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A Message

From Your Pastor

The needs of our Church should be clear to all.

- Facing on an expressway is not a desireable position for any Church — especially one which has no other street outlets. The Bruckner Expressway and Throggs Neck Bridge approach will isolate us in a corner and greatly hamper our varied program.
- 2. The size and proximity of St. Benedicts Roman Catholic Church is a definite psychological barrier to our church. Also with 14 masses planned for each Sunday morning and with the expressway's eliminating ³/₄s of the present available parking space one wonders where we will park our cars.
- 3. Our present Church building is in immediate need of extensive repair.
- 4. The Protestant Council of New York has listed Throggs Neck (population 55,000 already) as one of the ten critical areas in New York City because of its lack of Protestant Church facilities in the face of increased Protestant potential.



We have the property, we have the challenge!

Can we build a beautiful new Sanctuary to the Glory of God?

Can we go forward and bring the Gospel of Christ to our growing community more effectively?

I Chronicles 28:10 reads

"Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen you to build an house for the Sanctuary: be strong, and do it."

I urge each of you to join me in accepting this challenge with a firm faith in God and in its success. Pray and give so that this great Christian opportunity may not be missed.

"Be Strong And Do It!"

PASTOR AUSHERMAN

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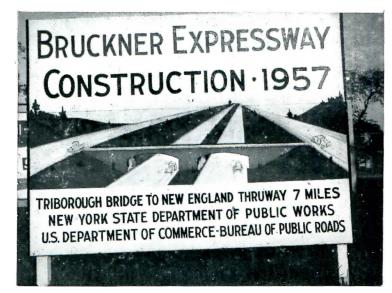
No Parking Space



Organ Room - Dark and Dismal



Rear Wall Rotting Away



Will We Be Crowded Out?

THE FUTURE



From Here



To Here



New Church Sile



And Parsonage (on left)

How Much Shall I Give?

E KNOW that you will consider seriously and prayerfully just what the measure of your support will be. Whether our Church is able to raise the necessary money to carry out this program, will depend entirely upon the size of the pledges.

It will be comparatively easy to make a token pledge, but hard to give sacrificially.

Each of us must ask God's guidance for the answer to, "How MUCH CAN I GIVE?"

Nobody will deny that there are needs. Whether they can be supplied or not depends upon whether we give sacrificially for this Fund.

Let us provide for the Church today as others have provided for it in the past. In proportion to our ability, let us give.

Our Giving Can be of two kinds

1. A TOKEN GIFT is one which is so small that it has only a NEGATIVE IMPACT upon the Giver . .

2. A SACRIFICIAL GIFT is one which is large enough to have a POSITIVE SPIRITUAL IMPACT upon the Giver and cannot be paid at one time . . .

It is better to give weekly ...

Weekly, regular contributions, make for a more active interest. This chart will help you decide your contribution:

Tax Reminder ...

Remember, the Government allows certain exemptions on gifts made to churches. The Government needs help and so does the church.

WEEKLY	Total
(Based on 150 Weeks)	Pledge
\$66.67	\$10,000
50.00	7,500
40.00	6,000
33.33	5,000
25.00	3,750
20.00	3,000
15.00	2,250
10.00	1,500
8.00	1,200
5.00	750
3.00	450
2.00	300

The Volunteer Canvasser

A LONG AWAITED day has come to the members of our Church. Very soon now, one of your neighbors will me calling upon you to talk about our new Church development plans. We all know that a project of this size and importance will demand our very best efforts.

It means sacrifice of time and money as well as consideration. It means prayer for guidance. It means that each one of us must look into his own inner self and decide how much he can do for the cause. It means faith in the other fellow and faith in ourselves. The volunteer worker who calls at your home is one of many. He has spent many hours training himself for the task. He has given generously of his own money. He has pledged himself to give more in the future. He believes in the worthwhileness of our Church and its work, and is proving his faith by calling on others. His is not an easy job. But YOU can help him by extending your welcome when he comes, and by listening to his story.

THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR CHURCH AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SACRIFICE FOR IT ARE OURS. Let us face the challenge with determination and give our best.