



Capital Campaign HIGHLIGHTS

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Dear Sts. Peter and Paul 'Ohana,

January, the first month of the year, holds a special significance as it is named after the ancient god Janus, the god of doors, gates, and transitions. Janus, with his two faces looking to the past and the future, symbolizes the beginning of a new cycle.

As we find ourselves in January of 2025, reflecting on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the blessings bestowed upon us by the Lord. Despite the challenges faced by families, churches, and our nation, we move forward with faith and hope in God.

Today, on the eve of the Lunar New Year, commonly known as the Chinese New Year, I am thankful for the opportunity of a fresh start. New beginnings serve as a beacon of hope, renewing our faith in God as the ultimate source of all blessings.

In the spirit of newness, I sincerely invite all our parishioners, benefactors, and friends to once again contribute to Phase II of our capital campaign to complete the acquisition of the Crossroads Center. No amount is too small or too large when given with a joyful heart.

Let us move forward in faith, remembering that giving is an act of love and generosity. As we forge ahead in faith, let us recall the words of St. Paul to the early Christians, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."¹

On behalf of the church, I wish you and your loved ones a year filled with laughter, cherished moments, and abundant blessings.²

With profound gratitude,

¹ 2 Corinthians 9:7

² The LORD bless you and keep you!
The LORD let his face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you!
The LORD look upon you kindly and
give you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26)



PHASE 2 LAUNCH DATES:

February 9, 2025 - Campaign Launch

February 16, 2025 - Witness Sunday

February 23, 2025 - Commitment Sunday

Message from our Campaign Committee

Today, we are reaching out to you about the “Campaign for the Future,” - Phase II of our capital campaign. During Phase I, thanks to your generous support, over \$1.5 million was raised - a testament to the strength and faith of our parish community. Now, we invite you to join other parishioners in taking our mission further.

In February we will hold a series of campaign activities starting with our Campaign Launch on February 9. We will continue with Witness Sunday on February 16 and wrap up with Commitment Sunday on February 23 at which time we will ask for your donation or pledge.

For your information, in Phase I of the campaign, approximately 400 church members pledged with an average amount of \$3,400. In addition, about 220 church members donated one-time gifts that averaged about \$1,350 per donation.

Your gift, no matter the size, is a testament to your faith and commitment to our shared mission. Together, we can ensure that Sts. Peter and Paul Church continues to be a place where faith is nurtured, hope is found, and love is shared.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and continued dedication to our church.

With blessings,

Parish Campaign Committee



A HEARTFELT

Mahalo!

GIVING TUESDAY

MAYBELLE CLARK
MACDONALD FUND

We extend our deepest gratitude to all of you for your generous support of Sts. Peter and Paul. We are especially thrilled to announce that this past December's Giving Tuesday was a resounding success! Thanks to the incredible generosity of over 110 donors, we raised more than \$37,000 for our capital campaign!

The funds are important, not only for the acquisition of the Amana Street building, but for helping us to meet the matching grant requirements from the MCM Fund. We are excited to share that we have once again successfully met the MCM Fund's match, which means we will receive an additional \$50,000 from them!

We are deeply grateful for the support of the MCM Fund and extend a heartfelt Mahalo to all who contributed. Your support makes a difference!

Legacy Gifts

We have also been gifted funds by donors whose legacy will contribute to the future of our parish and we are forever grateful for their generous gift.

Un Hui Pak

Melvin & Julia Petersen

Marius Fischer

Your legacy gift is a lasting expression of generosity, a beacon of hope that will inspire and uplift for generations.

CHEF
Chai

This year marks the 35th anniversary of Chef Chai's popular restaurant in Honolulu. As a faithful member of Sts. Peter and Paul, Chef Chai wanted to commemorate this milestone with a special fundraiser for our church. He generously offered to donate 100 percent of the proceeds from the sale of his Wiki Wiki Box, a family style dinner.

The fundraiser took place in early January and Wiki Wiki Boxes sold out almost immediately! Thanks to this incredible effort, more than \$15,000 was raised for Sts. Peter and Paul!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Chef Chai for his generosity and commitment to our community. Congratulations Chef Chai, on serving delicious food for 35 years!

Our Parish Ohana



Informational Meetings Held

The Emmaus Crossroads Center for Community Care and Action

In December, church members were invited to attend informational meetings designed to share our plans for Phase II of the capital campaign. Parishioners joined us for a meal and learned about the Emmaus Crossroads Center for Community Care and Action.

They learned that the Center will:

- Be a safe, secure, inviting, and comforting center dedicated to actively providing for a myriad of diverse community interests;
- Be a venue that is not only conducive to growth and development in the physical sense, but also spiritually;
- Serve three primary groups benefitting from its programs, youth, kūpuna and their families, and individuals in need.

"The Center will be a beacon of compassion, support, and growth providing service and spiritual care."

The Center will provide programs, services, and activities that encourage participants' innate ability to grow in goodness, learn personal growth and responsibility, foster spiritual growth, and improve their quality of life.

Stay tuned for other sessions and learn more about the important work of the parish.

Ways to Give to Phase II of the Campaign for the Future

We would like to share with you some exciting ways you can participate in our mission to strengthen our church through the Campaign for the Future. Our church is not just a building; it's a community sustained by faith and your unwavering generosity.

Do you remember the words in 2 Corinthians 9:7? "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." These aren't just words on a page – they are a call to action!

As we launch Phase 2 of our capital campaign, we invite each of you to prayerfully consider how you might contribute. If money feels too impersonal or is currently tight, remember that there are many ways to give.

Your time and talents are welcome. You can consider a stock gift or grant from your Donor Advised Fund (DAF). All are accepted with open arms. Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA is another way to give. For more details on these options, please see our website.

Thank you for being part of this family and for considering how best to contribute. May God bless all cheerful givers today!



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capital-campaign](http://www.sspeterpaulhawaii.org/capital-campaign)

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Almighty God, our Father in Heaven and Creator of all,

As we embark on this new phase of our campaign, we come before you with hearts filled with gratitude for the blessings you have bestowed upon our Ohana at Sts. Peter and Paul.

We humbly ask for your gracious blessings upon our **Benefactors, Parishioners, Visitors, and Friends**, who generously share their gifts, talents, and treasures with us. May we use these blessings to honor and serve You by caring for one another and building upon the legacy of those who have come before us over the past 55 years.

As we work together **“Shaping the Future”**, we seek your wisdom and guidance to strengthen our life together as a caring parish family, dedicated to being **“soul of the new Honolulu”**¹. May Your continued blessings and abundant grace go before us as we embark on this next step in our mission, willing to make the necessary sacrifices so to grow in charity and thrive in service to Your people.

We ask all this in the Holy Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns, both now and forever. Amen.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, *Pray for us!*

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, *Pray for us!*

Sts. Peter and Paul, our Patron Saints, *Pray for us!*

St. Damien De Vauster of Moloka'i, *Pray for us!*

St. Marianne Cope, *Pray for us!*

All Holy Men and Women, *Pray for us!*

¹Bishop John Joseph Scanlan, September 28, 1969

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