



# SAINT JOHN FISHER

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## 2011 New Year's Resolution:

### Building Community – Celebrating Faith

*Catholic* comes from the Greek *katholikos*, the combination of two words, *kata* (concerning), and *holos* (whole). According to the *Oxford Dictionary of English Etymology*, the word *Catholic* comes from a Greek word meaning "regarding the whole," or, more simply, "universal." So it should come as no surprise that a basic aspect of our Catholic faith is that of spreading it, or rather, sharing it with others. The great thing about sharing this experience is that there is more than enough of it to be shared.



We are in the middle of our building project, the benefits of which we will all one-day share. However, we all should also consider sharing in its construction by supporting the project financially, and by advocating to others the significance of our Catholic experience within the church. This is in part what ***Building Community – Celebrating Faith*** is about – just as we build the church physically, we must also continue to build our own inner church, or community. As you continue making payments, pledging, praying, and taking interest in our building project, consider how it is you are building your church. What gifts can you share that will benefit your Catholic church in the New Year?



The fact is the Catholic faith attains its real value when it is shared with others. You will share with fellow parishioners the blessings and benefits of the new church and parish activity center. Similarly though, our completed project will server as a visible reminder to those who drive by this church every day wondering what resides at the top of the driveway that we have something to share with them too.

**Jesus said, "I will build my Church."  
(Matthew 16:18)**