

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). Visit our campaign website at sjnparish.org/campaign for additional information about our campaign.



Why is the archdiocese looking at the 'hub parish' concept?

"We are living in times more like the earliest Christians – times when many are living without Christ...Our hope is in the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, who is always calling us home. Our current task is to carry that hope to those who

feel distant from the Church...I want to establish 'Missionary Hubs' [to turn the Church outward, connect Catholic ministries, bring people to Jesus]...If and when parishes need to adapt, change, or close, the hubs will be a local community with resources, and talent prepared and formed to welcome and care for new people."

—Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D., Archbishop of Philadelphia

Will the church renovations help our future as a potential hub?

The archdiocese is currently developing a long-term plan. The hub parish is to be a focal point for evangelization through added staffing and resources. The surrounding parishes, assuming they are operating well, will function independently but will be able to join the activities of the local hub. There are unknowns about the specifics of this plan at this time. We may or may not become a hub in the future but to enhance our long-term viability as a parish, it is important to address the deferred work on our church as it is the source and center-point of all we do. To leave the church unaddressed would be a mistake if we are to be a flourishing parish in the archdiocese, pursuing the archbishop's plans; a bigger mistake if we strive to become a hub parish.

The plans look different than what was presented in the fact sheet during the planning study in May 2023. Why did changes occur?

Based on feedback received from our community through the planning study, and to ensure the best outcomes, we brought in new architects with experience in liturgical needs, sacred structures, Haverford Township's specific ordinances and cost management. These architects have since developed creative and cost-effective designs to address both the church and school's needs while responding to the input from the planning study.

How is the campaign pledge different from regular offertory giving?

Regular offertory giving funds our day-to-day operation of the parish, covering normal expenses like utilities, building and grounds maintenance, administrative systems and materials, assessments, employee salaries and medical benefits. Additionally, parish funds provide significant support to cover our school's operating losses. For every dollar given to the parish, 34 cents goes to the school to cover these shortages and smaller-scale capital improvements. The campaign pledge, however, will help us accomplish the project outlined in the case statement brochure.

When was the last capital campaign? What was it for?

In 2011-2014, \$3.9 million was raised for the Life Center complex which included an official-size gymnasium, three classrooms, meeting areas, a conference room and restrooms.



We are asking our community to come together in faith to 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.