

What is a capital campaign?

A capital campaign is a fundraising effort to support a specific project over a certain amount of time. In this case, the *Blessed Past, Faithful Future* campaign will be the main source of funding for the following projects:

- **CHURCH AND NARTHEX** (foyer) interior renovation
- **NEW PARISH OFFICE** building and demolition of the existing office
- **NEW FELLOWSHIP HALL**
- **NEW RECTORY** for our priests

These projects will be more expensive than our campaign goal. Where will the rest of the funding come from?

The funding for these projects will primarily come from the *Blessed Past, Faithful Future* campaign. We will then use funds from our parish financial reserves and, if further funding is still needed, we will consider a loan from the Archdiocese of Denver.



How will this affect offertory?

In the short term, offertory giving should remain constant. Through the effort, volunteers will ask parishioners to make pledges above and beyond regular giving. Parishioners are not asked to diminish offertory giving to the parish but, rather, to consider a commitment above their normal tithe. After a capital campaign is over, many churches experience an increase in offertory, due to the fact that parishioners have risen to the challenge of sacrificial giving and choose to continue giving at a higher level.

Who will be asked to support the *Blessed Past, Faithful Future* campaign?

Each parishioner at St. John the Evangelist will be asked for a consideration of a gift to the campaign.

How can I participate? Can I pledge over time?

Our campaign offers a wide range of gift opportunities to participate at all levels. You may choose a plan that provides you with both flexibility and the time to complete the payment of your pledge. Because our needs are urgent, we encourage you to complete your pledge within the three-year pledge period.

Is my pledge legally binding? Will it be confidential?

No, a pledge is a gift, one you consider to be meaningful to you. All we ask is that you do your best and advise us of any changes that will impact your pledge. All pledges will be kept confidential as possible. Only the people responsible for maintaining the records will have access to your pledge.

What happens if we do not reach our goal?

Our expectation is, of course, to meet or surpass the goal. If that doesn't happen, council members and Fr. Steve will meet with the architect to determine the future of the project. It is likely that we will consider a loan from the archdiocese.