



Frequently Asked Questions

How does *The Centennial Project* impact our parish?

St. Joan of Arc Parish has a strong foundation, but there is a need to grow stronger. Our parish is currently limited by the available space to serve all the needs of our growing school, groups and ministries. To see more details on the plan, please visit www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject.

What is a Faith Commitment Pledge?

We are asking for parishioners to make a pledge or “Faith Commitment”. A pledge is a commitment that represents a sacrifice to support God’s work. The amount you pledge may be given in many ways over the campaign. Please decide the pledge amount that best fits your family’s ability to contribute. Once you have prayerfully come to a decision, please fill out a pledge card, which are available in the pews and the parish office. This card is not a promissory note. It is a declaration of intent, a commitment made in faith.

When do I turn in my pledge?

While Commitment Weekend will be held on May 18th and 19th your pledge can be turned in at any time by mailing it to the parish office or by placing it in the offering. We thank you for prayerfully considering a contribution to *The Centennial Project* capital campaign!

When does my pledge start?

Your contributions can begin as soon as you would like...several gifts have already been received! Commitments can be given upfront, annually, monthly, weekly...however you would like over the course of the three-year campaign. As the diocese requires fifty percent of the funds to be *received* before construction can begin, the more gifts or pledge fulfillments given in year one and two will impact when construction can begin.

How do I pay for my pledge?

Gifts and checks can be made payable to *St. Joan of Arc Parish*. Please designate *Capital Campaign* on the memo line or envelope. You are welcome to place gifts in the offering or mail them to the parish office. If you would like to fulfill your Capital Campaign pledge in some form other than cash (e.g., appreciated securities), please contact our Parish Manager, Jerry Crawford, at jcrawford@stjoanhershey.org or by phone at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 107.

Where will these funds go?

Every dollar you contribute towards *The Centennial Project* capital campaign will go **directly** to this important project that impacts the lives of everyone in our parish from our youngest to our most senior parishioners. A separate account has been established to restrict the Capital Campaign funds.

How much am I expected to give?

Making a pledge is a prudent, practical, and responsible form of stewardship. Nearly everyone believes in a commitment when dealing with personal financial affairs, when arranging for loans or other forms of credit, or when saving for future expenditures. Now is the time to use this same kind of reasoning to care for our combined interests as a parish community. It would be impossible to raise enough money through cash donations or “gifts of convenience.” We must rely on everyone to plan a personal goal of generosity and then accomplish it, one step at a time. With the spirit of equal sacrifice—not equal gifts—our commitment relies on the spiritual values of sacrifice and faith.

May I change my pledge later in the campaign?

Yes, of course. The future of any member is uncertain. Some may find themselves in better circumstances and be able to give more while others may face unforeseen situations that may cause them to lower their giving. The purpose of the pledge cards is to give St. Joan of Arc an idea of how much we can expect to raise from our congregation. It is better for you to indicate the largest amount you will give rather than an amount you will easily exceed.

Will other types of donations be accepted?

Yes! You can support the project in other ways as well, especially with your prayers. Some other considerations are: stocks, mutual funds, tax-free charitable RMDs from IRAs, real estate and more. Questions regarding this kind of giving can be directed to our Parish Manager, Jerry Crawford, at jcrawford@stjoanhershey.org or by phone at (717) 533-7168, Ext. 107.

When will construction begin?

The schedule is contingent on several variables, the most important being the breakdown of funds coming in. For example, more work can be done sooner if more gifts are given in year one. We ask for a pledge card to be filled out so we can estimate when work will be able to be done. Per diocesan requirement, fifty percent of the funds need to be *received* before construction can begin.

Where can I continue to find updated information?

Updates on the capital campaign can be found online at www.stjoanhershey.org/thecentennialproject. Additional information can also be found within the bulletins and newsletters.

Still Have Questions?

If you have any additional questions on *The Centennial Project* campaign, please contact Richie Musser at rmusser@kirbysmith.com or by calling 484-364-0781.



Thank you for all your continued prayers and support!