



ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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BOLD FUTURE CAMPAIGN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Overview

This document is meant to support our BOLD FUTURE Campaign materials that detail the proposed facilities expansion project, capital campaign goals and timeline. You can find these materials at stmcaholicchurch.org/boldfuture or request materials from the parish office at 763-497-2745.

Campaign and Facilities Expansion

- 1. Who will be asked to support the campaign?** Every parishioner is asked to pray for the campaign, maintain or increase their current giving to the offertory and Building Fund, and consider a specific gift to the building campaign. We are also asking for volunteers to help reach all our parishioners.
- 2. What will the capacity be in the unity hall?** We are currently planning a unity hall and adjacent gym/multipurpose space with capacity for 650 people (unity hall: 350; gym: 300).
- 3. Why did we wait so long to expand?** We wanted to ensure that we had a clear vision and master plan for moving forward, and minimal debt before seriously considering a new campaign.
- 4. What is the status of the church building debt?** Our church debt is retired as of October 14, 2020, thanks to the generous support of our parishioners over the past several years.
- 5. Can I use the unity hall for receptions or events?** Registered parishioners will have the opportunity to rent or use our new spaces for sacramental celebrations and other appropriate events in accordance with parish policies, which are in development.
- 6. Will facility rentals and other fees cover building costs?** The short answer is no. While we anticipate some revenue from rentals, availability will be restricted to registered parishioners and also limited by the needs of parish programs and ministries. In addition, there are costs associated with cleaning, setup and maintenance that will impact the net income from rentals.
- 7. What is going to happen to the historic church?** We're actively seeking a new tenant to lease the historic church to help offset maintenance costs. It's not supporting any of our current ministries, but no decisions have been made on the future of the building. Any decision regarding the historic church will need to go through a relegation process with the Archdiocese.
- 8. What role does St. Albert play in this campaign?** St. Albert is a separate parish and will not be asked to contribute to the campaign. Of course, St. Albert parishioners are welcome to contribute, and those who are also St. Michael Catholic School (StMCS) families will be encouraged to do so.
- 9. What is the role of the Archdiocese?** The archdiocese reviews our finances and planning and gives us permission to proceed. The archdiocese does not contribute financially to the project.

Future of the Parish School

- 1. How will the campaign affect school tuition?** While we hope that every StMCS family will contribute to the BOLD FUTURE Campaign, decisions regarding tuition are unrelated to this project.

2. **Why aren't we just updating the current school?** We have continuously updated, renovated and retrofitted the school for the past 80 years and will continue as long as it's necessary. The space is safe and serviceable, but needs significant investment or replacement soon. The longer we wait, the more construction and borrowing costs will likely increase, making a future school project uncertain.
3. **Will the current project be expandable to meet the future needs of the school?** Yes—a big part of the master planning process was to ensure we are prepared to accommodate future growth of the school, the parish and the community.
4. **What will happen to the current school and preschool buildings?** If we are successful in reaching our miracle goal of \$12M and moving the school, we would sell both properties to help offset the cost of the construction project. The value of those two properties is estimated at \$1.5M-\$2M.

Giving to the Campaign

1. **Where will my BOLD FUTURE contribution be held?** All contributions to the campaign will be held in a portfolio of low-risk, liquid investments until needed for the project.
2. **How do I know my money is going directly to Unity Hall/new school/etc.?** All campaign donations will be held in a separate account from the parish's ordinary income. If money is designated for a specific aspect of the project, it will also be held separately until needed.
3. **What happened to the parish's Building Fund?** Contributions to the Building Fund were designated to pay down debt on our church building. With the retirement of that debt in October 2020, we are contacting all Building Fund donors to encourage them to continue those contributions to support the BOLD FUTURE Campaign. To discontinue your Building Fund contribution, contact Kris Koep at 763-497-2745 or kkoep@stmccatholicchurch.org.
4. **Is my pledge in addition to/separate from my offertory contribution?** Yes! A pledge to the campaign is designated for our upcoming facilities expansion and cannot be used for any other purpose. Our offertory enables us to keep our church and ministries running. We need both!
5. **Is my pledge legally binding?** No—but it will be used to determine the size and scope of the project we are able to take on, so please pledge accordingly.
6. **Is my gift tax-deductible?** Yes.
7. **Can I make a trust or estate gift?** Yes. Call the parish office at 763-497-2745 for details.
8. **Am I charged a fee if I gift stock?** No.
9. **What is the timeline for pledge payments? Why is it a multiyear pledge?** The contribution period for the BOLD FUTURE Campaign is 2021-2023. This enables both the parish and donors to plan their finances and spread the impact over a longer period of time. You can make a one-time gift now; make annual, quarterly, monthly or even weekly payments; or arrange any other combination of payments that works for you during that three-year period.

Senior Living Community

1. **Why isn't the new senior living community included in the campaign?** A new Catholic senior living community on our campus was a strong preference expressed in our master planning process. It would not be funded by parishioners, but built in partnership with an external partner. We are actively pursuing this idea at little to no cost to the parish.
2. **Does the St. Michael area have the need for another senior living community?** Yes, a recent demographic study shows there is still a need for senior housing capacity in the St. Michael-Albertville market.
3. **How will we ensure the Catholicity of the senior living community?** We are working to develop a legal agreement to maintain the community's distinctive Catholic identity. This covenant would be attached to the property and transferred with the facility if it ever changed hands.