

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **How were the projects to improve our parish facilities determined?**

The projects were determined by the parish leadership based on the current and future needs of our parish. The proposed projects were then tested through a feasibility study conducted by the Diocese of Metuchen. Building cost estimates were provided by contractors, which determined our goal.

## **When will pending projects begin?**

The duration of the capital campaign will be approximately nine months, which will provide sufficient time for donors to prayerfully consider their pledge amount. A pledge redemption period of 36 months will follow the capital campaign. Projects will begin within the first six months of the 36-month period.

## **How much am I expected to give?**

Your pledge is a very personal decision. This campaign is a unique opportunity for the church to continue as a vibrant place to worship. Ultimately, we ask that you consider your sacrificial gift in terms of your overall stewardship to our community and what this project means to you, your family, and the future of our parish. We have been blessed by the sacrifices of those who came before us.

## **How long will I have to meet my pledge?**

Making a pledge as opposed to a one-time gift allows you to fulfill your gift over a designated period of time. We are asking parishioners to consider committing to pledges over a three-year period.

## **Is my gift tax deductible?**

Yes. The amount contributed is deductible to the full extent provided by the law.

## **I already give to the parish. Why should I support the campaign?**

The campaign supports a very special project and is separate from the regular offertory. The parish is grateful for all donations it receives throughout the year. Your generous weekly contributions are needed weekly for regular operating expenses and are not designated for capital improvements or repairs. Ideally, the parish's ordinary income should be at least equal to its ordinary expenses (utilities, supplies, services, employee salary and benefits, insurance, etc.). Capital projects are considered extraordinary expenses that need additional funding.

## **How can I make my payments?**

We have developed a three-year pledge chart to help you identify a pledge level that you can reach. You will see that you can choose to fulfill your pledge in a number of ways. Once the redemption phase begins, you will receive payment reminders before each payment is due that will include a balance.

## **Will my gift be recognized?**

Unless requested otherwise, all supporters of the campaign will be included in an alphabetical listing of donors in our parish bulletin.

## **What happens if I am unable to complete my pledge?**

A pledge to the campaign is a faith promise; it is not legally binding. St. John Vianney Parish is dependent on the generosity and ability of its parishioners and community friends to complete this project. While we pray that you will not experience any financial challenges, should your situation change, we will work with you to accommodate any unforeseen personal situations.

## Our Campaign Prayer

God, our refuge and our strength,  
be with us in our labors,  
for we remember "if the Lord does not build this house,  
in vain do its builders labor" (Ps 127:1).

Assist the community of St. John Vianney to improve our campus facilities,  
to ensure that we continue to build upon this foundation that has been given to us.  
Bless, O Lord the work of our hands and grant that we may be successful in achieving our goals,  
as we place our hope in you. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

