

Dear Friend of St. Michael's,

I am writing with exciting news. In some way St. Michael's has been part of your life. It might have been while sitting in the classroom or sitting in church praying for good luck on a test. It might have been the place where you or a family member was baptized or married. When you've been around for 158 years there's a lot of ways to be part of the life of many people.

Well, it's time to celebrate those memories! This year the Redemptorists are celebrating the 150th anniversary of our arriving at St. Michael's. It's time to re-connect with the many others who are part of our church's eternal fabric of life. We are inviting back all school alumni, Redemptorists, Notre Dame Sisters and Marianists and anyone else who has ever called St. Michael's their home. Most importantly, we're inviting YOU. Please see the enclosed invitation for details. Please bring along with you any mementos of St. Michael's!

The second reason for writing is that our venerable church is showing its age. While we celebrate the last 150 years we look forward to at least 150 more. But we need help if we're to continue being such a beautiful symbol of God's presence in our neighborhood.

We are currently undergoing a \$2 million comprehensive campaign to address the most critical needs of our church. This includes tuck pointing, masonry work, electrical wiring, and restoring our venerable Kilgen church organ. This is only the beginning of a much bigger list of things that need attention! We have raised 1.75 million from our current parishioners. If you've ever wanted to express your gratitude to St. Michael's or to the Redemptorists, here is an opportunity to do so. You can see our progress or pledge online at www.st-mikes.org.

I hope you can join us for the celebration on Sunday, October 17th at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. If you can't join us physically, we know that you will be with us in spirit. If you feel so moved to honor this place or a person who has been a part of your life by helping our campaign, you will be twice blessed! Our prayers go with you!

God's blessings,

Father Richard Thibodeau, C.Ss.R.
Pastor

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N.B. Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone you know who has a connection here and may not know about this celebration. Our mailing list is quite incomplete

The Parish Family of St. Michael in Old Town

and the Redemptorists

invite you to celebrate with us

on the occasion of 150 years of service

by the Redemptorists

at St. Michael in Old Town

and warmly invite you to a Mass of Thanksgiving

celebrated by His Eminence Francis Cardinal George, OMI

at Saint Michael in Old Town

Sunday, October 17, 2010

11:00 a.m.

Reception to follow