



## POST-KICKOFF FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# Our Parish Campaign

### **What is the Honoring Our Past, Strengthening Our Future Campaign?**

This is a parish-wide effort to preserve, renew, and strengthen our parish facilities and campus to make Blessed Sacrament a welcoming place of prayer, worship, learning, and community. The campaign will fund needed improvements to our church, school, and parish grounds so that we can continue to serve our parish family well into the future.

### **How does the campaign relate to the Quincy Catholic Schools?**

The recent announcement of the unification of Quincy's Catholic schools means we will be working together under the Quincy Catholic Schools system. However, there are still four separate K-8 grade school campuses, each with its own parish affiliation and identity.

Blessed Sacrament School remains an integral part of our parish community, and campaign funds will be used solely for Blessed Sacrament Parish and School projects (other than our 10% tithe to the broader diocesan priorities). This is a great time to further invest in our parish and school facilities, now and for the future.

### **How do I make my pledge?**

You can complete your pledge card and return it in the enclosed envelope, drop it off at the parish office, or place it in the collection basket at Mass. Many families will also receive a personal call or visit from a fellow parishioner serving as a campaign volunteer. Their role is simply to answer questions, share enthusiasm for the project, and invite your participation.

### **How long is the pledge period?**

We are asking parishioners to consider a commitment payable over a three-year period. This allows families to make a larger impact over time through monthly, quarterly, or annual payments. You can set up a schedule that works best for you.

### **What if my financial situation changes after I make a pledge?**

We understand that circumstances can change. A pledge is a "good faith" statement of intent, not a binding contract. If you ever need to adjust your commitment, please let us know. We'll gladly work with you to make any changes needed.

### **Will my campaign gift replace my regular offertory giving?**

No. Your offertory support covers our parish's daily operations, ministries, and staff. Campaign gifts are extraordinary — above and beyond your regular giving — and dedicated only to the specific projects outlined in the campaign.

### **What other types of gifts will the parish accept?**

In addition to cash, check, or electronic payments, there are other ways to give:

- Securities or stock transfers
- IRA charitable rollovers (for those age 70½ and older)
- Gifts from donor-advised funds
- Employer matching gifts
- Gifts of grain or other assets

If you'd like to explore one of these options, please contact the parish office for assistance.