

## **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 2008 Financial Stewardship Drive Results**

As you are all aware, this fall SEAS conducted a financial stewardship drive, coordinated by Walsh & Associates. Walsh & Associates was selected by the Stewardship Commission through an interview process, and that selection was then approved by the Finance Council at its June 2008 meeting. The Parish Council was also informed of this decision and its associated costs at its June 2008 meeting.

The formal phase of the campaign is now complete and the results are in. Significantly, we have received 1,038 commitments to financial stewardship from our parishioners. When looked at as a group, the commitments of those 1,038 parishioners represent a projected 20% increase in contributions to the parish, when compared with their prior year contributions. When we factor in the giving history of those who financially support the parish but did not respond via the commitment card, the projected overall increase in giving becomes 15%, or an estimated additional \$268,000 in 2009.

If you have not yet made a financial commitment to SEAS, you are invited to do so! There are commitment cards in the Parish Library and the Parish Office. Thank you!

As indicated in the campaign materials, SEAS needs an increase of at least 8% to meet our increased expenses this fiscal year. An increase in giving over that 8% will go a long way toward the catching up we need because our parish income has been below budget since July 2008. Also, increased amounts to the Phase II Building Fund portion of weekly envelopes will help us to continue to meet our payments on our \$2.39 million debt.

**Thank you!**

Our pastor, associate pastor, trustees, staff, and parish leadership (which includes many of you!) are all tremendously grateful for your financial support of our parish. Thank you! Together let us continue to fulfill our mission of dwelling in God's grace through the sacraments!

*Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Catholic family where God is present and active  
through the gift of the seven sacraments.*