



SHARING *our* GIFTS
BUILDING *our* FUTURE
ST. RICHARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16-17

OVERVIEW

Q: WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF THIS CAMPAIGN? **A:** Our goal is to raise the \$1,190,000 necessary to address critical repair and renovation projects on our parish campus. These include repairing our brick façade so the campus remains watertight, resurfacing our parking lot for accessibility and safety, and renovating our narthex, bathrooms, and social hall. We will also update some of our key parish systems, such as the security system, sanctuary sound and lighting, and snow removal equipment. This will be a three-year campaign.

Q: WHY IS THIS CAMPAIGN NECESSARY? **A:** Our welcoming, loving community of faith has been in Richfield since 1952. Our campus is ageing, and to continue our tradition of prayer, hospitality, and service, we need to address these needs now. The most cost-effective way to do this is to embark on a campaign, raise the funds over a three-year period, and address each need in turn as funds are collected. With our campus strong and secure, we can continue to spread the Word of God in Richfield for generations to come.

Q: ARE THERE PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL RENOVATION OR BUILDING BEYOND THIS? **A:** Not at this time. However, any funds raised in excess of our final goal of \$1,190,000 will go into a long-term maintenance fund so that we can address future issues quickly.

GIVING AND VOLUNTEERING

Q: WHO WILL BE ASKED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CAMPAIGN? **A:** Beginning in early February, every registered family at St. Richard's Catholic Church will be asked to contribute according to their means, and we will reach out to those families who utilize the K-3 campus of Blessed Trinity School. Volunteers will make the majority of pledge requests. The parish will also submit grant requests to foundations.

Q: HOW WILL I BE ABLE TO MAKE MY CONTRIBUTION? **A:** The most common options are commitments fulfilled over the three-year pledge period or a one-time gift. Payment choices include automatic withdrawal, cash/check or credit card. The parish will accept gifts of stock or property and encourages parishioners considering these options to talk with their financial advisor first.

Q: HOW CAN MY GIFT MAKE THE GREATEST IMPACT ON THE SUCCESS OF THE CAMPAIGN? **A:** After the campaign kickoff in early February, we encourage you to make your commitment early! The sooner we reach our goal, the sooner we will be able to begin work on these projects. Also, please check with your current employer to see if a gift matching program is available and if religious organizations are eligible.

Q: CAN I VOLUNTEER IN SUPPORT OF THE EFFORT? **A:** Certainly! If you have not yet been contacted about volunteering, please contact our campaign manager, John Rogers at 651-366-0908 or jrogers@steiergroup.com and he will assist you. We are looking for sixty people to join the cause.

In the next two weeks, two more FAQs will be published in the bulletin and online, addressing specific projects. Please pray that God may bless and strengthen us as we move forward!