



## Preparing Today for Tomorrow Frequently Asked Questions About the Campaign

### **In what order will these projects be completed? When will the church have the funds needed to complete our projects?**

- The HVAC system is the top priority. Planning is already underway to have the new system installed as soon as possible. If we do not have the funds for this project as soon as they are needed, we will take out a bridge loan to complete the balance. Funds raised by the campaign will be used to repay this loan before any other projects begin.
- Once the HVAC is completed, additional funds received will pay for a new organ. There will be *no loan* for this project. The organ purchase and installment will begin *after* the funds are received from campaign pledges. We have estimated that the cost of this organ will be approximately \$500,000 based on current costs and technical requirements. If a suitable option is found for a lower price, we will install the new organ sooner (and have more money for the third project!)
- After the HVAC and organ have been paid in full, all remaining funds will be used to repair and refurbish pews, carpets, etc. within the church, as well as to potentially expand the narthex. The extent of these projects will depend on the final total raised. They should be underway by the end of three years with the conclusion of the campaign, as sufficient funds are received.

### **What will the HVAC project consist of?**

- We will replace more than just the HVAC units themselves. The ventilation and electrical system supporting the units will also be replaced. Funds for this portion of the campaign will cover the full cost of the entire project, including architectural design, structural changes, renovations, and landscaping necessary to accommodate the new system.

### **What if I can't afford the sort of pledge you're asking for?**

- We have no expectation of a gift of any particular size or with any particular payment plan. We ask that every parish family prayerfully consider their pledge and make the choice that is best for them, according to what God is calling them to give.



- We give examples of the gifts we ask parishioners to consider in order to explain our parish's need and offer guidance on how we think this campaign can be most successfully implemented. We want you to make an informed and prayerful decision. We know that some people can give less than these examples and some can give more, some will want to give a large gift up front and others will find it easier to spread their gift over three years. The important thing is that you let us know what you intend your sacrifice to be so that we can plan for the future.
- Most importantly, remember, this campaign is about being a steward in whatever way you can. Not everyone can give equally, but everyone can make an equal sacrifice.

### **What do you mean by "sacrificial giving"?**

- Jesus Christ told his apostles that the poor widow who gave her last two coins to the Temple in Jerusalem gave more than all the wealthy men combined. She made a greater sacrifice, even though the size of her gift was far less than anyone else's.
- Stewardship is already an important part of our parish, and we don't want to take away from the good work we are already supporting. So, we recognize that for many people, supporting this campaign will require additional sacrifice. We would not ask more than God himself expects; we only ask that every family consider what a sacrifice looks like for their family and their circumstances. We trust that whatever gift you give will be the sacrifice God calls you to make.
- For some families, the right number to give is \$0. In that case, please make a sacrifice of prayer by setting time aside regularly over the next three years to pray for the success of this campaign. Let us know if you have a need the Church can fill. Our St. Frances family is here to share Christ's sacrificial love back to you.

### **What if my financial situation or life events change during the campaign?**

- A pledge is just a way for you to tell us what you hope and expect to give so that we can plan accordingly. If you need to change the size of your gift or delay payments (or if you won the lottery and want to give extra!), that's perfectly fine! Just call the church office and let us know so that we can adjust our records.



**I am a snowbird. I want to support my parish “home away from home,” but I won’t be here all the time. How can I support the campaign?**

- There are different ways you can support the campaign as a part-time parishioner. The important thing is to let us know what works best for you. Here are a couple of suggestions:
  - If you want to make your gift easy to afford and manage, consider making your pledge online. Your gift can automatically be collected every month no matter where you are!
  - If you prefer to give when you are present at St. Frances Cabrini, consider an annual payment frequency, then we will know to expect your gift once a year and you can make your donation during your time with us.