



St. Columbkille Capital Campaign

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are we building a multi-purpose facility for school use only?

A: The intention of the multi-purpose facility is to be available to both church and school needs. There will be rooms for large and small group meetings (prayer groups, Spirituality Alive, Women's Guild, K of C, Scouts, etc...), a gym for adult and children athletic events, and an educational center for the preschool.

Q: What will happen to the old gym?

A: The current gym is a multi-functional space for the school. It will continue to be used as a school assembly location and more importantly as the school cafeteria. It may also be the permanent location for the After-school Care

Q: Why build a new facility when we have some spaces that need updating?

A: It is our intention to update current St. Columbkille spaces, such as the Social Hall, Steinhausen Center and completing Pave the Way (Phase 3 & 4). Our commitment is to ensure all of St. Columbkille areas are maximized in usefulness to the entire St. Columbkille community.

Q: Where will the new facility be constructed, north or south of Cornhusker?

A: The current plan is to construct the Parish Center on the south east corner of the campus, the current preschool location.

Q: What is the timeline for the new Parish Office?

A: The proposal for Pave the Way showed a high level plan for an office on the West side of the church, however based on feedback from Parish Listening Sessions, there is also an option to build a new Social Hall north of the courtyard and remodel the current Social Hall (Social Level) in additional parish office space. The plans for the expanded Narthex will include this possible expansion. This will be included in the long-term plan.

Q: What is the Parish debt and do we still owe on the Pave the Way project? How will we pay for this project?

A: The plan is to raise funds for the project through a capital campaign. As we did with the Pave the Way campaign, we will only proceed with components of the project as funds are available. Financing will be kept to a minimum.



Q: What is the future of St. Columbkille with the western growth?

A: The Meitler study discusses the western growth and specifically addresses the need for functional space. This supports our new facility project. Any plans for a new parish are 10-15 years in the future. It will probably start as a sister parish of St. Columbkille to determine the need for a new parish.

Q: Many children are moving to select sports. What is the future of the CYO/PAL leagues for our sports?

A: The Athletic Committee will continue to determine the best leagues for our teams to compete. Some will be CYO or PAL leagues and some will be in other leagues. St. Columbkille teams will continue to be organized and facilities will be needed for practice and games.

Q: Will I still have to find transportation for my 4-year-old to and from preschool in the middle of the day?

A: Part of the discussion has been about the idea of having a daycare space and kitchenette added to the new construction so that children could attend preschool for one-half day and daycare for one-half day. This would help our working parents who need daycare as well as preschool for their 4-year-olds.

Q: What is going to happen to the playground?

A: First and foremost, there will be a playground. The current playground will be reconfigured to accommodate a new drop off area for the school and a playground. The plan is also to reconfigure the north school parking lot to have a drop off area and additional playground.

Q: Will there be anything to address the needs for fine arts performances?

A: Part of the plans for the new facility would include a stage on one end or one side of the gym. This could be used for music performances, plays, etc., with bleachers in the gym and chairs set up on the floor for the audience.

Q: Are there going to be zoning changes needed?

A: Members of the Facility Committee and our architect have meet with the City of Papillion several times. Discussions have been positive. They have provided feedback on components of the project. They are in the process of providing a recommendation for the most appropriate rezoning request.



Q: What are the plans for the west side of Jefferson Street?

A: Negotiations are under way on the property next to Father Pat's house. The need for additional property will be evaluated.

Q: Are there plans to build an exit from the west parking lot onto 84th Street?

A: While this is not in the initial plans with completing Pave the Way, we would like to pursue an exit. Several huddles need to be addressed. The exit must be a certain distance from the 84th and Cornhusker exit, and the exit must line up with the current cut out on 84th street, meaning we would need to acquire the property on the west of the new garage.

Q: Did we look at other locations on campus for the Parish Center?

A: Yes, we looked at the North side of Cornhusker by the church but that would make things congested by the church and increase the number of times the school children would have to cross Cornhusker Road. A tunnel or bridge is expensive. We also looked at the location where the Steinhausen Center currently sits. The excavation for that site would be extensive and we would lose a meeting place that is highly utilized. We also talked about the west side of Jefferson but the City does not want a building in that location since they want to maintain the 84th street corridor.

Q: How much parking is lost with the projects?

A: No parking is eliminated with Phase 1. For Phase 2, the new playground will eliminate about 30 parking spots. Plans to add parking adjacent to the campus will help replace this loss.

Q: Will operating expense increase with the new facility?

A: Maintenance and ongoing operating expense will increase with the new facility. One additional maintenance engineer would need to be hired and utilities will obviously increase. This could be offset some by the improved efficiency with replacing the current A/C unit and additional events in the facilities could generate income.

Q: Do we plan to rent out the new Parish Center for Weddings or other community gatherings?

A: This will be a decision the parish needs to make. Needs to consider are the additional maintenance, security, liability, and wear and tear on the building.



Q: Are we concerned about the noise level on the lower level of the Parish Center?

A: We will provide acoustic materials or systems that dampen sound transmission between the levels.

Q: What is the seating capacity in the new Parish center gym?

A: Over 600. Bleacher seating capacity is 378 plus chair seating on the gym floor of at least 250.

Q: Any plans for furnaces along with the AC Units?

A: We will do a study of the infrastructure to determine what is needed.

Q: What is the difference between the low and high costs in the projected Objectives?

A: We have added 10% contingency and 2.5 years of inflation at 4% per year. These estimates were gathered based on high-level plans. We feel the numbers are conservative and will be refined as we progress with the designs.

Q: Do we have projections on the size of the Parish during renovations and with the new Parish coming?

A: The Meitler Study is recommending a new satellite parish south and west in Sarpy county in the next 10 to 15 years. We expect our parish to continue to grow. This expansion will help with that growth.

Q: Do you foresee the school building will not accommodate future growth for students?

A: Some classes have openings so there is some room for expansion. We do not want to over-build, so we plan to keep enrollment at two classes for each grade with 30 students per class.

Q: Has the Archdiocese purchased land on HWY 370 for another parish?

A: Yes, land has been purchased (about 25 acres) for a future Parish that will be a satellite parish of St. Columbkille.

Q: Will funds from the Pave the Way project be used for Phase 1?

A: The debt incurred with Pave the Way has been paid off, and funds continue to come in. Those funds will be used for Phase 1. The total is about \$130,000.



Financial FAQ

Q: What is the financial strength of the Parish?

A: We are and have been a financially strong parish for a while. Tithing has increased nearly every year in last 10 years. Cash flow is good, and we regularly meet our weekly and monthly needs. Operationally, we have been in the “black” every year for last 10 years. We provide transparency to the Parish finances with the Annual Report that is produced each year.

Q: Does the Parish have any existing Debt? If so, where did that come from?

We do have existing debt. Our total debt as of April 30, 2018 was \$1,194,907. The majority of this debt is related to the addition to the school that was completed in 1996 which was financed with school bonds (borrowing). Included in the above figure, we also have several small loans for residential properties acquired around the campus. Those currently amount to \$225,140.

Q: When will we be debt-free?

A: Our current debt is scheduled to be paid off by February, 2022. We anticipate our debts to be paid off sooner than this since we have been paying extra “mortgage” payments each year to pay down the debt faster.

Q: Will we take on new debt to complete any of the project Phases?

A: The parish leadership believes strongly that we should not take on any long-term debt to complete our Master Plan. It is possible that we will utilize short-term construction financing during the phases as a means to proceed with the project while pledge payments are being fulfilled. If the Parish is shy of our goal by “a little”, we may need to consider short-term borrowing rather than deferring the project phase(s), which will only cost more in the future.

Campaign Process FAQ

Q: Is there an estimated average donation per family?

A: Each parish family is in a unique economic position from every other family. While each campaign packet includes a suggested pledge amount, every household is asked to prayerfully consider committing 3% - 5% of their household income for each year of the campaign to this project, or if retired 3% to 5% of assets over 3 years.

Q: Are our consultants from *For the Greater* finished when this campaign is over?



A: For the Greater will stay in contact and is available for additional consulting, at no charge, until the pledge period is complete (3 years).

Q: What percentage of pledges can we expect to be paid?

A: Historically, we've seen 97-100% of pledges collected.

Q: Is my gift made public?

A: No. All gifts are accepted in complete confidence.

Q: Is my pledge legally binding?

A: No, it is not. This is not a contract. Your pledge is morally binding – however, in the event of unforeseen economic circumstances that affect your family, your pledge would no longer be morally binding and the church would expect you to take care of family first.

Q: Can I include St. Columbkille in my will?

A: Absolutely. An estate gift could have a lasting impact on the parish.

Q: Can we designate our gift for specific phase of the campaign?

A: Yes, that is an option; however, the quickest path to complete all phases is with unrestricted gifts.

Q: Will my gift be used for anything other than the campaign objectives?

A: All campaign gifts will be used only for the 3 phases discussed during the campaign. These contributions cannot be used for anything other than this purpose. If not used for these specific phases of the master plan, your gifts would have to be returned. This is covered in *Canon Law 1267:3*

Q: I work for a matching gift company. How do I start the matching gift process?

A: Please contact the parish office to discuss this possibility.

Q: How often do I pay on my pledge?

A: Each family will determine its frequency of pledge payments. Monthly, quarterly, etc. All are acceptable.

Q: How are payments set up?



A: Payments can be mailed in. Electronic Funds Transfer is also available.

Q: How long is the pledge period?

A: 3 years

Q: Will we receive pledge reminders?

A: Yes. Statements will be sent out quarterly, beginning in July.

Q: Are contributions to the campaign tax-deductible?

A: Yes.

Q: Can we donate stocks, bonds, mutual funds, loads of grain, gold, etc.?

A: Yes, all are acceptable. Your accountant can explain the benefits.