

Saint Colman Parish

Capital Campaign
Capsule Case for Support



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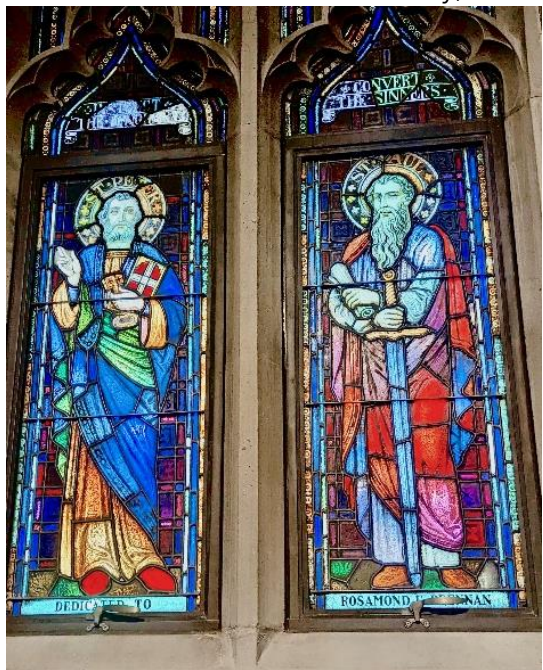
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Capital Improvements Case Statement

Saint Colman Parish has served the Ardmore Catholic community for over 100 years. The current church was built in 1926 and has been a beacon of faith on the Main Line ever since. The Parish cultivates a deep love of God through sacraments and prayer. Saint Colman remains committed to continuing its long tradition of serving its Parishioners by building a connected community, grounded in faith.

Building a Vibrant Community

Saint Colman's beautiful and majestic Gothic structure is a fixture in Ardmore, rising dramatically above the modern landscape of the bustling business corridor. Embracing its historic legacy, the Parish remains a beacon of faith. Recently, there has been a noticeable increase in younger and more diverse families



becoming Parishioners, drawn by the appeal of the desirable Ardmore community. To continue to build a strong and engaged Parish community, Saint Colman recognizes that creating spaces for Parishioners to gather, connect, and grow in their faith is critical.

Growing Parish, Changing Needs

Saint Colman Parish exists to give praise and thanks to God and to assist the faithful in their journey to become Saints. Building the Parish community is at the heart of Saint Colman's mission. This enables us to function together as a family, supporting each other. Currently, the Parish lacks space for Parishioners to gather for either religious programs or social purposes. Having ample space contributes to building connectedness amongst Parishioners.

Saint Colman wishes to significantly improve its church facilities, including renovating its church basement. The basement would provide a gathering space for religious programming and social gatherings. Events over the past few years have displaced groups, such as Bible Study, senior citizens, and Al-Anon from the rectory. The Parish continually receives requests from groups for space to

meet. Unfortunately, that space does not exist. Although the Parish owns the school building, it is currently rented and in use full-time by Regina Angelorum Academy.

The renovated basement would improve the parish's ability to support an active and thriving faith community. The space would house 3 - 5 new classrooms / offices, 3 storage areas, a new commercial kitchen, new men and woman's restrooms and an open venue space of 3,750 square feet. The open space will have an occupancy of 410 people or 125-165 people in a banquet table seating.

Structural Challenges

As with any aging building, structural repairs have become not only necessary, but desired to better serve the changing needs of the Parish community. Recent improvements, such as parking lot resurfacing and paving, and the installation of new bathrooms, have been welcome and long-overdue updates. These improvements were possible due to the general support of the parishioners.



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The outdated air conditioning system and boiler have needed costly repairs over the years and are not as energy efficient as more modern systems. Leaking stained glass windows have caused damage to the walls, requiring extensive masonry repair work.

Renovating the church basement to provide gathering and education spaces, repairing leaky stained glass windows, upgrading HVAC systems, and repairing sidewalks will allow the church to remain functional and beautiful into the next century.

A Vision for the Future

Saint Colman Parish began with a capital campaign back in 1923. At that time, under the visionary leadership of the resident priest, the community rallied to raise funds for the church's construction. The Parish set out to raise \$28,000 for the construction, which was a great deal of money in 1923. They exceeded the goal by raising over \$58,000!

Saint Colman is now at a similar moment of visionary leadership under Father Ames, who recognizes that the facility needs updating to better serve the Parish and the broader community. The newly renovated basement will provide space for many groups to gather, religious education classes to convene, and to offer special programming, such as guest speakers and musical concerts.

Many Parishioners and community members have inquired about using church space for funeral luncheons, First Holy Communion celebrations, rehearsal dinners, etc., but the church lacks the space to host these events. Inviting the broader community into Saint Colman would be a wonderful way to showcase the Parish's commitment to building and strengthening the fabric of the community. In addition, the church basement could be offered to scout groups, volunteer groups, and other groups to provide both a benefit to the community and an opportunity for Saint Colman to become a hub of connectivity. The space can also be rented to members within and external to the Saint Colman community, creating a new earned income stream.



Meeting the Challenge

Specific projects for our anticipated capital campaign include the following:

- Renovation of basement by creating dedicated **meeting spaces, and installing kitchen and bathroom facilities** for a cost of \$1,300,000.
- Replacement of **boiler and air conditioning systems** for a cost of \$250,000 - \$500,000.
- Repair of several **stained-glass windows** for a cost of \$400,000.

This project is about building community and offering more support to keep the community of faith strong and vibrant, which is at the heart of Saint Colman's mission and purpose.

We invite you to join us!

- Repair of **sidewalks** for a cost of \$20,000.
- Repairs to **the pipe organ** for a cost of \$100,000.
- Upgrade **church sound system** for a cost of \$6,000.

Seeking Philanthropic Investment

The moment to launch a capital campaign is now. Total projects are expected to cost roughly \$2 million. We hope you will support this campaign with a gift of personal and spiritual significance. For example, a \$10,000 gift over three years is just a little over 9

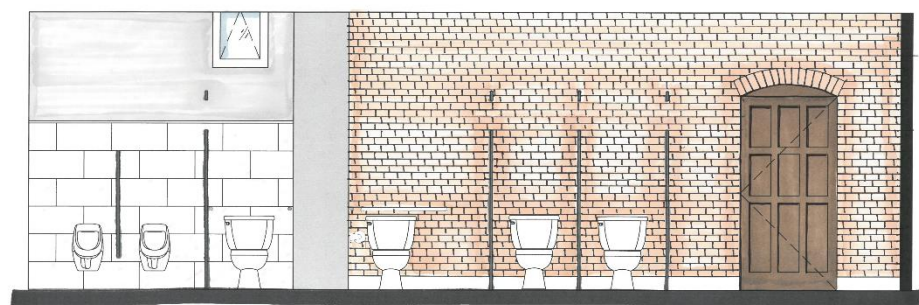
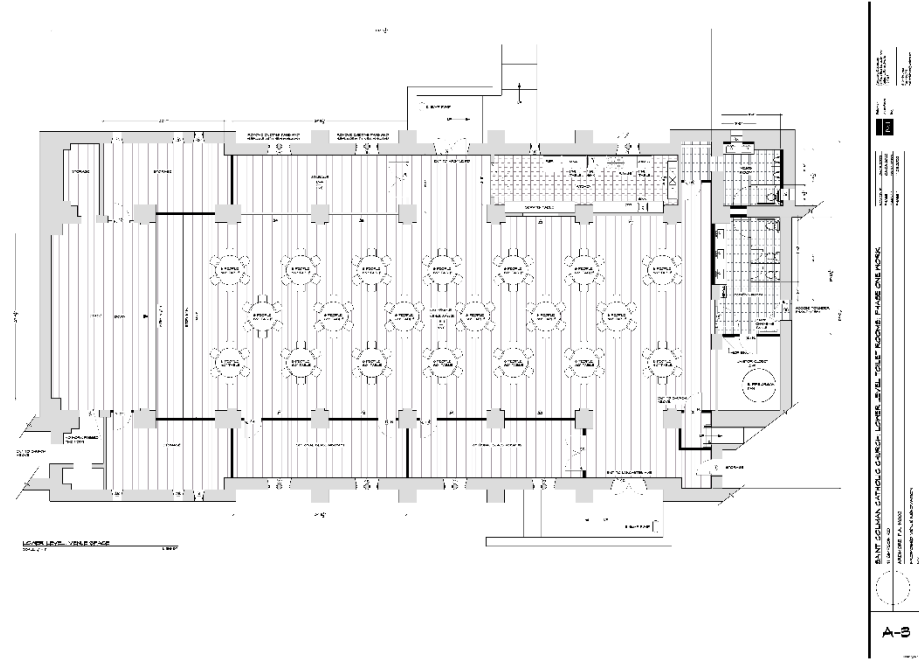


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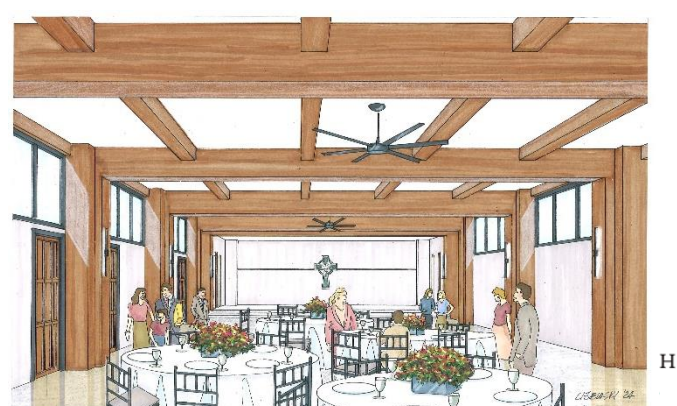
dollars per day. Support will represent an investment in the truest sense. The return will come as the Parish sees its congregation growing stronger and more vibrant.

Artists Renderings



MEN'S RESTROOM: ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'

WOMEN'S RESTROOM: ELEVATION
SCALE: 1/2" = 1'



Photos of Existing Spaces



