



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



As our pledge to keep Holy Spirit parishioners well informed regarding our current capital campaign and upcoming projects, we are continuing our FAQ series. This week, we'll continue the process by answering questions specifically related to Phase 1 and the upcoming capital campaign.

For a complete list of questions and answers please visit the campaign page on our website: www.holyspiritfresno.org

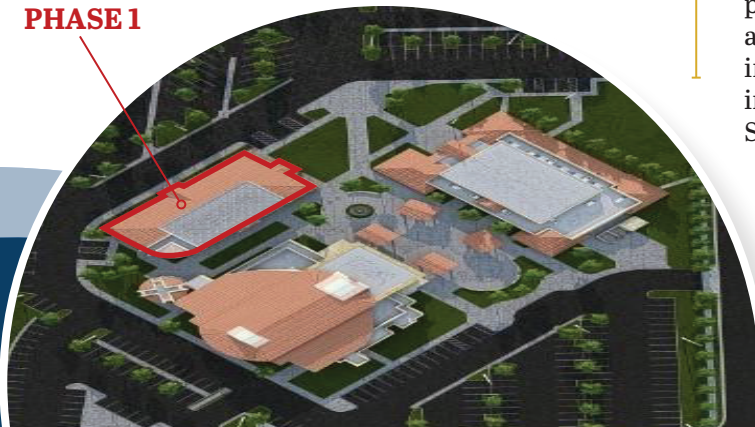
What exactly will the new Parish Life Center be like and how will it meet our needs?

The new Parish Life Center will be a beautiful new building on the lawn between the parking lot and the fountain. Upon completion, this will become the new parish office, with enough space for all our current office needs, along with space for growth. In addition, there will be a large gathering space for bigger meetings and events, which can also be divided for smaller meetings. Once complete, we will have a beautiful new facility and the space on campus to continue with daily operations while reimagining Msgr. Logan Hall. We look forward to sharing all the exciting details of this new building in the weeks to come.

What is the cost of Phase 1? How will we pay for it?

In addition to the building of the Parish Life Center, Phase 1 will include the addition of a much needed restroom adjacent to the Adoration Chapel. The estimated cost of both of these projects is approximately \$5 million. A capital campaign will be conducted to raise these funds.

PHASE 1



What is a capital campaign and why is it the best way forward to accomplish these projects?

A capital campaign is a major fundraising effort which seeks to raise a substantial amount of money over a specified period of time. Campaign funding is in addition to a donor's current support and fulfilled over a three-year pledge period.

Holy Spirit is growing and has identified that expansion of parish facilities is necessary to meet the needs of our growing community. The positive results of the recent planning study indicated that 91% of parishioners were in favor of entering into a campaign to fund these projects. This campaign will provide a renewed opportunity for everyone in our growing community to play an immediate role in strengthening Holy Spirit now and for the future.

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When can we get started?

The Bishop of the Diocese of Fresno must approve all parish capital projects and a major component of that approval is the 80% rule. This rule states that before construction can begin, the parish must have 80% of the cost of the project in cash, up front. Good stewardship over the years has left us in the fortunate situation of having a savings account that exceeds the amount of money needed to meet this approval. To get started quickly, we can utilize our savings and replenish it as the gifts from the campaign come in. Because of this, we should be able to get started as soon as our plans are finalized and approved.

Where will staff, ministries and activities go during the construction?

We are planning to implement our parish expansion plan in two phases in order to address this issue. During Phase 1, the construction of the Parish Life Center, Msgr. Logan Hall will continue its current use. When Phase 1 is complete, parish operations and ministries will move into the Parish Life Center, which will have enough space to continue operations with minimal disruption during Phase 2.

How long will construction take?

The overall concept of completing the project in two phases has already been approved by the Bishop, with permission to proceed with developing the details. The detailed construction plans for Phase 1 are being finalized for submission to the city and construction could begin this year. Assuming that permitting, plan checks, inspection, and other construction-related items happen in a timely manner, it is estimated that the Parish Life Center could be completed within 12-18 months.

When will I be asked to give to the campaign?

Before asking for support we must first ensure we are prepared. We will officially kick off the *Our Continuing Dream* campaign on the weekend of May 4-5. However, the planning process and preliminary work have been ongoing since last September. We are in the process of finalizing our campaign goals, creating all communications pieces, training volunteers and gathering leadership gifts. We will continue to share progress, plans and answer additional questions that arise during the upcoming weeks and months.

In May, all parishioners will receive a letter from Fr. Pat asking them to make a three-year pledge that is both meaningful and sacrificial to their family. In the meantime, please pray for our campaign leaders and Holy Spirit parish, as this effort brings great excitement for current and future parishioners and families.

HOW CAN I HELP NOW?

PRAY | Please include the campaign and our volunteers in your prayers as we work towards our goal.

VOLUNTEER | You can help make a difference for Holy Spirit and its future! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office at (559) 434-7701 or Megan Popa of the Steier Group, at mpopa@steiergroup.com

