



Growing and Building Together

A CAMPAIGN FOR THE PARISH FORMATION CENTER





An Invitation from Fr. James Boachie

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a privilege it is to be serving here at St. Gabriel's Catholic Church.

As we celebrate 27 years this year, I've had the chance to get to know many of you and learn about the parish's long history. A common theme year after year at our parish is of people working together to serve the greater good. I've seen that firsthand in our parish's remarkable attitude of selflessness and giving of time, talent and treasure, with no strings attached.

Needless to say, it's remarkable what has happened in our parish when we look at our beginnings. And now, we look to the future while celebrating our past.

In Luke's Gospel, 21st chapter, Jesus begins by pointing out to his disciples about a widow's mite, *"...he noticed a poor widow putting in two small coins. He said, 'I tell you truly, this poor widow put in more than all the rest; for those others have all made offerings from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has offered her whole livelihood.'"* (Luke 21: 2-4).

This is the spirit I've observed here at St. Gabriel parish—people giving freely out of love.

As we look to the future, we want to continue strengthening our parish. With that in mind, we are embarking on a capital campaign starting this fall. This campaign will help establish a new parish formation center addressing our critical ministry and worship space needs.

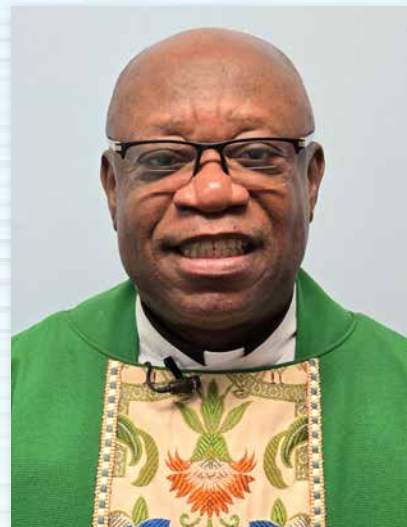
These needs were determined based on a feasibility study that was conducted this summer, asking people what they see as priorities for our future.

In the coming weeks, you'll be invited to consider a gift to this campaign. Whether you give \$10 or \$250,000 or anything in between, know that your gift matters. This is your parish, and it's an honor to serve at a parish where so many people give freely to help their parish thrive and grow.

I'd like to thank you in advance for giving to our campaign and for all you do in support of your parish family. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. James Boachie
Administrator



Capital Campaign Case Statement



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The parable of the Mustard Seed teaches us that God's Word and Works, though small in appearance, have incredible transformative power. We plant the seed, and the Lord provides the air, the water, and the light that the seed needs to germinate to lead to more change or growth than we can imagine. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton writes: "Do what we can, and God will do the rest. What seems so impossible to nature is quite easy to grace." What a wonderful piece of wisdom for us to live by. Do what we can, and God will do the rest.

Our mission as a faith community at St. Gabriel parish is to proclaim Christ to all, especially those around us. By His grace, we have been doing just that throughout the 27 years of our existence as a parish, and we need to continue to empower the next generation.

Our current building site limits what we do now, so we must grow internally and externally. The Lord sees the best in us. We are happy to share with you that our current location is fit for our purposes and future growth. Our parish property was examined in 2018 by an independent engineering firm (Draper Aden Associates) to determine if there is a need for additional site development. The outcome of the testing was that we could manage future expansion for building and parking at our current location. Subsequently, to plan for our rapid growth, experts were engaged to design a Master Plan.

Father James and the parish leadership invite our parish family to support the project listed below, which form the current areas of need outlined in the Master Plan.

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Capital Campaign Case Statement *(Continued)*

Parish Formation Center

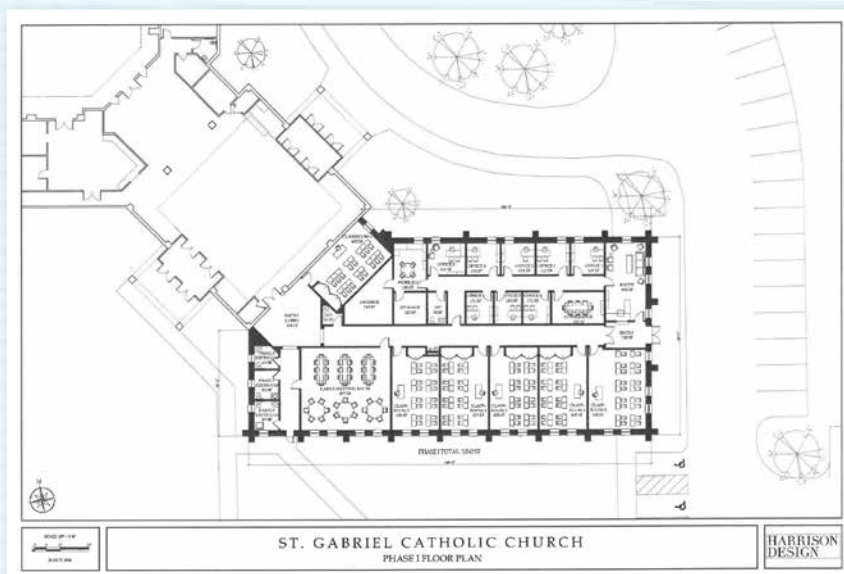
This new parish center will address our critical ministry and worship space needs. The building is designed to address our current and future religious formation and ministry-related meeting spaces. Our parish youth are the future of our Church; accordingly, we must look to the future and expand our community and educational programs. In addition, the benefits of this new structure include allowing our clergy and staff to have respectable and congenial space to conduct the parish's ministries.

The parish's vision statement calls on us to follow the principles of Saint Gabriel by announcing the

Good News alive today. This statement calls on us to be a parish of "welcome and hospitality through the stewardship of our gifts." This new parish center will address this vision. At the same time, it provides the space necessary to fulfill our goals of Worship

and Spirituality, Education and Formation, Outreach and Community Building and Hospitality and Community Life. Once we finish this Phase One of the Master Plan, we will move forward with additional

improvements identified by our parishioners and inspired by our mission to announce the coming of Jesus Christ and proclaim the Good News alive today.



Campaign Goal: \$3 Million

Sacrificial Giving Opportunities and Gift Recognition



In an effort to recognize the families and individuals who make a sacrifice for our *Growing and Building Together* campaign effort, we may create a gift recognition plaque or book. Participants to this campaign will have their desired inscription listed alphabetically by last name.

As an important reminder, this campaign is based on equal sacrifice, not equal giving. It is in keeping with our ongoing stewardship principles

that we lovingly challenge ourselves to strive to give generously in the hope of reaching one of the specific *Sacrificial Giving Levels* listed below. Therefore, we ask that each family prayerfully considers challenging themselves to be generous in pledging a gift to this campaign.

Your sacrificial gift will be gratefully displayed within one of the following levels:

Pillar Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the *Growing and Building Together* Campaign in the amount of \$250,000 or more.

Foundation Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the *Growing and Building Together* Campaign in the amount of \$100,000-\$249,999.

Leadership Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the *Growing and Building Together* Campaign in the amount of \$50,000-\$99,999.

Patron Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the *Growing and Building Together* Campaign in the amount of \$25,000-\$49,999.

Benefactor Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the *Growing and Building Together* Campaign in the amount of \$10,000-\$24,999.

Donor Gifts

For those families or individuals who make a gift to the *Growing and Building Together* Campaign in the amount of \$5,000-\$9,999.

*All payments can be made over a five-year period.
Donors will also be listed alphabetically in the parish bulletin during the active campaign.
Recognition plaque or book will be created after funds have been received.
If you would like to remain anonymous, please indicate so on your pledge card.*



Suggested Giving Plans

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Our Family of Faith Looks to the Future

As members of Saint Gabriel Parish, we have an opportunity to help our parish stand as a pillar in the community with ministries and devotion for generations to come. This campaign will help build a Parish Formation Center addressing our critical ministry and worship space needs. Our parish youth are the future of our Church; accordingly, we must look to the future and expand our community and educational programs. Only by our generosity in making sacrificial gifts that we will be able to accomplish our objectives.

We have established a minimum goal of \$3 Million.

While this may seem like a large amount, participation by all members of the parish family will make this goal not only attainable but surpassable.

Suggested Giving Plans

In order to assist you as you consider making a pledge to this appeal, we have provided some suggested giving plans. We understand that each individual or family has different financial

obligations and abilities. Even so, one of these plans should fit within the means of each member of the parish family. Please consider which plan best fits your monthly budget. This may be the best guideline for your commitment.

Remember, this campaign is based on equal sacrifice—not

equal giving. If each family makes a truly sacrificial gift, we will reach and exceed our goal together.

Your Commitment

We are asking each household in our parish family to consider a minimum pledge of \$5,000 to be paid over the next 60 months. This pledge would be a sacrifice of \$75 per month—a little more than \$2 a day—to build a promising future for Saint Gabriel Parish. Such a gift should not pose a burden for most parishioners. We ask that you prayerfully consider the amount to which you can commit.

Please Consider a Special Commitment

The Lord has especially blessed some of us with material

Giving Plans to Consider

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	5 Annual Payments	20 Quarterly Payments	60 Monthly Payments
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$45,000	\$11,250	\$3,750
\$150,000	\$15,000	\$27,000	\$6,750	\$2,250
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$4,500	\$1,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$3,600	\$900	\$300
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,700	\$675	\$225
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$450	\$150
\$7,500	\$750	\$1,350	\$338	\$113
\$5,000	\$500	\$900	\$225	\$75

means. A heartfelt appeal is made to those parishioners to reflect on their ability to make a very generous pledge to the campaign. We ask those capable of making pledges of \$20,000, \$50,000, \$150,000, or more to lay the foundation of success for this campaign.



Please Consider...

- Your pledge payments are made over a five-year (60-month) period.
- **Your commitment to Saint Gabriel Catholic Church's *Growing and Building Together* campaign is in addition to your weekly contribution.**
- Your financial contribution to this campaign will help ensure a strong future for our parish and school.
- Beginning in January, 2025, payment reminders and envelopes will be mailed according to your payment preference.

Planned Giving, Wills, Estate Planning, Life Insurance

Numerous planned giving opportunities provide donors with alternative methods of giving their gifts to the campaign. These include but are not restricted to:

- Gifts of assets including real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, etc.
- Making Saint Gabriel a beneficiary of your will.
- Naming Saint Gabriel as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Matching Gift Opportunities

Many employers have matching gift programs that allow employees to multiply their gifts to educational institutions, social organizations, and charitable institutions. We encourage you to enquire with your Human Resources Department regarding the Matching Gift Opportunities available to you.

Tax Advantages of Thoughtful Giving

- All annual contributions to our campaign are tax-deductible for those who itemize their deductions.
- In December, 2015, Congress passed legislation making the IRA Charitable Rollover permanent. If you have an IRA and are aged 71 or older, you may opt to make a charitable contribution from your qualified IRA plan. When you do so, you may transfer up to \$105,000 per year to Saint Gabriel Parish. As a charitable gift, this

distribution needs to be transferred directly from your IRA to the Parish. Therefore, it would not be taxed as income. If you receive the distribution first, it will be taxed like any other distribution. In addition, if you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD), your charitable contribution can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

- You can give appreciated stock to the campaign. If you've held it for more than one year, you may take a charitable tax deduction for the stock's current market value, and neither you nor the parish must pay capital-gains taxes when the stock is sold. The combination can result in a larger deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a greater gift for the campaign than if you sell the stock, pay the taxes, and donate the net proceeds.

Procedure to Transfer Stock

For details, please instruct your stockbroker or securities advisor to contact:

Chris Benonis, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones Investing
13841 Hull St. Rd., Ste. 3B
Midlothian, VA 23112
Phone 804.639.0112 • Fax 866-353-3705
Saint Gabriel Parish Account: #350-22537-1-3
DTC Routing Number: #0057
501 c 3 Federal Tax ID: #54-1849958

Please indicate the number of shares on your pledge card and the name of the company (ticker).

Pledging

- You may be contacted by a volunteer to make your pledge.
- You may pick up a pledge card in church on certain Sundays throughout October and November.
- You may drop off your completed pledge card at the parish office.
- You may also contact the parish office at 804.639.6712.



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St. Gabriel Parish Campaign Prayer

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O Lord our God, recognizing that all good gifts come from Your loving hands, we ask your continued blessing upon our Parish and the building project we have undertaken for the glory of your name and the good of your people.

Bless us in our labors, and those who assist us in fulfilling our vision of a new Parish Formation Center, that under your care this endeavor may be successfully completed.

Help us to realize that the sacrifices we make will ensure the continued growth of your people in St. Gabriel Parish.

Make us strong in announcing the Good News of the Gospel in the community we are called to serve.

We ask this through the intercession of St. Gabriel, our patron saint and in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.



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