The Catholic Community of Ascension & St Augustine

Fulfilling the Mission
to receive, live, and share Christ
Our Stewardship Team

Working to fulfill the mission of CCASTA

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Dear Friends,

In 2019 we celebrated 281 collective years at our church campuses – that’s 281 combined years of faith! We are fortunate to have a strong foundation and countless men and women who have sacrificed through their generosity over these many years to give us the Catholic Community of Ascension and St. Augustine. We celebrate and give thanks for our parish, and we look forward to continuing that mission with you.

Our campaign is “Fulfilling the Mission” because God is calling us at CCASTA to fulfill our mission to “Receive, Live, and Share Christ” so that we can continue forward in faith. We are blessed at CCASTA to be in a time of unprecedented growth with new ministries inspired by the Holy Spirit to bring our 8,841 parishioners closer to the Lord so that we can live and share Him with the world.

All this progress and ministry activity has brought attention to some serious maintenance issues. Our facilities assessment of both campuses has revealed costly and major projects that need to be undertaken.

To be a vibrant community who “receives, lives, and shares Christ,” we need campuses and facilities that are welcoming, safe, and efficient. As we undertake this Capital Campaign of Fulfilling the Mission, it is our turn for sacrifice and generosity to enable CCASTA to continue be a sanctuary where we and future generations will encounter our merciful and gracious God. While parking lots, roofing, and air-conditioning might not be the most exciting renovations, we can’t maintain our ministries and extend true hospitality without them.

Every dollar given to “Fulfilling the Mission” stays at CCASTA. This is our opportunity to show our gratitude to God for his countless gifts given to each of us. If each of us answered the Lord’s invitation to Fulfill Our Mission, what an impact that could have on countless people in our community.

Please join me by making a sacrificial gift that enables CCASTA to be the place where Christ is received by our community and countless others for years to come.

-Fr. John A. Williamson, VF
Our Reality

Creating events and environments for our parishioners and neighbors to hear the life-changing message of the Gospel and to experience our connection in faith costs money.

Our Challenge

We are looking to raise $1.7 million dollars to address facilities issues that will become emergencies in the future. Our capital campaign is meant to rectify decades-old roofs, failing HVAC systems, and deteriorating parking lots so we can continue to fulfill our mission of loving God and sharing Him with others.
FULFILLING OUR MISSION

Participating in the Sacraments

Serving the Poor

Passing on the Faith
100% of Your Gifts Stay Here at CCASTA
Key Upgrades

NEW ROOFS for St Augustine School and the CCASTA Parish Center
to preserve our busy buildings for future mission & hospitality

NEW AIR CONDITIONING UNITS for St. Augustine School & Parish Center
to maintain comfortable, welcoming venues for all of our activities and events

PARKING LOT PAVING for both Churches
creating easy, safe parking for guests and parishioners alike
Fulfilling the Mission 2020

Capital Campaign Schedule: Goal $1.7 Million

1. **JULY**
   - **New Roof**
   - St Augustine School, Hall, & Convent
   - $466,757

2. **SEPTEMBER**
   - **New Roof**
   - Ascension Parish Center

3. **AUGUST**
   - **Replace A/C**
   - St Augustine School
   - $478,000

4. **OCTOBER**
   - **Replace A/C**
   - Ascension Parish Center

5. **Organ**
   - $55,000
   - *Ascension Church

*To be implemented as donations allow
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Capital Campaign Goals*

6. Pointing of Facade
   ST AUGUSTINE
   $145,000**

7. Paving
   ST AUGUSTINE & ASCENSION parking lots
   $371,299

8. Upgrade telecom connections
   BOTH CAMPUSES

9. New A/C Unit
   ST AUGUSTINE Church
   3rd/final unit
   $38,000

10. Security Upgrades
    ASCENSION

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**Additional repairs may be needed. Includes repair to stained glass window
Frequently Asked Questions

How were the amounts determined for each project?
Amounts are the average of three professional estimates.

Besides the named capital projects, what else will the money be used for?
Our critical smaller projects include: Security camera upgrade at Ascension, new A/C unit at St Augustine (only one was replaced in 2019) replace failing organ at Ascension, streamline internet and telecommunications between the two campuses, and, funds permitting, a mobility lift for the Parish Center for our special needs parishioners.
Frequently Asked Questions

What if I don't have a lot to give?
It's not the size of the gift, it's the size of the sacrifice. God sees what you bring far more clearly than anyone else and He blesses our sacrificial giving accordingly.

Is there a way for me to give non-cash gifts?
Yes. Personal property, stocks, investments, and more are most welcome.

Should I transfer my regular offering to the capital campaign?
No. The 2020 Capital Campaign depends on funds raised over and above what is presently coming in.
Fulfilling the Mission Capital Campaign 2020

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