



Frequently Asked Questions

How does the Cathedral Education Center impact our parish?

Saint Patrick Cathedral has a strong foundation, but there is room to grow stronger. Our parish is currently limited by handicap inaccessibility to the lower level of the Cathedral, impeding greater participation (currently we only have a chair lift). We are also landlocked and limited by the available space to serve all the needs, including C.A.R.E., Adult Sunday School, RCIA, Baptismal Preparation, Bible Study, Women's Prayer Group, meetings, and many more of our ministries. Harrisburg Catholic Elementary School students and parents would benefit from a consolidated and upgraded campus, unified faculty, streamlined administrative services and costs. To see more details on the plans, please visit our parish website at www.stpatrickcathedral.com.

What is a Faith Promise?

We are asking for parishioners to make a "Faith Promise". A Faith Promise is a gift commitment that represents a sacrifice to support God's work. The amount you pledge may be given in many ways over the campaign. Please decide the Faith Promise that best fits your family's ability to contribute. Once you have prayerfully come to a decision, please fill out a Faith Promise Card, which are available in the pews and the parish office. Commitments can be given upfront, annually, monthly, weekly...however you would like! This card is not a promissory note. It is a declaration of intent, a commitment made in faith, a Faith Promise. It is understood that your gift may be revised should circumstances make it necessary.

When do I turn in my Faith Promise Card?

You can turn in your pledge at any time by mailing it to the parish office or by placing it in the offering. Commitment Weekend will be held on January 19th and 20th and we would like to have all pledges turned in by that time. We thank you for prayerfully considering a contribution to our parish's Cathedral Education Center capital campaign!

How do I pay for my Faith Promise pledge?

Your contributions can begin as soon as you would like...several gifts have already been received! Gifts and checks can be made payable to *Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick*. Please designate *Capital Campaign* on the memo line or envelope. You are welcome to place gifts in the offering or mail them to the parish office. If you would like to fulfill your Capital Campaign pledge in some form other than cash (e.g., appreciated securities), please contact our Parish Manager, Lubiann Reichert, at cathedralparish@comcast.net or (717) 232-2169.

Where will these funds go?

Every dollar you contribute towards the *Faith in our Future* capital campaign will go directly to this important project that impacts the lives of everyone in our parish from our youngest to our most senior parishioners. A separate account has been established to partition the Capital Campaign funds.

May I change my Faith Promise later in the campaign?

Yes, of course. The future of any member is uncertain. Some may find themselves in better circumstances and be able to give more while others may face unforeseen situations that may cause them to lower their giving. The purpose of the Faith Promise Cards is to give Saint Luke an idea of how much we can expect to raise from our congregation. It is better for you to indicate the largest amount you will give rather than an amount you will easily exceed.

How much am I expected to give?

Making a Faith Promise is a prudent, practical, and responsible form of stewardship. Nearly everyone believes in a commitment when dealing with personal financial affairs, when arranging for loans or other forms of credit, or when saving for future expenditures. Now is the time to use this same kind of reasoning to care for our combined interests as a parish community. It would be impossible to raise enough money through cash donations or “gifts of convenience.” We must rely on everyone to plan a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, one step at a time. With the spirit of equal sacrifice—not equal gifts—our commitment relies on the spiritual values of sacrifice and faith.

Will other types of donations be accepted?

Yes. You can support the project in other ways as well, especially with your prayers. Some other considerations are: stocks, mutual funds, tax-free charitable RMDs from IRAs, real estate and more! Questions regarding this kind of giving can be directed to Lubiann Reichert, Parish Manager, at cathedralparish@comcast.net or (717) 232-2169.

When will work begin on the Cathedral Education Center?

The schedule is contingent on several variables, the most important being the breakdown of funds coming in. For example, more work can be done immediately if more gifts are in year one. We ask for a Faith Promise Card to be filled out so we can estimate when work will be able to be done. Per diocesan requirement, fifty percent of the funds need to be received before construction can begin.

Where can I continue to find updated information?

Updates on the capital campaign can be found on our parish website (www.stpatrickcathedral.com). Additional information can also be found within the bulletins and newsletters.

Still Have Questions?

If you have any additional questions on the *Faith in our Future* campaign, please contact Richie Musser at rmusser@kirbysmith.com or by calling 484-364-0781.



Thank you for all your continued prayers and support!