

# **ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

## **Working Together Today for a Brighter Future Tomorrow**

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

1. **Is the plan for the St. Joseph Cathedral Capital Campaign in final form?**
  - a. As you know, committees have been working to gather input and information from parishioners for over five years, and from these years of research, have developed our broad goals and priorities.
  - b. Details will change and mature as we continue to obtain feedback from our parishioners, as well as experts with knowledge of construction, finance, etc., but the basic plan is in place.
  
2. **Is the playground or the ball field going to be moved?**

Although the current drawings show the playground and ball field to be moved, our architect is working to revise the drawings so the new pavement areas will not displace the current playground or ball field.
  
3. **What is the overall goal for the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish and our Parish goal for the Diocesan Capital Campaign?**
  - a. The total estimated funds needed to reach our Parish Capital Campaign goal is \$6,503,000.
  - b. In addition, our Parish goal for the Diocesan Campaign is \$1,800,000, for a total of \$8,303,000.
  
4. **How will the funds raised through the St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Capital Campaign be spent?**
  - a. The funds raised have been earmarked for the following priorities in this order:
    1. School addition and modification of existing school
    2. New Rectory (5,0000 square feet in size)
    3. Cathedral Gathering space and entrance modifications
    4. Driveway and site modifications
  - b. Designated funds will be spent as directed
  
5. **How will the funds raised through the Diocesan Capital Campaign be spent?**
  - a. The funds raised have been earmarked for the following priorities:
    1. Priest Retirement
    2. Lay Retirement
    3. Diocesan Excellence in Education Fund
    4. Catholic High School in Columbia
  - b. Designated funds will be spent as directed
  
6. **What if we do not raise all of the money needed for all of the projects for the St. Joseph Cathedral Campaign?**

The Steering Committee began with a wish list of numerous projects and improvements to the Parish. That list has been reduced to a more manageable size in light of obvious financial constraints. We have reached the current list of priorities based on the past surveys and feasibility study, and we are confident that the goal can be reached. However, if we fall short of our goal we will consider all options including:

- a. postponing some of the projects (based on priority)
- b. extending the campaign
- c. reducing the size and cost of buildings

We will seek input from the parish in reaching this decision.

- 7. What if we do not reach our \$1.8 million Diocesan goal?**  
Our share of the Diocesan campaign must be met. However, if our parish does not reach the \$1.8 million goal through pledges to the Diocesan campaign, the remaining portion will be paid out of our parish budget.
- 8. Why are we running our campaign in conjunction with the Diocesan Campaign?**  
Working closely with the Diocese and the Bishop, it was determined that now is the best time for both campaigns, which complement each others goals.
- 9. How much am I expected to give?**  
The campaign is a five year commitment. We simply ask that your family prayerfully consider the needs of the parish and give to the best of your ability. We realize this is a sacrifice for the extraordinary needs of the parish community, and that everyone's situation is unique. Therefore there is no specific dollar amount requested from each family. If everyone contributes to the best of their ability, we will reach our goal.
- 10. Can I give stock in lieu of a cash donation?**  
Yes.
- 11. Can I designate where I want my money to be spent in the St. Joseph Cathedral Capital Campaign? What about the Diocesan Campaign?**  
Yes, for both campaigns, undesignated funds will be spent according to the priority list.
- 12. Are there Memorial Gift opportunities as part of this campaign?**  
Yes. There are many options for Memorial Gift opportunities, please see the Memorial Gift Ranges and the Memorial Gift Items list.
- 13. When making payment, do we need to write two separate checks for the St. Joseph Cathedral Capital Campaign and the Diocesan Capital Campaign?**  
Yes. This is necessary to ensure accurate accounting.
- 14. Who will be responsible for oversight of the funds raised for this St. Joseph Cathedral Capital Campaign?**  
The St. Joseph Cathedral Parish Finance Committee has already set up a special account for the funds raised. The money will be kept in a secure, interest-bearing account that will be monitored by the Parish Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Finance Subcommittee of the Steering Committee. Together these parishioners will ensure that the Capital Campaign funds are kept secure, and when the time comes, that these funds are spent as promised, according to designations and priorities.
- 15. How will the Parish handle the debt associated with this Campaign?**  
The diocese will not allow any Parish to begin a building project until 50% of the funds needed are collected. Construction will not occur until we can pay a significant portion, and any debt would be short term and paid for by incoming pledges.

16. **Will I receive an invoice to remind me to make my pledge payments?**  
A capital campaign envelope will be included with other quarterly parish envelopes.
17. **Who is overseeing this Capital Campaign?**  
Monsignor Kurwicki, along with a Steering Committee appointed by the Parish Council and Monsignor Kurwicki. The Steering Committee is divided into the Building, Finance, and Communication subcommittees.
18. **How will the Parish pay for the increased operating expenses once the expansion is built?**  
As the school expands, we will have an ever-increasing base of school families. The parish school families have done a good job of being “active parishioners” which financially means they have made yearly pledges to the church and have done a good job of honoring their pledges. This money from new school families will help offset the increased operating costs of the school expansion. However, ultimately the operation of the school is funded by the entire parish and it will be necessary for the parish budget to grow to meet the additional costs.
19. **Will recognition be given to all St. Joseph Cathedral Capital Campaign donors?**  
Yes. Unless a donor requests that their gift be anonymous, donor names will be published in upcoming announcements and on recognition plaques at the end of the campaign. Donors will be listed by gift ranges, and exact donation amounts will not be listed.