Dear [family/friends/colleagues],

I wanted to reach out to share an exciting opportunity with you. Our Queen of the Apostles Parish & School in Tomah has been doing some amazing things over the past years to educate and form both young and old in our community, and I'd love to tell you about our expansion project.

[OPTIONAL: Add your personal connection - e.g., "As a parent of students here..." or "Having been part of this parish for X years..." or "Even though I don't have children in the school, I've seen firsthand..."]

**Our Growth Story** Years back, our Catholic elementary school consisted of grades Kindergarten through 5th grade. To boost enrollment, we added 4-year-old and then 3-year-old kindergarten programs. The success has been remarkable - most upper grades now run at full capacity, and our students are openly recognized when they enter the public school system as some of the brightest minds and most respectful students.

Two years ago, we decided to reopen our middle school (which had been closed due to low enrollment years ago). We restarted 6th grade in 2024 and added 7th grade in 2025 using temporary space. Unlike past years, these grades are also running near full capacity with 150+ students total.

**The Challenge We Face** We've simply outgrown our space. We're planning to complete the middle school expansion by adding 8th grade in fall 2026, but we're completely out of room. Our school has waiting lists, families are asking about enrollment, and our parish ministries are making do with inadequate meeting spaces.

**Our Solution** We're launching a $1.25 million capital campaign over three years to add:

* **Two new classrooms** to support the additional grades
* **Dedicated meeting room** for parish gatherings and faith formation
* **Professional parish offices** for counseling and outreach
* **Separate access** maintaining school security while opening parish facilities for community use

**How You Can Help** Every gift, regardless of size, brings us closer to this vision. Whether it's $50, $500, or $5,000, your participation matters. We're offering several ways to give:

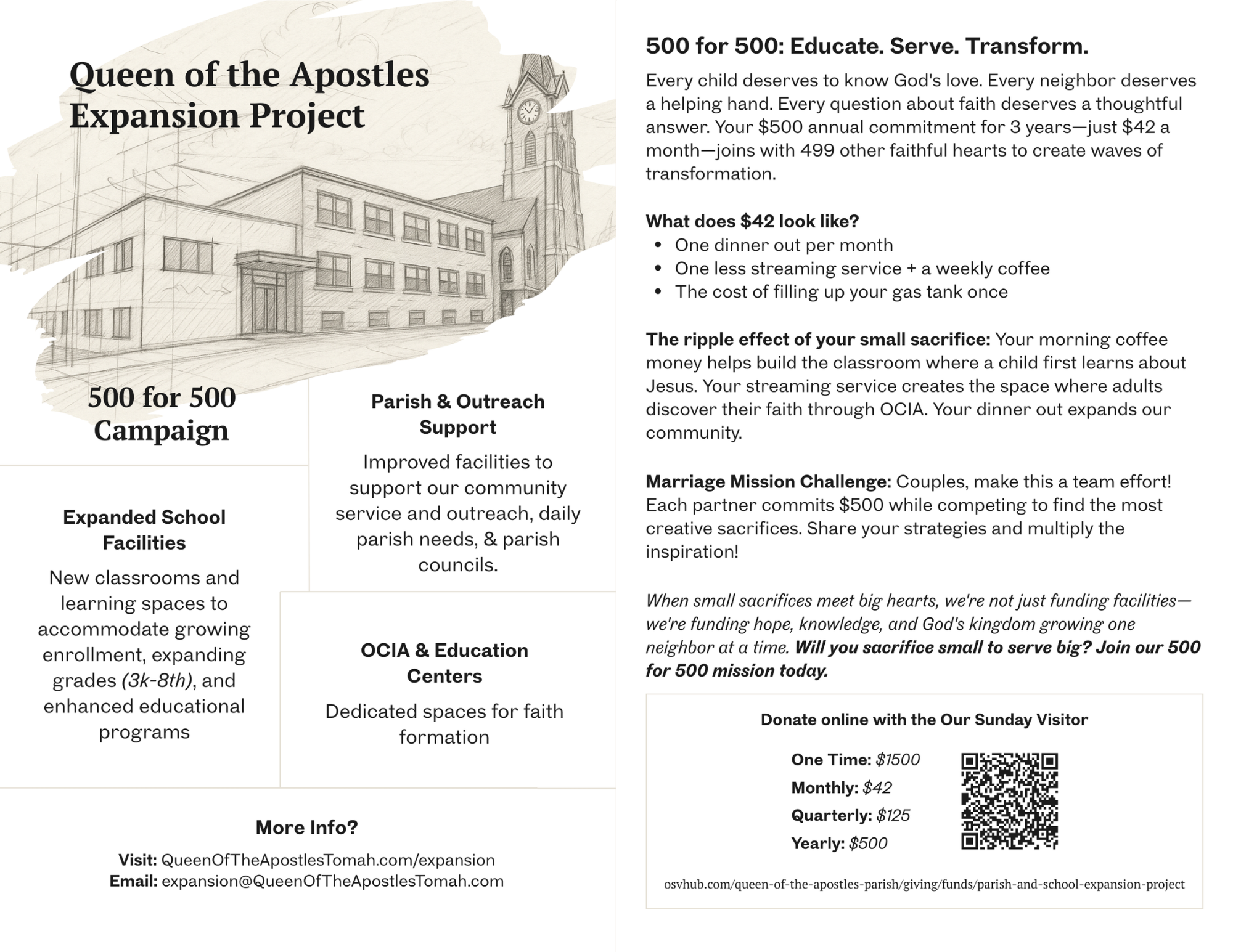
* **"500 for 500" campaign:** 500 people committing $500 annually for 3 years
* **One-time gift** of any amount
* **Pledge over multiple years** to make larger gifts manageable
* **Naming rights** ($50,000+) for classrooms or meeting rooms
* **Donor recognition** with your name permanently displayed:
  + Gold Level ($25,000+), Silver Level ($15,000+), Bronze Level ($5,000+)

I wanted to ask if you'd consider supporting this effort. Any contribution would be meaningful and appreciated. We believe this project will make a real difference in young people's lives and strengthen our community's educational mission.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Or for more information, visit QueenOfTheApostlesTomah.com/expansion.

[Your closing - e.g., "Love you all," "With gratitude," "God bless," etc.]

[Your name]

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