

Why are soft pledges needed?

“Soft pledges” are important because they give the people at the parish and Diocesan level clarity before making major commitments.

They are not legally binding promises – but they are serious indicators of intent and generosity.

Soft pledges turn hope into measurable reality.

They help answer the crucial question: “Can we truly afford this – and can we do it responsibly?”

SOFT PLEDGE

I can donate a **one time donation** totaling \$ _____

I can donate over the course of a **three year period** totaling \$ _____

Print name _____

Date _____

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Dear Sacred Heart Family,

A potential school addition at Sacred Heart is a carefully planned effort to provide adequate space for our students and teachers, ensuring they can continue their outstanding work within an improved learning environment. This enhanced academic setting will further nurture our mission of forming young disciples who grow in knowledge, love of Jesus, and care for others.

We are considering this project to achieve the following goals:

- Relocate Kindergarten and Preschool: Move classrooms out of the basement to a more suitable location.
- Integrate STREAM: Move the STREAM classroom directly into the main school building.
- Expand Facilities: Increase restroom capacity within the building for all age groups

Please review the proposed plan and indicate your intended contribution.

Ways to submit your Soft Pledge: Mail this document back to Sacred Heart Parish or drop in the collection basket. Also access the website and submit electronically; or scan the QR code to submit your soft pledge. Please return by **March 29, 2026.**



Please note: this is a preliminary poll and your dollar amount response is not official or legally binding.

Sincerely, Fr. Jeff

Where are we now?

The projects completed since 2022 prioritized **critically needed infrastructure and upgrades to our existing school building.**

We are excited to now focus on our most ambitious project yet: **a four-classroom addition that will expand and connect the school and gym into a safer, more secure campus for all our students.** The new classrooms will allow our preschool and kindergarten students to move out of the basement into classrooms designed to meet their unique needs, create dedicated spaces for Special Education services, and optimize our current administrative spaces.

The proposed campus expansion will **build on the legacy of the past while ensuring a quality Catholic education remains available to future generations.**

Probable Cost - Budget

New Construction - \$2,200,000

Modification Allowance - \$400,000

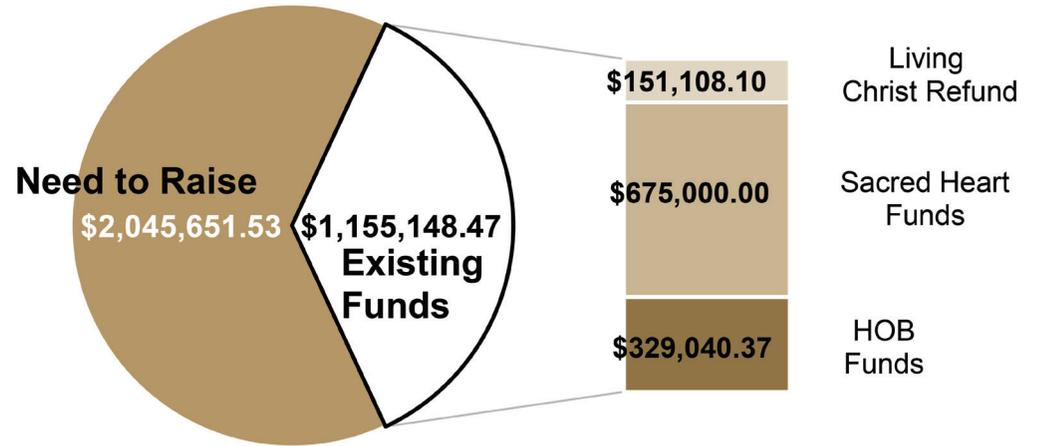
Soft Cost - \$310,000

Total \$2,910,000

Add 10% Diocese Contingency

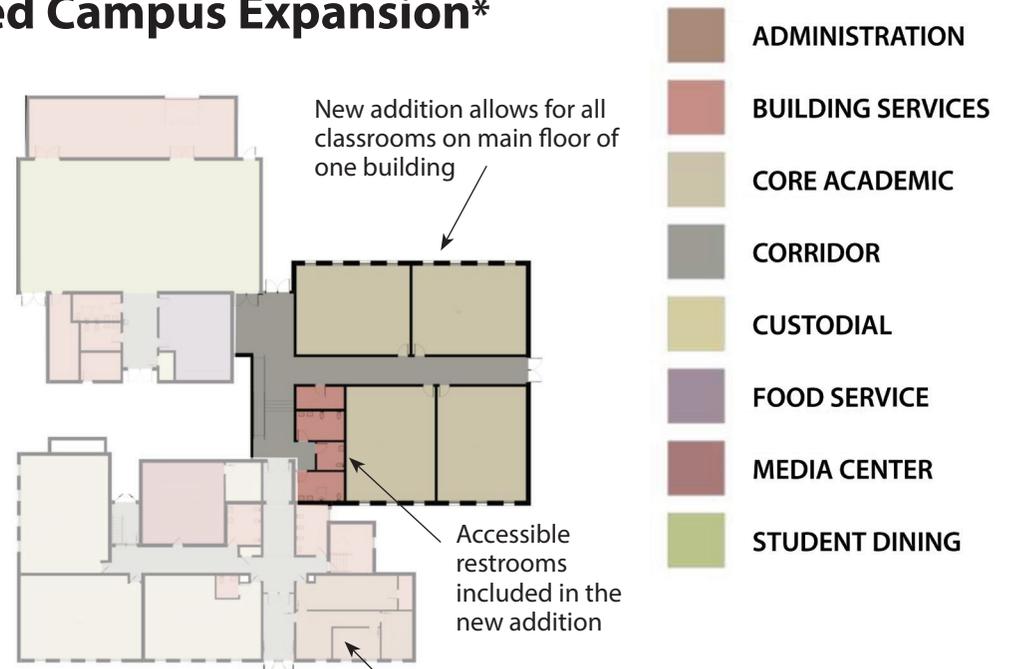
Total = \$3,201,000

Project Funding: \$3,201,000



Even with the proposed allocation from the Finance Council, a balance of \$739,995 from Sacred Heart's funds remain untouched.

Proposed Campus Expansion*



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