

# Campaign Messenger

“Centennial Campaign - Preserving Our Spiritual Heritage & Legacy” Issue 1: April 20 & 21, 2024

## Campaign Announced

We are pleased to announce the launch of a special campaign for the benefit of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. It's entitled “**Centennial Campaign – Preserving Our Spiritual Heritage & Legacy**”. This campaign will address our most pressing facility maintenance and improvement needs.

Our **minimum goal** is to raise **\$1 million** which will enable us to replace and repair the tile roof, the flat roof over the Sacristy, Chapel, hallways and closets, the skylight, the interior wall plastering and stencil work, and the HVAC design costs. We have also set a **challenge goal** of **\$1.4 million** which will enable us to complete the minimum goal projects and move forward on our HVAC system improvements and upgrades.

The campaign will officially commence with a special



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*Kick-Off Celebration* scheduled for Sunday, May 5. The campaign will culminate on Commitment Weekend, June 15 & 16, when members will be asked to make their campaign gift commitments.

The pages that follow provide additional details about our needs, our plans, and our campaign. Through the prayerful, volunteer, and financial support of many, we will succeed in our task. In so doing, we will help to make Sacred Heart Catholic Church an even more special and spectacular place to go and to grow in God's name.

## Campaign Leadership Enlisted

Our *Campaign Cabinet*, the leadership group for our campaign, is now in place. This



critical core group of leaders will give guidance and drive the overall campaign.

Serving as Campaign Co-Chairs of this special effort are **Adam Bellin and James Clark**, who will assume primary responsibility for and oversee the entire

campaign effort and, in particular, the gift gathering phases and team for the campaign.

In addition, we have been blessed with an excellent supporting cast who are tasked with leading our necessary campaign support teams.

They are **Victory Gatling and Rosa Motta-Bischof** who will lead our Prayer Team; **Daniel Boyters**, who will lead our team for Hospitality; and **Emily Bashara** who will lead our team for Communications.

Finally, we are also blessed to already have the following people step up and agree to

serve on our Gift Gathering Team—the group of volunteers who will be visiting a select group of members in advance of Commitment Week and inviting them to consider their gifts. Serving on the Gift Gathering Team so far are: **Timothy Dorsey, Daniel Doyle, Robert Kelly, Kevin Larkin, Richard Mapp and Robert Reis**.

Volunteers are still needed to help with this important effort. So, please say ‘yes’ to volunteering if you’re asked. We promise it will be a good time without taking a lot of your time. Plus, it will make a big difference to the success of our campaign!

# Our Needs

## **Church Roof & Interior Repairs**

The church's pitched roof still has its original Roman clay tile roofing system. The Flat Roof that covers the Sacristy, the Chapel, and the hallways and closets along the perimeter of the Sanctuary space has a single-ply membrane installed in the 1980's. A recent assessment of both of the roofs reported them with poor conditions that must be addressed.

- Approximately 10% of the roof's pan and cover tiles are cracked. Tiles are no longer properly secured because of corroded fasteners and deteriorated wood stringers.
- The tiles have no underlayment and the single-ply membrane is pulling and cracking.
- The membrane's seams have fishmouths (wrinkling) and other deterioration.
- The through-wall scuppers (drainage holes) are either too high or slope toward the roof. This results in ineffective water drainage.
- Water is ponding on the membrane and at a low point near the treated seams.
- The gutters lack recommended expansion joints and the roof's copper flashings are near the end of their useful service.
- Resealed tile mortar joints are deteriorating.
- Water intrusions from the roof have damaged various areas and continue to cause more damage.
- There is water damage near the statue of St. Joseph and to the stencil work inside the side-aisle arches and apses.
- There is visible wood rot around the church's treasured stained glass windows.

## **Lower Flat Roof, Skylight & Interior Repairs**

- A recent flat roof and skylight assessment revealed several concerns.
- The single-ply membrane lacks an underlayment and shows signs of pulling, fishmouths, and weather cracking.
- The membrane's seam sealant is worn.
- Water is ponding on the roof membrane and at the scuppers that channel water off the roof.
- Past repairs on the aging and deteriorating expansion joint and membrane between the top of the skylight and the adjacent church wall have been largely ineffective and insufficient.
- The skylight's structural, insulated glazing appears to be intact, but the skylight itself is fogging due to moisture intrusion.
- The skylight's gaskets, sealants, and flashings are deteriorating.
- Water leaks from the roof has damaged interior walls, flooring, and other areas.

## **HVAC System Improvements**

- Originally, the church was heated by radiators recessed below the stained glass windows and hidden behind vertical grates set flush with the walls. Some years later, an HVAC system was installed in the Sanctuary's crawl space with ductwork running to floor diffusers. The old radiators were left in place and the recesses were plastered over. Today, the HVAC system is beyond its useful life and its crawl space location is problematic.

- Inadequate access makes HVAC service and repair difficult and expensive.
- Some of the air handling units sit on the dirt floor and their condensation makes the space damp and the ductwork insulation to sag. The result is inefficient flow of conditioned air to the Sanctuary.
- The crawl space units sit below the flood plain which does not meet current building code requirements.
- The ductwork is residential quality which is inadequate for our large assembly space.
- When summer air temperatures and humidity rise, our aging air handling units are overburdened and unable to properly circulate air. This causes unhealthy stagnant air to accumulate in the crawl space.
- The crawl space's dark and damp conditions, combined with heat and humidity could lead to mold spores entering and circulating through church spaces.
- Our electrical system is unable to support HVAC system improvements and is not up to current code requirements.

## **2024 Diocesan Appeal**

We must continue to share God's love for others and support the needs of our broader church through the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA). The ADA empowers the next generation of Catholics through seminary and youth and young adult education ministries. It supports the most vulnerable in our community through collaboration with local organizations and the ministries available at Sacred Heart. It also provides extra support for parish needs which ultimately strengthens our Catholic communities.

# Our Plans

## **Church Roof & Interior Repairs**

Depending on the condition and functionality, all parts of the church's roof will be replaced or repaired as necessary.

- The clay roofing tiles will be removed and undamaged tiles salvaged for reinstallation.
- A new high-temperature roof underlayment and new wood stringers to properly anchor the roofing tiles will be installed.
- Damaged glazed tile copings (edge sealant) will be matched and replaced.
- Deteriorating sealant and mortar will be replaced.
- Damaged or deteriorated wood decking will be replaced or repaired.
- Insulation to add a slight slope will direct rainwater towards gutters and/or additional drains will be added.
- Manufacturer-required flashing materials to prevent and redirect water will be installed.
- Existing scuppers will be enlarged and additional overflow scuppers or drains installed.
- All damage caused by the leaking roof to the church interior will be repaired.

## **Lower Flat Roof, Skylight & Interior Repairs**

The flat roof will be removed and replaced down to the wood deck.

- Damaged and deteriorated wood decking will be replaced or repaired.
- Tapered insulation to ensure positive and proper drainage will be installed.
- Manufacturer-required flashing materials to prevent and redirect water will be installed.
- Existing scuppers will be enlarged, and additional overflow scuppers or drains installed.
- The skylight assembly and expansion joint will be removed, refurbished, or replaced.
- The brick's mortar or joint caulk will be cleaned and any damaged replaced.
- All damage caused by the leaking roof to the Commons interior will be repaired.

## **HVAC System Improvements and Repairs**

- Sanctuary Floor: Floor air grilles will be removed, the wood repaired to match, and the entire floor painted. Certain pews may need to be removed and reinstalled to facilitate this effort.
- Sanctuary HVAC: The abandoned radiators encased below each stained glass window will be removed, HVAC units will be installed in their places in recessed boxes, and decorative, removable grills similar, if not identical, to the church's original interior will be installed to cover them.
- Sanctuary Fresh Air Duct: A new, fresh air duct will be dis-

creetly installed within the south aisle's existing ceiling truss space. It will be painted to blend with the ceiling and have no impact on the view of the altar.

- Rooftop Enclosure: A rooftop enclosure, or doghouse, will be constructed on the flat roof for the new fresh air duct. One panel of the skylight will be made opaque to hide the equipment from the inside and outside, the doghouse will be constructed below the parapet to preserve sightlines. The enclosure will be enclosed in Thermoplastic Polyolefin (TPO), which is heated then cooled to harden and seal.
- Sanctuary Air-Handlers: The air-handler units in the crawl space will be replaced with rooftop units. These will be hidden from view and include necessary structural reinforcements.
- Electrical Updates: Necessary electrical system improvements needed by the new HVAC system will be done.
- Efficiency Improvements: An upgraded HVAC system will provide cooled, warmed, and well-circulated fresh air at higher efficiency, lower operating costs, and reduce negative environmental effects.
- Choir & Kitchen HVAC: Air circulation will be improved in the choir loft and commercial kitchen. This will provide more comfort for our singers, musicians and Soup Kitchen volunteers as they serve our community.

# How You Can Help

## 1 Pray

Please **pray** for our volunteers, staff, and all members of our church community. Pray for God's guidance and our campaign's success. Our future depends on your prayers.



## 2 Volunteer

Please **volunteer** your time to our campaign effort. Over 50 volunteers are needed to assure that the campaign runs as efficiently and effectively as possible and so that volunteering is a relatively easy and enjoyable job for everyone.



## 3 Invest

Please **invest** and make the very best gift that you possibly can when you are asked to support our campaign. Long-term subscriptions, or pledges payable over three years, in addition to your annual stewardship offerings, are encouraged and essential to meeting our needs.

**Your prayerful, volunteer, and financial support will ensure our campaign's and our church community's future success!**



*“Tell them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.”*

1 Timothy 6:18-19



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## Join Us for Our Campaign Kick-Off Celebration

**“Centennial Campaign – Preserving Our Spiritual Heritage & Legacy”.**

**Sunday, May 5 at 12:15 p.m. following Mass**

View our newly produced campaign brochure and video, and learn first-hand of our needs, our hopes, and our plans.

**Lunch will be served following the program in the Commons.**