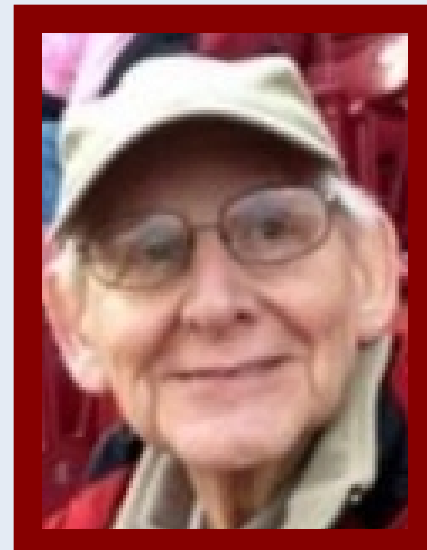


THANK YOU and GOD SPEED TO BOB STOCKER

Bob Stocker, a long-time parishioner at St. Leo's, and tireless humble volunteer went home to God November 7, 2012, just four days before the closing of our 125th anniversary year celebration. Bob really wanted to be here for that occasion. He hoped to see the new library and meeting room, the cry room and confessional he had designed as an architect. He had another seat for the celebration.



A skilled architect, he worked on big projects like the sports stadiums and the paddlewheel at Sawyer Point. He knew how to envision beautiful buildings and follow through on their construction always aware of keeping them on budget.

Constructing the new rooms in church was a special joy for Bob in the final months of his battle with cancer. In the week before his death, when Father Jim and Angela brought Communion to

him and shared pictures of the progress on the project, his face lit up and his sharp eyes caught little things that needed to be corrected. He wanted it to be right.

Bob was a family man and his “family” extended out to the community. He had a real vision of what it meant to be part of the body of Christ. He was a wonderful father and grandfather, a great friend, and a faithful behind-the-scenes volunteer who was concerned with helping others, whether in the food pantry or prison ministry.

In the homily at his funeral Mass, Father Jim described him as a “builder”– of rooms, big edifices, relationships, and in a very real way, the kingdom of God.

The new meeting room and library will be named the Bob Stocker room in memory of his dedication to the parish.

—Angela Anno

