



BUILDING OUR
COMMUNITY
BLESSING OUR
FUTURE

Holy Cross Church & School Capital Campaign

CASE STATEMENT

PASTOR LETTER

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS:

I am pleased to introduce the Building Our Community - Blessing Our Future Capital Campaign for Holy Cross. A new community center has been a dream of our parish and school for many years, and we believe now is the time to turn that dream into reality. We have real needs and a solid plan to meet them. To be successful, we will need the support and participation of our entire faith community, coming together and cooperating with the Spirit of God.

As God has richly blessed us over and over again, it is time for us to make a generous return to Him for our many blessings. I invite you to strengthen your commitment to our parish and school by giving to this campaign. Because this effort is so important to our faith community, I ask that you read this booklet, then prayerfully consider what your meaningful gift will be.

I urge you to be a part of the continuing work of serving God at Holy Cross and that you will join me in making a sacrificial gift to the *Building Our Community - Blessing Our Future* campaign. Through this effort, we will not only meet the current needs of Holy Cross, but we will ensure that we can better serve God and our community for generations to come.

God bless you,



Fr. Mark Bachmeier, Pastor





CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*Dearest St. Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant,
you guided and protected Mary and Jesus –
for the safety of both Mother and Child.*

*We praise God
that you, faithful protector of the Holy Family,
never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.*

*May your example inspire us to welcome,
cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift
of a generous heart.*

*Help us, please, to faithfully commit ourselves
to building our community and blessing our future.*

*Obtain for us the grace
to do the will of God in all things.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

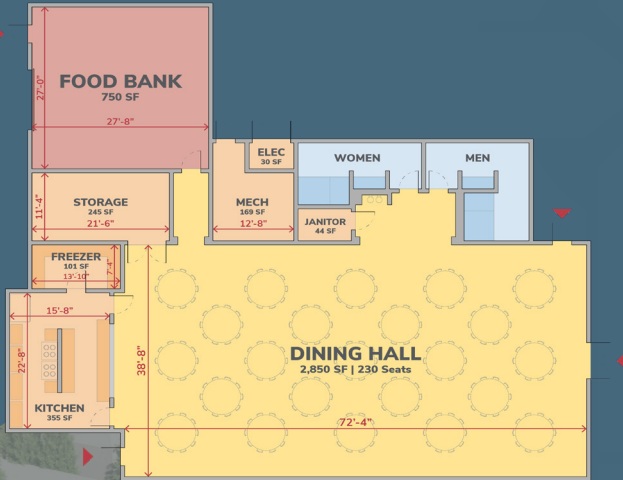


OUR *Master Plan*

"We are building community, not just a facility"

At Holy Cross, we embrace and promote the ministry of hospitality and fellowship. We welcome our current parish and school families and our neighbors from our community at large. These connections are nourished and strengthened through formation and personal interactions. The Gospels and our Catholic tradition show us that within a welcoming community, faith grows.

In a time when we are inundated with distractions, the opportunity to interact socially and spiritually can be difficult. Ensuring that our Holy Cross community has a facility that is welcoming and accessible to all while providing ample space for our members to connect with one another in faith and fellowship is essential. A new parish center will enable us to fully embrace our mission of hospitality and grow our faith and community through fellowship and formation.



After many years and thorough study, discussion and prayerful discernment, parish leaders developed a master plan to address our current needs and best prepare our campus for years to come. As part of this plan, we will construct the new Holy Cross Community Center. Our preparation included feedback received from members of our faith and school community as part of the planning study and professional guidance from an architect and construction cost estimator.

CAMPAIGN

Goals and Costs

Estimated Project Cost:
\$4.5 MILLION*

The *Building Our Community - Blessing Our Future* campaign leadership team has set the fundraising goal for Holy Cross Parish and School at \$1.5 million. Every dollar that we raise in support of this project means less parish savings that will need to be used. We are asking everyone to make a sacrificial gift to help us reach our Challenge Goal and beyond.

- *Foundation Goal* – \$750,000
- *Celebration Goal* – \$1.2 million
- *Challenge Goal* – \$1.5 million

\$4.5 million will be raised through fundraising from our faith community, as well as requests to foundations and local businesses, and the remaining will be supplemented with parish savings.

**This estimated budget includes construction as well as soft costs such as project design, consulting, land use, permits, fixtures, furniture and equipment needs. Building plans are conceptual, and final project design and total costs may vary from the estimates available as of January 2023.*

HOLY CROSS COMMUNITY CENTER PROJECT



PROJECT PLANS

Imagine a place with larger gathering space for after-Mass fellowship, school activities, and additional room for faith formation and ministry activities.

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” (Matthew 18:20)

This project is more than a building. It is an opportunity. The opportunity to welcome everyone inside with no barriers to entry. The opportunity to reinstate beloved gatherings such as senior luncheons and community potlucks. The opportunity to host celebrations and funeral tributes. The opportunity to expand our thriving school. The opportunity to include more people in Bible studies, prayer groups and youth group activities.

The Holy Cross Community Center will be constructed adjacent to the church and directly across from the school, becoming central to the lives of our parishioners, school children and the larger community. This location will not require the acquisition of additional land. Construction is estimated to begin in 2024.

Our new parish center will allow Holy Cross to provide our parish and school with the infrastructure needed to welcome, serve, build, form and continue our mission as Catholics. Built across one fully accessible level with approximately 5,500 square feet in total size, the community center will feature:



- Large gathering space to host up to 230 seated at tables. This venue will be available to host after-Mass fellowship, ministry formation, wedding and funeral receptions, the school's Christmas program and graduation, and other parish and school gatherings.
- Serving kitchen and storage pantry.
- Multipurpose meeting space.
- New St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.
- Designated storage area.
- Outside patio and garden area, ideal for hosting hospitality events and an aesthetic enhancement to our campus.
- Accessible restrooms.
- Built-in technology and sound system for events and presentations.

God, in His goodness, has transformed what started in 1902 as a gathering of the faithful in a chapel at the then Columbia University to today what is a spirit-filled church and school of more than 700 families. Over the years, Holy Cross has evolved and grown out of one church building and started a school. We welcomed fellow North Portland Catholics during the merge of multiple parishes to become the vibrant and diverse faith community we are today.

Through all these evolutions we have never had a standalone parish community center to welcome and serve all our faith community's needs

When asked what they love most about Holy Cross, our people overwhelmingly said the strong community and friendships. That is why enhanced opportunities to gather as a community in large and small groups are at the heart of our vision for the Building Our Community - Blessing Our Future Capital Campaign. Our goal is about more than constructing a new facility; it is about fostering community while building up the faith.

WHY *Now*

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Holy Cross Catholic Church and School has served our faithful parishioners and community for over a century. We gratefully acknowledge the legacy bestowed upon us from our generous and faith-filled predecessors. Being good stewards of our parish at this time in history, we must care for what we have been given and ensure that current and future generations will have welcoming, useful and blessed places to gather as the body of Christ. The time to build is now.



WE CANNOT AFFORD TO WAIT ANY LONGER.

We have a deeply committed community of faith that desperately requires adequate and fully accessible space to gather for fellowship, enrichment activities and faith formation. For years we have “gotten by” with the facilities we have – but at what price, at who’s omission? Yes, there will be an expense to build a new community center, *but what is the cost if we do not?*

The new Holy Cross Community Center will ensure we have opportunities to grow in our faith, build stronger relationships and serve our greater community.

Holy Cross deserves a central gathering and celebration space, both to meet today’s needs and to create future opportunities for ministry, evangelization and service to God.



“God has blessed us with two families... One has 13 members comprised of our children, their spouses and our grandkids. The other is our Holy Cross Parish family of well over 700 brothers and sisters in Christ! We want the very best for you and for our parish, and firmly believe building a new and most importantly accessible Holy Cross Community Center will allow all of us to get to know each other better. We urge each of you to join us in making a financial commitment to building the new parish community center.... Let’s give not only for ourselves but for future families of Holy Cross!”

VINCE AND JANA RIPLEY – HONORARY CHAIRS



WHO WE SERVE

Holy Cross is a vibrant and diverse faith community enriched by our many ministries, programs and activities. All aspects of our parish and school life will benefit from the new community center, especially those previously held in the school hall, as that area is now used for much-needed dedicated learning space.

PARISH & FAMILY LIFE

Celebrations & Social Gatherings

God's Girls

JLP

Senior Adult Ministry

After Mass Fellowship

Funeral Receptions

Bereavement/Grief Ministry

Parish Potluck

Reunions

Safe Environment Training

Moms' Christian Fellowship

Men's Prayer Group

SCHOOL

Parents Association Meetings

Family Game Night

School Auction

Christmas Programs

8th Grade Graduation

Baccalaureate Mass Gathering

Casino Night

General Assemblies

Multicultural Night

Classroom Retreats

Middle School Electives

"Buddy" Time for PreK/6th and K/7th Grades

Donor Dinner

Parent Presentations

Grandparent and Special Friends Gathering

Halloween Carnival

Easter Carnival

Spring Concert

Professional Development for Teachers

Bring Your Supplies to School

Jog-a-thon Celebration

Auction Committee Planning

Parent-Teacher Conferences for Middle School Families



FAITH FORMATION

Nursery/Preschool-Forming
Elem. Religious Ed. (grades 1-5)
Elem. Religious Education Sacrament Preparation
Middle School Youth Ministry
High School Youth Ministry
Confirmation Prep- Middle School/High School
Vacation Bible School
Becoming Catholic
Adult Bible Studies
Baptism Class
Confirmation Prep – Adult
Worship Ministries
Marriage Preparation
Returning Catholic

COUNCILS

Admin Council
Pastoral Council

HISPANIC MINISTRIES

Festival
Bautizos
Preparación para Sacramentos
Grupo de Matrimonio
San Juan Diego Formación
Grupo de Oración Carismático
Quinceañeras
Virgen de Guadalupe

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Alcoholics Anonymous
Event Rentals



Throughout our nearly 40 years of involvement in the Holy Cross community, we have been truly blessed. We have seen firsthand that our parish and school “equal” fellowship, participation, commitment and dedication and we recognize that we owe a debt of gratitude. By way of this capital campaign, we have an exceptional opportunity to demonstrate, in a physical space, how we prioritize serving and welcoming families and the greater community of North Portland.

CONNIE AND TERRY DAVIS,
GENERAL CHAIRS

WAYS TO GIVE

There are many avenues of giving to allow you to meet your needs and support Holy Cross Catholic Community in a meaningful way. Pledges are commitments made in good faith but are not legally binding. You may want to consider stretching your pledge over a three-year period to maximize the total amount of your support. This commitment can be fulfilled through monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual installments. Your gift is intended solely to support the Building Our Community - Blessing Our Future Capital Campaign and can only be used for its goals.

*We encourage all donors to consider a **10-30 percent initial payment to begin your commitment** to help us address our immediate needs and ensure we can begin construction as soon as possible.*

ONLINE GIVING

You may set up an automatic withdrawal or payment from a bank account, credit card or debit card to make initial gifts and recurring payments. Please visit us at holycrosspdx.org to complete this process.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have appreciated in value can have an immediate impact on our campaign and avoid capital gains tax. Please contact the parish office for more information.

DIRECT CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION FROM A RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

Benefactors can make charitable gifts using funds from tax-deferred individual retirement accounts (IRAs). Donors may use this strategy to satisfy part, or all, of their required minimum distribution (up to \$100,000 max allowable amount per year) and lower overall tax liability to benefit Holy Cross.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS

A matching gift program provided through your employer may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members.

PLANNED GIFTS

Planned gifts provide opportunities to make a meaningful commitment to the campaign now as part of your financial and estate planning. Such gifts can allow donors to accomplish charitable giving goals and take advantage of tax laws. Opportunities may include bequests from a will or a living trust, life insurance, real estate, designating Holy Cross as beneficiary (e.g., brokerage transfer on death agreement, retirement account beneficiaries, life insurance beneficiaries), or various trust options (e.g., charitable lead trust).



COMMEMORATIVE *Opportunities*

We're grateful for all who participate in the *Building Our Community - Blessing Our Future* campaign with their financial support. To show our appreciation, we will recognize all our donors based on the gift levels below on a commemorative wall in the new Holy Cross Community Center. Special naming opportunities are available for individual and combined family gifts of \$50,000 and above. Please contact the parish office to learn more about the available naming options. Gifts also can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one.

- Gifts over \$50,000.
- Gifts of \$25,000 to \$49,999.
- Gifts of \$10,000 to \$24,999.
- Gifts of \$5,000 to \$9,999.
- Gifts of \$2,000 to \$4,999.
- Any gift up to \$1,999.

**Donors may elect to remain anonymous by checking the corresponding box on the pledge card.*

3-YEAR GIFT CHART

The following chart serves as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support.

Total Gift	Int.10%	Balance	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750	\$15,000
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$27,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$9,000
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$250	\$750	\$3,000
\$6,000	\$600	\$5,400	\$150	\$450	\$1,800
\$3,600	\$360	\$3,240	\$90	\$270	\$1,080
\$1,800	\$180	\$1,620	\$45	\$135	\$540

Note: The incremental payment examples are based on an initial 10 percent investment followed by the preferred payment plan for three years.



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