

BLESSED TRINITY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2020 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



Q. Exactly how much money are we trying to raise in this campaign?

A. ***The total goal for this three-year campaign is \$500,000.***

Q. How was this “goal” determined?

A. ***The initial design was estimated to cost \$1,053,315. When first presented to the Full Parish Meeting on January 28, and again on March 11, 2018 the overall consensus of those participating clearly felt that this amount was beyond our ability. At the November 18, 2018 full parish gathering and subsequent full parish meetings the plans were reformulated and the estimated cost of those revised plans reached \$469,000-\$569,000. It was also noted at the Full Parish Meetings that national statistics demonstrate that Catholic Parishes are able to raise at least three times their annual budget in a three year capital campaign. Our annual***

budget is \$238,000. This means that theoretically we could raise \$714,000 over a three year period. The consensus of the full parish meetings was that a \$500,000 goal would be realistic and attainable.

Q. How does this Capital Campaign affect my/our weekly or monthly Stewardship Offering to the Parish?

A. ***The Capital Campaign contributions are distinct from the regular Stewardship Offering to the parish. As a matter of fact it is most important that the STEWARDSHIP offering made weekly or monthly to the parish continue without interruption. It is critical that the regular offering should increase annually as expenses, just as in our own homes, continue to rise. SO...we need to do both!***

Q. How do I state my intention to support the Capital Campaign?

A. ***During the week of March 3, 2020 all registered households will be mailed an intention envelope. Each household is asked to respond by indicating the total amount of your gift over a three-year period; how you intend to pay your commitment. A suggested “giving Guide” will be included. If you desire to make an initial contribution you may include a check and indicate how you will pay the remainder of your intention. You may request that your payments be automatically deducted from your checking account either weekly or monthly. If you desire to take advantage of this option, please call Mr. Jim McDonald, Parish Financial Services Director to make the arrangements.***

Q. When do I start paying my commitment?

A. ***You can make an initial payment when you return your Intention envelope. Regular payments should begin the week of Palm Sunday, April 4/5, 2020. Special Capital Campaign Envelopes will be available monthly in the regular Stewardship Envelope Packet.***

A. Will I be able to revise my commitment?

A. Yes, you will have the privilege of revising your commitment at any time during the three-year period.

Q. Will I be asked for a commitment publicly?

A. No, and your commitment is confidential.

Q. Where will the initial commitments be made?

A. Most commitments will be made during Mass on the Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent 2020. As indicated you may also make your commitment in the privacy of your home and either mail the envelope to the parish (1475 Eaton St., Missoula, MT 59801) OR bring the completed envelope with you to Mass and place it in the regular collection.

Q. Can we make a family commitment?

A. Yes, by all means if this suits your situation better. It is important to discuss your gift with family, especially children, each of whom could offer some portion of the gift.

Q. Can I give toward my commitment once a week, once a month, or once a year?

A. Yes, whatever is best for you.

Q. Will my commitment constitute a permanent investment?

A. Yes, take for example George W. Carroll, a wealthy philanthropist who gave large sums to Christian causes. After he lost considerable wealth during the Depression, he was viewing a building he had helped fund. Someone asked him, "Aren't you sorry now you gave all that money away?" He answered, "No, because all I kept for myself is lost, and only that which I gave away has been preserved," and so it may be in our lives. When the "things" of life are gone, that which we have invested in Christ's cause will continue to flourish and bear fruit.

The righteous thrive like a palm tree and grow like a cedar tree in Lebanon.

Planted in the house of the Lord,
they thrive in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age,
healthy and green, to declare:

"The Lord is just;

He is my rock,

and there is no unrighteousness in Him."

Psalms 92:12-15



Thank you.



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