" the names of the people who have given to the project thus far. (If you have given and do not wish your name to be included please let the parish office know, unless you have already done so.)

Thank you again for all that you do to make our parish the great place that it is. May God be praised in all that we do! May God bless you for all that you do!

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