



FAITH IN OUR FUTURE



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Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Why is St. Joan of Arc embarking on a capital campaign now?** In October 2024, Bishop Malesic informed priests and diocesan leaders about the upcoming 2026 Diocesan Capital campaign. He invited parishes, including St. Joan of Arc, to undertake their own parish campaigns to address local priorities. Our parish continues to grow, our community is expanding, our ministries are flourishing, and our facilities require meaningful investment. This moment presents an important opportunity to respond thoughtfully to the evolving needs of our parish while embracing the growth that has become a true blessing for St. Joan of Arc.
- 2. What is the goal of this campaign?** Our **\$5 Million+** goal for the Faith In Our Future campaign is to modernize the spaces that reflect our mission and meet the needs of our growing community (\$4.55M), and to fulfill our commitment to the Diocese (\$445K), helping renew the mission of the Diocese of Cleveland for generations to come.
- 3. Why are you focusing on these key projects?** Earlier this year, St. Joan of Arc conducted a feasibility study to test the community's response to prioritizing key projects. Feedback from the study indicated these projects were the most urgent and impactful to ensure our facilities are safe, welcoming, and equipped for modern ministry and education.
- 4. What is the anticipated timeline for construction projects?** Anticipated construction began for phase one in July 2026. Phases two and three are likely to commence in spring 2027.

Phase	Project	Estimated Timeframe
1	Building a Community for Religious & Lay Leaders	July 2026 - May 2027
2	Creating Spaces for Worship & Ministry	April 2027 - September 2027
3	Investing in our School - Capital & Endowment	May 2027 - August 2027

- 5. Can I designate my gift for a specific project?** We are grateful for your interest in specific projects. To keep the campaign on schedule and ensure the responsible sequencing of projects, we ask that gifts remain as flexible as possible. This allows us to prioritize resources where they are most needed while still honoring the spirit of your support. If you would like to talk through gift designation, our team would be happy to connect with you personally.
- 6. How do these projects impact my specific ministry?** Each ministry may experience changes differently, and we are still finalizing those details. What we can share now is that these projects are designed to strengthen ministry life by improving space, safety, and accessibility. As plans develop, we will communicate any temporary adjustments and long-term benefits through parish updates, our project newsletter, and Mass announcements.
- 7. Will the campaign impact the parish's offertory?** Offertory is expected to remain constant, as parishioners will be asked to consider pledged gifts in addition to traditional year-over-year parishioner giving.

- 8. Where will events/ministries be held during construction?** We are still finalizing the details, but our goal is to keep parish life running as smoothly as possible. We will use available spaces on campus, adjust schedules as needed, and communicate any temporary location changes.
- 9. Will St. Joan of Arc continue to grow at a rate that requires these investments and spaces long-term?** We are blessed by the continued growth of our community, both through newly registered families and the deepening engagement of current families across our ministries. These projects help ensure we have the space, safety, and capacity to support our parish family well into the future.
- 10. Why does the campaign include a portion of funds designated toward the Diocese?** Faith In Our Future is part of the broader diocesan-wide capital campaign, *Called to Flourish: Our Church for the Future*. Through this effort, every parish will help strengthen parish communities, care for priests and lay leaders, inspire Catholic young adults, and serve our neighbors in need.
- 11. What does the Diocesan portion of the campaign fund?** This effort funds the long-term strength and vitality of our Church by investing \$200 million in four key areas.
- Parishes: Support local parishes and bolster the parish emergency and evangelization funds
 - Worship: Ensure the formation of current and future clergy and care for sacred spaces
 - Evangelization: Support Catholic education, youth leadership, faith formation, and Camp Christopher
 - Service: Expand service to those in need through expansion at St. Augustine Hunger Center, the Bishop Cosgrove Center, and Catholic Charities regional facilities.
- 12. Who will be asked to participate in this campaign?** Every family at St. Joan of Arc will be invited to participate in this campaign with a sacrificial pledge/gift that is meaningful to them. We understand everyone's commitments may be unique to their personal financial situations.
- 13. Why are donors asked to complete a pledge card?** Pledge cards record and acknowledge campaign commitments. Once signed, the pledge card authorizes the terms of a gift and allows us to offer donors reminders of their requested payment schedule.
- 14. How can I fulfill my pledge?** Gifts may be fulfilled in multiple ways. We encourage you to speak with the St. Joan of Arc campaign team should you wish to consider a blended gift and/or a planned gift from your estate. Gifts of stock and other non-liquid assets, including real estate and artwork, should be made by contacting the parish office at (440) 247-7183 or jbettters@sjachagrinncc.org. Gifts are subject to the acceptance policies of the Diocese of Cleveland.
- 15. How can I make a payment?** Initial payments by check should be payable to St. Joan of Arc Catholic Parish: Faith In Our Future campaign. We invite you to consider making an initial payment, as early contributions will help us maintain and advance our restoration timeline. After the initial collection of pledge forms at the parish level, the diocese will administer the pledge follow-up process.
- 16. Besides making a pledge, how else can I participate in the campaign?** Prayer is at the heart of the Gospel. Every family will be asked to pray for the success of Faith In Our Future. Additionally, Fr. Bettters will need volunteer support to ensure a successful campaign. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Dru Lentz at the parish office at (440) 247-7183 or jbettters@sjachagrinncc.org.

For more information, please contact the parish office at (440) 247-7183 ext. 105