



ST. PIUS V
CATHOLIC CHURCH
~RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST~
1921 - Celebrating 100 Years - 2021

Frequent Questions & Answers About “RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST”

September, 2018

1. “What is the goal of this campaign?”

The first goal of the campaign is to raise a minimum of \$350,000 in gifts over the next three to five years. With the grace of God, the total project cost will be raised. Our final goal is also for every parishioner to participate in a meaningful way.

2. “What are the plans for church renovations?”

Redesign of the sanctuary of the church is much needed. It currently has a step down and step between the ambo and altar, and is unsafe. The flooring in the main church needs to be replaced, as well as broken church pews and kneelers fixed and re-finished. The church pews, kneelers, and choir chairs are also in need of reupholstering, as they are 30 plus years old. Painting and cosmetic repairs inside and outside of the church and bell tower will complete the project in preparation of our 100th Anniversary.

3. “What improvements and changes will take place with the rectory, parish office and other parish buildings?”

Renewing of parish facilities and physical plant is important to the physical appearance and how we feel about our parish. Our building and grounds have not been updated and renovated in many, many years. If we are going to grow as a church and community and attract more faithful, we must look the part, be welcoming and inviting, to match our spiritual faith, warmth and home-like community.

The rectory building at the office entrance has a defectively installed carport and adjoining roof and wall, causing leaks and decay. The entire building requires caulking, repainting, and in some cases gutters, soffits and fascia boards must be replaced. We are in great need of landscaping and an irrigation system for beautification of our church entrance and priest residence. Much of our fencing requires fixes and replacing, as well as gates for security. The “pink” utility shed needs repainting.

4. **“What changes will take place with our current schools buildings?”**

The Diocese has informed the parish it has plans to begin significant renovations and improvements in January 2019 to the parish hall, up-stairs meeting space, the existing library and computer lab room. The parish will be responsible for its upkeep, utilities and at the same time be able to generate income from the use of this space for rental to appropriate parties -- such as wedding receptions. A small museum dedicated to the history of the African-American Catholic Church in the Diocese, will be located in the current library, and the current computer lab will be restored as well as office space. While not a part of **RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST**, it is part of the overall renewal of the parish taking place in advance of the 100th Anniversary.

5. **“Who is being asked to give to RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST?”**

Parishioners of St. Pius V, and identified friends of the parish are being asked to give. After the parish campaign is completed, others will be asked in the community including individuals, foundations and companies.

The Theology of Stewardship

† *Receive God’s gifts gratefully.*

† *Cherishes and tends God’s gifts responsibly.*

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6. **“How will I be asked to participate?”**

The goal of the campaign is to ask each potential donor to participate by means of a personal, one-on-one approach.

7. **“Who is going to ask me to consider a gift (pledge) to this project?”**

You will be asked to give by a trained St. Pius V parishioner and volunteer. Volunteers who ask others to give must first make their own pledge to the campaign. The campaign will succeed because of a tremendous outpouring of volunteer time and financial resources.

8. **“How much will I be asked to give to RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST?”**

Each person or family will be asked to give a sacrificial gift for the good of the parish today and for years to come. No amount is too small and all gifts are appreciated. Each one of us, however, is going to have to make a prayerful stretch in our giving if we are going to be able to reach our goal of raising \$350,000.

9. “If I make a pledge to the campaign, and select a monthly investment (payment plan), when will I get my first monthly reminder and/ or statement?”

Billing will begin the month following you sign a pledge, unless otherwise requested. Automatic monthly bank drafts are available. Special **RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST** envelopes will be included in monthly envelope packets and/or placed in the pews that can be used to make pledge payments.

10. “I don’t like making pledges. Why am I asked make a gift over a number of months instead of a one-time gift?”

The campaign plan allows for a number of pledge periods including 3, 4 and 5 years. The success of the campaign will depend upon smaller monthly gifts over a period of time, just like the Bishop’s Annual Stewardship Appeal. Also, making smaller gifts overtime will enable everyone to give more than would be possible with a one-time gift.

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✝ *Shares God’s gifts in love and justice.*

✝ *Return God’s gifts with increase.*

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11. “What if my financial or employment situation changes and I cannot continue to fulfill my pledge?”

All gifts/pledges to the **RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST** and church for that matter - are made in good faith and represent your heartfelt intentions. Should your situation change and you find it impossible or difficult to continue your pledge and/or gift intentions, please contact the parish office.

12. “Is my gift to the campaign tax deductible?”

Yes, to the fullest extent allowed by law. However, consulting with your tax advisor depending on your situation is advisable.

13. “Is my contribution confidential?”

Yes. Only the campaign/parish office will have a record of your contribution. Any donor can also decide to remain anonymous in alphabetical donor lists. These donor lists will be published in upcoming newsletters during the campaign.

14. “What happens if we don't raise all of the funds needed? Who is going to pay for the church renovations? Who is going to be responsible?”

There is no indication that the campaign will not be able to achieve its objective. If necessary, the project will be completed in phases, and as campaign contributions are received. Fr. Bernardine and the parish leaders will ultimately be responsible for the decisions made to accomplish these tasks.

15. “How can I be assured that all the money pledged to this project and campaign will be dedicated solely to this project?”

The parish is fortunate to have outstanding, qualified volunteers, who help oversee the finances of the parish. The parish's operating budget and a special campaign account, created solely for legitimate project and campaign costs, are very closely monitored. Fr. Bernardine is assured that the finances for **RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST** are being properly audited and supervised. Best practices and protocols put in place by the parish and the Diocese always ensure the parish's finances are closely monitored and stewarded.

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† *Stewards acknowledge that God is Creator and Owner of all and shares of their knowledge out of love for God and one another.*

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16. “Why have I not yet been contacted or asked to give?”

The campaign has a plan to reach all supporters we can identify. This process takes time, and many volunteers. If you wish to learn more about the project to be funded, all the different methods and means of giving, please call the campaign office today at 904-354-1501. A volunteer will be assigned to see you as soon as possible. Our volunteers will show you the campaign materials, explain the project in detail, and respond to all your questions.

17. “Will all the new families and parishioners who join the parish during and after the campaign over the next five years be asked to participate and give to the campaign?”

Yes. A program will be put in place to ask all new families to participate and make a pledge to **RENEW ALL THINGS IN CHRIST** over the next five years, as well as those who join us during the active phases of the campaign from September to November 2018.

18. “Will parishioners be kept informed as the campaign progresses and during renovations and improvements?”

Yes. Parishioners will be kept informed through newsletters, parish web site, announcements in the bulletin and in church. We value continued input and support from parishioners.