



# Q & A

Questions and Answers about the

*Dwelling Place* campaign for Sacred Heart (2018)

## **Doesn't the parish have a savings account to pay for on-going types of repairs?**

There is a Capital Improvement Fund, which parishioners support each month with a giving envelope. This account also benefits when people designate Sacred Heart Parish in their will or trust. This fund is used for annual upkeep and repairs, as a homeowner would use a savings account, except the costs are much more. Repairs for the church HVAC system or plumbing in the high school are not minor expenses. When we re-surface a parking lot, like we did the main one two summers ago, the account is greatly reduced.

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Campaign Dates:  
September 10 to  
October 31, 2018

## **It seems like the church roof was repaired a few years ago, is there a problem?**

Time flies! The last time the three levels of the church roof were repaired was almost 18 years ago. The hard winters (layers of ice and snow) of late have taken their toll. Local experts have inspected and reported the church roofs—with the exception of the flat roof over the vestibule—are leaking and need to be replaced to stop further damage to the roof decking, insulation, and inside ceilings.

## **What kinds of roofs are being replaced? Has thought been given to metal roofs which will last longer?**

The church roof is an industrial shingled roof and will be replaced with the same. While metal roofs seem like a good solution, they are not a fit for the architectural design of our church, or the acoustics of our building. The administration building roof is a flat roof which offers its own set of challenges. This one is in desperate need of repair and should be done immediately.

## **What is the plan for the Convent/Big House? Why are you repairing that roof?**

Feasibility/use of the old convent is still being investigated, but the building is currently used for some events and lots of storage. It was solidly built in the 1950s and has much building integrity. While decisions are being made, and to preserve the structure for possible future use, it is prudent to fix the leaking roof and prevent any further damage.

## **What vendors have been selected? Who will be hired to perform the work on these projects?**

In keeping with requirements, three competitive bids are collected on each project. It is our intention to use local vendors and select members/supporters of our Parish when possible.

For additional  
information,  
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### **Where is the west parking lot?**

The west parking lot is northwest of the church, located between Fancher and Lansing Streets. It is the lot designated for patrons of the Parish Center and visitors to sporting events at the school, along with daily parking for the teachers, staff, and students of the school. It has 74 spaces which are also utilized for weekend Masses and are at premium use during Lenten Friday Night Fish Fries.

### **What are the lighting projects? What is LED lighting?**

Consumers Energy is currently offering rebates if businesses switch to LED lighting. This lighting burns brighter, is more energy efficient, and saves money over time in electric usage. The bulbs also last longer, needing replacement less often. The parish has the opportunity to save money if we switch to LED in both school buildings at this time. The church, parish center, and school gymnasium have already been converted to LED. The parish office and other areas will be completed in a final phase.

### **What is included in the “additional projects” category?**

The church and school often have electrical, plumbing, and heating needs, so the “additional projects” category is like a Rainy Day Fund: an umbrella to cover unexpected repair expenses as they arise.

### **What happens if we don’t meet the \$400,000 goal?**

When we hosted the All Are Welcome campaign in 2014, we exceeded our campaign goal, and we will pray this one is successful as well. In the event the effort falls short, projects will be prioritized and the most necessary will be completed first.

### **Is there an on-line giving an option? Can I pledge a gift and make payments over time?**

Contact Connie McCann in the administration office by calling (989) 772-1385 or cmccann@sha.net. She will help you navigate all giving options, any time of day.

### **Will gifts of stocks/bonds or IRA distributions be accepted in this campaign?**

Absolutely. There are a couple of extra steps for these gifts, but they are fantastic giving options, especially the direct IRA distribution for donors who have reached the age of 70 1/2. Our development officer, Connie McCann, can help with all the details.

### **How do I give?**

Use the giving form sent in the packet from Fr. Loren or go to the Parish web site at [www.sha.net](http://www.sha.net), enter the Parish site, and click the “Dwelling Place” icon to print a new one. Complete it and drop it—in an envelope marked “Dwelling Place”—in the Sunday collection, or mail or deliver it to the Church office at 302 S. Kinney Ave, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.

*If you have additional questions about this campaign, the timeline, or giving options, please contact the church office at (989) 772-1385 or [cmccann@sha.net](mailto:cmccann@sha.net).*