

**Life Center Renovations**  
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**1. Is a “Renovation + Addition” cheaper than a New Building after Demolition ?**

a. Renovation: Total Cost \$1.1M (including furnishings)

i. ***Cost per square foot – Addition of 3000 SF***

Average cost of commercial construction is between \$100 - \$200 per sf.

Let's say **\$150**

3000 sf x \$150/sf = **\$450,000.00 for addition.**

ii. ***Cost per square foot – Renovation existing 7210 SF building***

Average cost of commercial renovation is between \$50 - \$150 per sf.

Let's say **\$75.**

7210 sf x \$75/sf = **\$540,750 for renovation.**

iii. ***Total Cost for complete renovation+addition: \$990,750 without furnishings***

b. Demolition of Existing Building and Build New Building: Total Cost \$1.429M

i. ***Demolition of Existing Building:***

Average Cost of Commercial Demolition with asbestos is about \$9/sq.

SF of Existing Building = 7210 sf

7210 sf x \$9/sf = **\$64,890 for demolition.**

ii. ***New Building Construction (9100 sf proposed renovation project)***

Average cost of commercial construction is between \$100 - \$200 per sf.

Let's say **\$150**

9100 sf x \$150/sf = **\$1,365,000 for new building.**

iii. ***Total Cost for Demolition and New Construction = \$1,429,000***

***Note that this does not include furnishings.***

**2. What is the status of the existing roof.**

Our existing roof is of poor design. It has the gutters built into it. This design tends to clog and is not easy to clean. It has been the main cause for water leaking into the Life Center Building. To repair the existing roof will run about \$85,000.

During the renovation, the roof and guttering systems will be redesigned and replaced.

### 3. How will I return my pledge?

You can utilize one of the following methods to return your pledge:

- a. Online via our webpage (select Life Center Renovations)
- b. Pledge Envelopes will be provided
- c. Your bank will allow you to set up recurring disbursements to Holy Family Church at no cost to you.
  
- d. Report issued to you via email monthly reminding you to return your pledge.

The envelope on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month that was for Maintenance will be renamed Capital Improvement. Any funds provided in this envelope will go to the Life Center Renovations fund.

### 4. Why not simply Repair damaged areas?

Our focus is to tackle building purpose and condition at the same time to maximize our investment dollars. If we do only needed repairs now it will not address the overall purpose and best use of our space. By combining tackling the repairs (condition) of the current building and addressing our changing needs (purpose) we can maximize what we get for our investment.

### 5. How long will it take to complete the project?

The project is expected to 1 year to complete everything. Construction will be phased in. For example, we could proceed with the new addition while still using the current building for activities. Once that is complete, activities would shift to the new addition while renovations of the existing building will commence.

### 6. Why would we want to do something that incurs another loan?

- a. We have gone approximately 15 years with no updates to our campus buildings.
- b. Our buildings are deteriorating.
- c. Investment in our Holy Family Community
- d. Plan for the future.

### 7. Previously we have had flooding problems in the Life Center. Can you elaborate on what caused this?

- a. Poor draining on the property. The new draining systems have eliminated 90% of the flooding.
- b. Need to add 1 more culvert/drop box between Life Center and the Parish Center to help that spot drain better.
- c. Not enough gutter downspouts
- d. Items stuck in the gutters.
- e. Sealing around the base of the building has deteriorated.

### 8. Where are we currently financially with the project?

- a. We currently have \$250,000 on deposit for the project. We need another \$50,000 on hand to get to \$300,000 total on deposit.
- b. In addition, we need to secure \$300,000 promised as pledges through the current Capital Campaign drive, before petitioning the Archdiocese for a loan in the amount of \$600,000.

**9. Attitude: God has entrusted me with my gifts and with this parish community.**

Our mindset for our campus should be “It’s my church. I am entrusted with its Care. This is God’s project, put in our hands—Father’s & mine”.

Fact: Due to parishioners’ awareness of their gifts, the diocese of Wichita offers tuition-free Catholic education.

<https://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/catholic-education-stewardship-thriving-in-wichita>