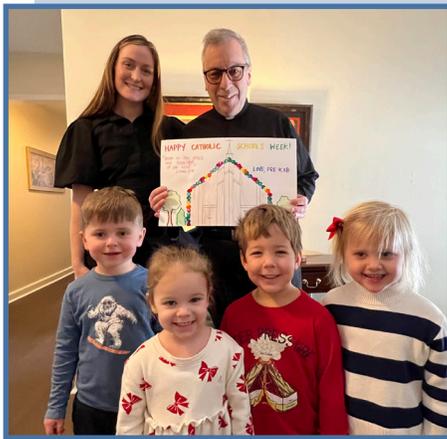


CELEBRATING OUR FAITH, *Embracing our Future*



As we prepare for the launch of our *Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future* Capital Campaign, we know you have a lot of questions. We will try to keep you informed about our plans and the campaign through a series of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).



Question:

How did we get to this point — launching a capital campaign to pay for our revitalization and renovation projects?

Answer:

The journey to revitalize St. John Neumann church and address our school's growing needs began with a small team of parish leaders. At Msgr. Matz's suggestion, this team evaluated the liturgical and functional condition of the church building and looked at how other churches had tackled similar challenges. Over time, the team's efforts expanded and established a committee to select an architect and a firm to conduct a planning study.

Meanwhile, our SCJN School was tackling its own challenges. With enrollment rising and space running out, a team began assessing options with an architect. In time, they came to realize that there was insufficient space to work with. We established a School Advisory Board to address the critical space shortage for the next school year. They implemented a temporary solution using classroom trailers; however, a long-term solution was still needed. Given both the church and school needs, we asked the teams to join forces, transforming their efforts into a comprehensive plan for the entire campus.

To guide this initiative, a Steering Committee was formed, bringing together members with diverse expertise, including representatives from the church, school and previous campaigns. Under Msgr. Matz's leadership, the committee recognized that both the church and school needed significant improvements, and addressing these issues together would require a major investment. It was clear that a large-scale project was needed that included both the church and school.

In May 2023, the Steier Group conducted a planning study to gauge support from our entire community for the campaign. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, giving the committee the confidence to move forward. The Archdiocese approved the request to move forward with the capital campaign. To ensure the best outcomes, we brought in new architects with experience in liturgical needs, sacred structures and Haverford Township's specific ordinances. These architects have since developed creative and cost-effective designs that address both the church and school's needs.

Now, as we look to the future, we are asking everyone to come together in faith and support the Celebrating Our Faith, Embracing Our Future Capital Campaign. Together, we can ensure that our campus continues to serve our community for generations to come.

