

Frequently Asked Questions



Why is Saint Rose of Lima embarking on a capital campaign? To put it simply, our church and school have urgent needs, and a capital campaign is the best way to address them. Our Murfreesboro community is rapidly growing, and our church and school need to grow as well. We also need significant renovation and rejuvenation. Our One Faith, One Family, One Parish campaign will raise funds to strategically address the needs outlined in our 2020 master plan.

When does the campaign start and how can I help?

We will officially launch our campaign on Sunday May 7th, but the planning process and preliminary work has been ongoing since the end of our planning study. In the coming weeks, every parishioner will receive details about the campaign and ways to contribute. Between now and July, every family will be asked to consider a gift to the campaign. We ask that you be receptive to our campaign volunteers and wait until you are personally contacted to make a gift. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the parish office, which will put you in touch with our campaign manager. Right now, all we ask is for your prayers and your willingness to be part of this fantastic opportunity.





Why are we combining our campaign with the Diocese of Nashville's campaign?

Every parish in the Diocese of Nashville is participating in the *A Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love* Campaign, including Saint Rose of Lima. Combining our campaign with the diocesan effort means we can raise funds for our master plan projects and our diocesan contribution at the same time, reducing some of the planning and resources needed. Running a combined campaign also allows us to get to work on our projects as soon as possible.

What are the goals of the Diocese of Nashville's campaign? The diocese plans to use funds raised during the Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love campaign for several important initiatives that will directly and positively impact Saint Rose of Lima and its parishioners:

- **Vocations:** Enhance diocesan endowment to educate our seminarians, increase vocations and support priests into ministry.
- Catholic education: Boost existing endowment to create additional scholarships every year to address Catholic school affordability.
- **Parish growth and expansion:** Return a portion of the funds raised to parishes for their unique needs.
- *Helping our neighbors:* Create a substantial endowment for those in need through Catholic Charities.

For more information on the diocese's Legacy campaign, please visit www.dioceseofnashville.com/legacy.



DIOCESAN CAMPAIGN (continued)

What are we being asked to contribute to the Legacy of Faith, Hope and Love campaign?

Saint Rose of Lima has been asked to contribute \$1,139,000 to the diocese's \$50 million goal. This amount was determined based on our church's giving history and the understanding that we are pursuing a combined campaign.

What will the diocesan campaign do to help our parish and school?

The goals of *A Legacy of Faith*, *Hope and Love* Campaign align with our mission here at Saint Rose of Lima. Supporting our seminarians and priests will deepen the pool of clergy available to serve our church and our community; enhancing tuition assistance will help our families, and helping our neighbors through Catholic Charities will give our entire community – and the rest of the Nashville Diocese – a boost. The diocesan campaign will put Saint Rose of Lima in a better position to provide much-needed services to our parishioners and our immediate community, and to expand our influence in Middle Tennessee.



What maintenance and improvement issues for the church will the campaign address?

The first phase of our master plan we will assess The Marian Center, to determine the best way forward in accommodating our outreach and other ministries. Reconfigure our athletic fields to better utilize space and enhance parking. These projects start the process of re-orienting our campus to allow space for a new gym and expand the space for community outreach.

Why are we building a new gym instead of repairing the current building?

The new gym is phase two of the master plan. Our current gym is too small, the concrete basketball court floor is non regulation, we have no locker rooms only outdated restrooms. A newer gymnasium with a more modern design including a hardwood floor, will help us promote youth sports – which can be a major draw to our school – as well as provide space for our teams to practice and play simultaneously. Additionally, designing and building a new structure will enhance our ability to reconfigure the campus and free up necessary space for meetings, ministries and community outreach. The addition of a concession stand, which will be accessible from the outside as well, will also help bring in revenues.

A lot of these projects impact the school, but I don't have kids at the school. Why should I support a campaign?

Although it may seem that a lot of our projects are school-centric, especially in the earlier phases, these goals really will affect both school and church alike. Our church and school are intimately connected, they feed off of and enliven each other. It is important to note that the school building is actively used by the parish in the evenings and on weekends. It serves the entire parish, not just the children in the school. When the school thrives, the church thrives, and vice versa. We also have a responsibility as a parish to ensure that the infrastructures are able to provide a safe and comfortable environment for all – parishioners and students.

CURRENT FUNDING

How much money do the parish and school foundations have?

We are blessed to have some funds already committed to the *One Faith*, *One Family*, *One Parish* campaign –\$500,000 as of 3/1/2023. These funds were earmarked from a previous gym restoration drive, the sale of property and a portion of the building fund. These funds have been designated for use in the capital campaign.