



Our Feasibility Study was an excellent forum for questions about St. Paul the Apostle Church's Master Plan. As parish leadership has worked to create the plan, these questions have been the guide to ensure we are meeting the needs and concerns of our parish family. Stay tuned as there is more to come...



HORSESHOE BAY, TEXAS

**Honoring Our Past...  
Preparing for Our Future**

### ***Why are we conducting a capital campaign?***

Parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle have been using the current facilities for worship and parish functions for nearly 30 years.

Our predecessors built this beautiful church for us. The building has served the parish community well, but the fact is we have run out of space. The parish continues to grow in numbers, and with anticipated growth headed this way we need to be prepared to accept it. Thus we are being proactive in our decision to expand. After much debate with parish and lay leadership, including the parish council, parish finance council and building committee, and now the positive results from the feasibility study, the decision was made to move forward. We will need your help to provide for the future much as those that came before provided for us.

### ***What are our goals?***

Given the projected donations from our feasibility study, our first priorities for the Honoring our Past...Preparing for Our Future Capital Campaign are to reconfigure Dalton Circle, modify our parking lot, build a new social hall, and renovate the existing social hall in our current building.

### ***What is the order in which the needs will be addressed?***

Our goal is to create the new social hall, or Family Life Center, as quickly as possible. By agreement with the city, Dalton Circle will have to be realigned to accommodate the addition. The Dalton Circle realignment and the parking additions and paving become the first step. Then we will have the ability to create the Family Life Center.

### ***Why are we only doing a portion of the renovations on the church building?***

The results of the recent feasibility study revealed that the construction of a new social hall and the church renovations were listed about equal in terms of importance. In determining our campaign goals, parish and lay leadership decided it is necessary to build the new social hall before beginning full renovations so we can have an alternative place of worship here on church grounds.

### ***Why not hold Mass elsewhere off church grounds so we can begin renovations?***

It is not in the best interest of the church and its members to move our place of worship away from our location on Thanksgiving Mountain, even on a temporary basis. This is our spiritual home and we need to continue to provide that to our parishioners and those visiting St. Paul the Apostle. Moving Mass away from our current location disrupts our cohesiveness and stability; it requires the adjustment of our Mass schedule; makes it difficult for those visiting the resort to find us; and by having Mass in the Family Life Center during renovations serves as a visual reminder of the sacrifices we are making as a parish family for the betterment of our parish. Our church has a spectacular view, people are spiritually inspired by the beauty and are anxious to share with others. To deny anyone the opportunity to worship in such a unique environment would be a shame.

### ***What is the timeline for the construction of the Family Life Center?***

Our goal is to break ground as soon as possible, depending on support provided by the campaign and the timing of the pledge payments that will provide the cash flow needed for construction. Once started, construction is expected to take 12 to 15 months

### ***How will we use the Family Life Center?***

It will serve a variety of functions, most notably as the site for CCD classes, adult education, St. Vincent de Paul, to socialize and offer hospitality after mass or even after a funeral, wedding receptions and other parish social gatherings. Panel partitions will allow it to be quickly and easily divided into five separate rooms to host parish council meetings, religious education classes and other meetings...all at the same time.



***When will we begin the renovations?***

By removing the back walls of the sanctuary we have already begun the modifications to the church. It has opened that area and allowed those sitting there to be more involved with Mass. The renovation of our existing social hall is expected to begin after the new Family Life Center is completed. We will address the rest of the renovation and additions in the future following the completion of this campaign.

***How can I help?***

You need do nothing now. More information will be sent in the coming weeks which will discuss how you can invest in the campaign. If you want to be a part of the campaign volunteer team, please call the parish office. However, you can also help through the power of your prayer. Pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit and for courage to follow the Lord's plan for us. All parish households will be asked to prayerfully consider how they may financially support our capital campaign to the best of their abilities. In order to address the changes and additions to our parish we must join together as a community.

***Who will be asked to support the campaign?***

Each parish family or household will be asked to consider a gift to the campaign. 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 time to complete the payment of your pledge. Because our needs are urgent, we encourage you to complete your pledge within three years.

***What will we do if we don't raise enough money to meet our needs?***

Our expectations are that our parish will unite as a family allowing us to meet or surpass the goal. Within reason, the Diocese has committed to support our parish in the form of a loan that would enable completion of phases deemed to be appropriately supported by the parish cash flow. Utilization of this option will be determined taking into account the total needs of the parish and its support.

***Will my pledge be legally binding? Will it be confidential?***

A pledge is not legally binding, but it is a gift which you consider to be meaningful. All we ask is that you do your best to fulfill your pledge and advise us of any financial changes that will impact your commitment. All pledges will be kept as confidential as possible. Only the people responsible for maintaining the records will have access to your pledge information.

***How do you determine the pledge amounts we are asking a family to consider?***

The amounts are based on answers given in the feasibility study. Our goal is to challenge everyone to consider supporting St. Paul the Apostle in a meaningful and sacrificial way, in a manner that works for each family.

***Are pledges the only kinds of gifts?***

While a pledge will work best for most families, some will make a gift in the form of appreciated stock, donations from a retirement plan, real-estate, life insurance, bequests to the parish, and other planned giving vehicles.

***Why did we hire a fundraising firm?***

Simply put, we do not have the staff required to run an effective capital campaign. While some parishioners may have been a part of a capital campaign in the past, we do not expect them to know everything required to conduct one. A consultant has experience and knows how to keep a fundraising project on schedule. They know what needs to be done and when it needs to be done. In other words, there is a skill to running a successful campaign.