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Saint Pius X Catholic Church Community to Break Ground on New Rectory

***First Visible Outcome of \$20 Million Campaign to Build New
Church***

May 13, 2014 (Granger, Ind.)— The Saint Pius X Catholic Church community will break ground for a new rectory at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 18. It will be the first visible outcome of a \$20 million *Behold, I Make All Things New* campaign to expand and renovate facilities and build a new church. The current priests' residence sits where the new church and additional parking will be built on Fir Road, south of State Road 23. The rectory groundbreaking will take place on recently purchased property near the athletic fields on Santa Monica Drive across the street from the Parish Education Center. Dozens of parishioners are expected to attend the groundbreaking and reception, which will take place in the athletic fields' parking lot.

“The groundbreaking for the new rectory is the first step in our major facilities project planned for the renovation and expansion of Saint Pius X,” said the Rev. William C. Schooler, pastor.

“This first step sets the stage for many to follow – including the major, celebratory groundbreaking for our new church home, which we anticipate will take place about a year from now.”

Architect Patrick Hess and contractor Dave Salela, both parishioners, along with other parishioners whose professions are related to home construction, are donating their gifts of time and service to build the new rectory. It is their expectation that the rectory will be completed before Christmas. The current rectory will then be demolished to make room for the new church and additional parking.

The present church was built in 1992 to accommodate 1,400 families. Saint Pius X now serves more than 3,150 families. The new church will comfortably seat over 1,300 people, nearly doubling the size of the current church. This will allow more parishioners to attend Mass together each weekend. The current church will be renovated to include a baptistery, library, and meeting rooms and parts of the Parish Education Center will be expanded.

Saint Pius X Catholic Church announced the *Behold, I Make All Things New* campaign in February. The expansion plans came at the recommendation of Saint Pius’ Facilities Study Committee, Parish Council, and Finance Council, and approval from the Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades and the Diocesan Finance Committee. Since the start of the campaign, more than \$10 million in pledges and donations have been made by parishioners and friends of the parish.

Those interested in learning more about the *Behold I Make All Things New* capital campaign may contact the Parish Campaign Office at (574) 272-8462, ext. 115 or behold@stpius.net or go to StPiusCampaign.com.

About Saint Pius X Catholic Church:

Saint Pius X Parish continues to grow, as we now have over 3,150 families and over 10,100 parishioners. This is a vibrant, faith-filled community dedicated to sharing and living the Good News. Programs and events touching the lives of every facet of the parish provide opportunities for education and spiritual growth. Saint Pius X has been described as a large parish with a

small community feel, a true family of faith that seeks to respond to God's wondrous love and grace.

Mission Statement: *Saint Pius X Catholic Church is a faith community that proclaims the Word of God and celebrates the Sacraments, with the Eucharist as the source and summit of our spiritual life. Our parish, rooted in Granger and part of the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend, invites everyone to respond to God's call to salvation by developing a sense of Christian fellowship. This is done through life-long religious education and stewardship: calling all members to serve others, to share our blessings with those in need, and to promote Catholic social justice.*

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