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To our friends and benefactors,

About the turn of the century, St. Paul's began planning to replace our old parish hall. Nine years ago, in the fall of 2005, fundraising toward that goal commenced. After many years, countless hours of planning, fundraising and effort, along with financial commitments from many people and organizations we have our new space!

Attached you will find a simplified accounting of the project finances, from the time of the very first donation to the project through September 2014. We received donations from a large bequest to individual donations from people that saw our vision and supported it. Every donation is appreciated and we have worked hard to ensure that the funds were appropriately used in all aspects of this project.

At one point we were expecting that we would be required to finance between \$1.5 million and \$2.0 million to complete our project. As you will note, due to a concerted fundraising effort and the generosity of our donors, we were able to complete the project with a mortgage of slightly less than \$1.10 million. We are working hard to manage that debt and, while it is amortized over 20 years, our goal is to pay it off in a much shorter timeframe.

We once again express our thanks and gratitude to you for your financial assistance in turning our dream into a reality. St. Paul's has great plans for our new facility as a warm, safe, welcoming space for the parish, the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and, most importantly, the wider community. Our feeding, self help and other community programs are functioning again with increased success and we are pleased to offer those services in downtown Regina.

If you have not had an opportunity to visit St. Paul's Community Centre please stop in for a tour of the facility. I am sure you will find our bright, open, accessible spaces welcoming and uplifting.

Once again, thank you for your involvement in the project. If you have any questions about the facility or the enclosed information, please contact the church office.

Sincerely,

Jim Melville  
Chair, Building in Faith – Management Committee

Enclosure



*Photo Courtesy of Margaret Ball*



*'The Cloister'*

*Photo Courtesy of Jason Antonio*