



Campaign Corner: Frequently Asked Questions Series

The following is part of our Frequently Asked Questions series for our campaign.

We kickoff the *Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future* Campaign next weekend! Join us for Campaign Kickoff on Sunday, January 7 at 11am mass and Open House to follow in the social hall from 12pm-1:30pm. See more church renovation renderings and celebrate the start of our campaign with snacks and community.

What is included in the parish office renovations?

Our parish office has been considered “temporary” since we moved into the basement of the rectory in 2018. Now that we are making it a permanent space to serve St. Bernadette, it is time to ensure it meets our needs.

First, we will add a ramp from the parking lot to the entrance so all in our community can visit the parish office or use a meeting space. We will also replace the carpet and lighting, update office furniture and add modern security technology. This will require electrical work as we also move walls and create more meeting spaces for small groups and ministries.

These renovations will allow us to better use the space we have available for the current and future needs of our parish.

What are the campaign goals?

Our Faith Goal: \$1,274,000

This goal fully funds the church renovation and beautification and pays off professional fees and campaign expenses (architect, consulting, printing, postage, etc.).

Our Family Goal: \$1,500,000

This goal includes the *Our Faith* Goal and fully funds the parish office renovation.

Our Future Goal: \$1,700,000

This goal includes the *Our Faith* and *Our Family* Goals and doubles the amount in our Facilities Maintenance Fund.

What is the Facilities Maintenance Fund?

The Facilities Maintenance Fund provides for the upkeep of our parish spaces, including the church, parish offices, rectory and grounds. We currently have \$203,546 in this account. With the goal of doubling this fund through the *Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future* Campaign, we will maintain the renovations, updates and beautification our parish is investing in through this campaign.

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How can I participate?

After next weekend, you will receive more information about our campaign and projects in the mail. It will also include a personal letter from Fr. Jeff inviting you to make a gift or pledge to the *Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future* Campaign. Many of you will have the opportunity to meet personally with one of our many campaign volunteers, your fellow parishioners. They will answer any questions you may have and provide the pledge card to make your commitment.

What is the requested amount and how was it determined?

Each family's personal letter from Fr. Jeff will include a "requested amount" for you to prayerfully consider for your commitment to our campaign. We base our requested amounts on past giving histories and answers provided in the recent planning study. The amount is not an expectation, it is an invitation to discern how you might invest in the future of St. Bernadette. We ask that you consider a meaningful gift above and beyond your normal support. For those who will meet with a campaign volunteer, they do not know the requested amount you received in your letter.

Can I pledge over time?

Every family will be invited to consider making a gift over the three-year pledge period. For many families, this allows them to make a more generous gift over time than when giving a one-time gift. However, our campaign offers a wide range of gift opportunities to participate at all levels. You may choose a plan that provides you with both flexibility and time to complete the payment of your pledge. Because our needs are urgent, we encourage you to complete your pledge within three years.

Can trust and estate gifts be made to the capital campaign?

Because the needs of the campaign require immediate funding, gifts of cash and securities are generally sought. But estate gifts, often referred to as planned gifts, are also welcome. For more information, contact Tristen Riha.