



Capital Campaign News –
Moving Ahead!
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Last fall, Sacred Heart Parish conducted a Feasibility Study to gauge parish readiness for a capital campaign. Thank you again to all who shared your thoughts, questions, concerns and ideas during that process. Many insights were gained which helped shape our plans and direct our next steps. The Feasibility Study focused on funding two potential projects:

- An **Activity Center** to support a wide range of parish and school activities and events;
- **New roof, ceiling and lighting for the Church Nave and new siding on the Bell Tower.**

The general recommendation resulting from the Study was to focus on the church roof, ceiling, lighting, and bell tower projects, allowing for prompt attention to this urgent deferred maintenance need.

Another important development occurred toward the end of our Feasibility Study. The Archdiocese placed a moratorium on all non-urgent parish construction projects and capital campaigns in order to implement the archdiocesan-wide *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign in 2018-19. Unexpectedly, Sacred Heart's plans just happened to coincide with the timing of *Called to Serve as Christ*.

Called to Serve as Christ is the archdiocesan-wide campaign to support retired priest pension and medical plans, and retired women religious. Every parish in the Archdiocese will be invited to participate. Details about Called to Serve as Christ are forthcoming.

Sacred Heart's church projects are considered urgent! As most already know, buckets are placed strategically throughout the church during the rainy season—a long season in the Northwest. Moisture (and old age) has already caused some ceiling tiles to fall. Fortunately this has not happened during Mass. The lack of working lighting in the nave is just, well...*dark*. It's time to install new more modern and efficient lighting that will make our beautiful church brighter especially during those short days of winter.

To address these issues as soon as possible, Sacred Heart will launch a capital campaign in September, 2018. Preparations are already underway. The goal is to raise \$2.5 million to primarily fund the church projects. There will also be an opportunity to support the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign should parishioners wish to do so.

As our campaign takes shape in the coming months, please keep your eyes open for frequent bulletin and pulpit announcements with more details and important information. In the meantime, thank you for your commitment to Sacred Heart Parish and your prayers for our bright future.

