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Dear Parishioners,

In 1920, the Parish of Saint Joan of Arc was established to minister to the Catholic community in Hershey and the surrounding areas. Groundbreaking for a beautiful church on Chocolate Avenue took place and since that time the parish has grown by leaps and bounds. From a small congregation of Italian immigrants laboring in the factories of the Hershey Chocolate Company, to the diverse community we have now, Saint Joan of Arc Parish has been building God's Kingdom here in Hershey for almost 100 years.

We have met the needs of a growing parish with the necessary construction (school in 1948, rectory in 1953, convent in 1956, our beautiful church in 1961, and our office and gymnasium additions in 1996) but even more importantly we have become a parish who has met the spiritual needs of countless thousands through the years.

We remember and respect the rich heritage and the dedication of our ancestors, and seek to honor that heritage by continuing to build God's Kingdom here on earth and helping others to know, love, and serve the Lord.

As we move into our centennial year, we find that it is again time to grow. While our growth is a blessing, it also arises from some issues such as no space for adult activities, scheduling problems, the school outgrowing its current space, and the 70-year old building having outdated and inefficient systems.

Our growing needs have led us to embark on The Centennial Project capital campaign. You will be receiving a brochure within the next week that further details the project and we ask that you look over this information as well as join us on our Campaign Kick-Off on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Your ongoing participation and financial support will help to make this project possible. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution to The Centennial Project. Every dollar you contribute goes directly to this important project that impacts the lives of everyone in our parish from our youngest to our most senior parishioners.

May God bless you as we move ahead into our centennial year and thank you for your continued generosity to the parish, school, and Hershey community!

God Bless,  
*Father Al Sceski, Pastor*

