

# THE VOICE

A Publication of  
Our Lady of Victory  
Homes of Charity

With your help, Father Baker's  
Legacy of Caring will continue,  
and we'll reach our goal of

**\$12,000,000**

An Interview  
with Our Donor  
**John Sullivan**  
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## A Message from James Biddle, Our Capital Campaign Chairperson:

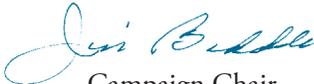
I'm thrilled to be addressing you through one of our institution's most treasured publications, *The Voice*. As we rapidly approach the home stretch, I'd like to provide an update of the efforts undertaken thus far in relation to the Capital Campaign. I have been honored to serve as Chair of "Father Baker's – Continuing His Legacy of Caring." For the past five years, I and our dedicated Campaign Cabinet have endeavored to raise \$12 million for Our Lady of Victory Organizations to preserve and enhance the programs and services offered to more than 4,000 children, youth, and families each year.

Having served on the Board of Directors of Baker Victory Services, I have been truly amazed by the impact the dedicated employees of OLV and BVS have on those they serve. While the buildings are steeped in history, the legacy of Father Baker continues through critically-needed programs and services offered every day. Staff at "Father Baker's" teach at-risk teens how to overcome physical and emotional abuse; counsel families so that they can remain a family; place children with foster parents after being removed from dangerous or negligent homes; offer vocational training to teens for job readiness; and provide specialized care to the developmentally disabled including care for Alzheimer's and other memory issues. These are a few of the specialized programs and services changing the lives of so many.

This Campaign has been a once in a lifetime opportunity for all of us to work together to benefit the entire community, and especially the children and families who desperately need our programs and services.

It's my sincere hope that upon completing this publication you will join me by making a commitment – no matter how large or small – to our Capital Campaign. A Campaign rooted in the belief that Venerable Nelson H. Baker still positively impacts our community in 2017.

James Biddle, Sr.



Campaign Chair

## Our Plan:

Here are some of the ways this \$12 million Capital Campaign will continue the critical work done at Our Lady of Victory Homes of Charity, and Baker Victory Services.



- New projects will include a Youth Recreational and Wellness Center that will be home to a comprehensive Arts and Music therapy program. Also included is the construction of the Moore for Kids Family House, a Foster Care/Family Visitor Center that will allow birth parents a comfortable home-like environment in which they can visit their children while they work to repair broken relationships.



- At 780 Ridge Road, plans call for interior and exterior enhancements to improve access and to save on energy costs. Technology upgrades will also improve connectivity and expand storage for our Institutional-wide Information Technology division.



## Getting to Know Our Donors: An Interview with John Sullivan

Our Lady of Victory (OLV) has been fortunate to be the recipient of many types of Capital Campaign gifts and pledges that will positively sustain the legacy of Father Baker both in the present and well into the future. One such loyal benefactor is John Sullivan - owner of Buffalo Truck Center Inc. *The Voice* sat with Mr. Sullivan to ask him about his involvement with OLV and Father Baker's.

### How long have you been affiliated with Our Lady of Victory Institutions?

I have been affiliated with OLV my entire life. I was adopted in 1970 and spent a lot of time there as a kid with my Grandfather and Uncles - who were doctors and surgeons at OLV. I have served on the board of Baker Victory Services and chaired Baker Victory Night two times. Currently, I serve on the OLV Institutions Board.

### What made you want to give a gift to the Capital Campaign?

I owe my life to OLV. Born unwanted into this world - innocent and alone - OLV was there to welcome me and find me a family. Now, OLV is involved in many worthy forms of charity besides adoption. OLV helps so many people throughout Western New York.

### How did you feel when you gave your gift?

It felt like a good start. I will continue to support OLV my entire life.

### What impact do you believe you've been able to make through your giving?

I believe my giving is a very small part of the very large legacy that was left by Father Baker and inspired by Mary, Our Lady of Victory.

### What would you like to tell others about contributing to the Capital Campaign?

OLV needs prayers, donations, and volunteers. Get involved in any way you are able. You can help change people's lives with your prayers, dollars, and actions.

### How has Father Baker personally impacted your life?

I am a Baker Boy and my great grandfather was a Baker Boy, too. Father Baker sent him to medical school. The two of them started the hospital together. Without Father Baker, my family would not exist.



- Renovations to the former Infant Home building include a new entrance and elevator to enhance safety and accessibility to our Special Needs Dental Clinic. We will also provide a modern vocational training kitchen and café that will expose our teens to careers in the food service / hospitality industries.



- Finally, this campaign will help fund costs associated with the Cause for Canonization of Venerable Nelson H. Baker, who was voted the region's "Most Influential Citizen of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" by *The Buffalo News*.



## A Message from Father Paul

As Administrator of “Father Baker’s,” I have witnessed the profound impact this organization has on the thousands of children, teens, and families we serve each year – from assisting youth with mental and emotional needs to providing care for the developmentally disabled. Indeed, Father Baker’s legacy continues today.

As we approach the end of the Capital Campaign, we have started to reshape our campus and other facilities to enhance the programs and services we offer that are so critically needed here in Western New York. Among these services are caring for children as young as 12 years old on our residential campus; improving our Special Needs Dental Clinic that serves more than 7,000 patients each year; providing care for the elderly who have developmental disabilities and experience dementia and Alzheimer’s; enhancing our early education and school age education programs; and supporting vocational training programs for teens and young adults.

Our Capital Campaign, “Father Baker’s – Continuing His Legacy of Caring,” is near our goal of \$12 million to transform our campus and program sites; enhance the support services provided to our clients; and finally, support the Cause for Canonization for Venerable Nelson H. Baker.

It is my sincere hope that you will support our organization - one that has helped countless thousands and continues Father Baker’s legacy of caring.

Msgr. Paul J.E. Burkard

President, Our Lady of Victory Institutions, Inc.

## Ways to Give to Our Capital Campaign

If you are thinking of making a contribution to the Capital Campaign, please consider one of the following options:

- Multi-Year Pledges
- Cash
- Securities
- Bequests
- Life Insurance
- Real Estate

For additional information about giving to the Capital Campaign, please contact our Development Staff at (716) 828-9610.

### Save the Date:

—Baker Victory Nite – May 4, 2017—

(Tickets on sale at [www.bakervictorynite.org](http://www.bakervictorynite.org))

—2017 Pilgrimage to Austria, Switzerland, and Germany – May 10 – 19, 2017—

—Benefactors Mass and Reception – Thursday, May 25, 2017—



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