

Queen of Peace Catholic Community CASE Statement

Mission Statement: As Christians we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

As the People of God, we experience God's blessings and are led to greater holiness through the giving of ourselves, aspiring to be totally detached of those things that would keep us from freedom in the Lord.

In the midst of a culture totally immersed in a consumerist society, our Queen of Peace Catholic Community can be a place of oasis; a place where families can worship with a grateful heart, and engage in Christian fellowship. We experience faith formation programs for adults and children that will attract them to the mission of Jesus in their own lives and beyond, and a place to find healthy leisure and recreation through the many social and sports programs offered at our parish. We want people to have a reason to be here more than once a week.

In order to achieve these ideals we continue to encourage:

- ❖ Personal ownership and connection to the mission of the Lord.
- ❖ Individuals to be involved in something greater than themselves, to leave a legacy of faith and education to coming generations.
- ❖ The knowledge that no great effort is without hard work and sacrifice, but that this sacrifice will be a seed that will lead to more lives coming to know the Lord.

In the past few years, through the grace of God we have expanded our physical plant from 13,000 Square feet to over 100,000 Square feet.

In 2001 we added a beautiful church and phase I of our Academy which has provided wonderful spaces for meetings and community gatherings. In 2005 we added our Perry family center and Phase II of the Academy which has provided additional spaces for our entire community. (See Community Physical plant diagram) With our school close to capacity and the intention of doubling classes to accommodate and increasing Catholic population in the South West region of Gainesville

Our next phase of building will provide our parish with additional space for adult formation classes, children's faith formation and classroom space for our Queen of Peace Academy Students.

This next phase involves the following:

Phase III of our Academy- 6 additional classrooms, Youth Center, Senior Center
Offices for school staff
Art & Music Building
Restrooms for Athletic Fields

Estimated Cost- \$4 Million

Money needed to begin building- \$2 Million. With our school near capacity it has become necessary to lease two portable buildings which will be placed in front of the main entrance of the Academy. We hope and pray that they are temporary and that we will complete our beautiful campus. Please note that different to previous campaigns, *we cannot afford to build beyond what we receive in commitments*. Also, the Diocese will not assist us with the financing of this project as was the case with the St. Francis H.S. expansion which is a Diocesan school.