



Four Projects • One Parish

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ): PART TWO **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN / JUNE 24, 2018**

Dear Parishioners,

Last week's FAQ answered questions that were specific to the fundraising aspect of our plans – the upcoming **Four In One** Capital Campaign. This FAQ will address questions specific to our church improvement projects. The Building Committee is still at work finalizing details about materials and construction timeline. A comprehensive presentation of project information will take place during our campaign receptions this fall. It will include decisions made by the Building Committee during these summer months. Thank you for your patience, continued prayers and your dedication to Sacred Heart Parish.

– Fr. Steve

1) What church improvement projects will be funded by our capital campaign?

The four projects are the upper and lower Church Nave Roofs, Church Nave Ceiling, Church Lighting (in the Nave), and Bell Tower Cladding.

2) What is the estimated cost of these projects and will we see a cost breakdown?

The total estimated cost will not exceed \$2.5 million. A further breakdown of costs will be available once final decisions have been made about roofing materials and lighting fixtures, etc.

3) Who are our Building Committee members?

Building Committee: Eric Adams, Tom Bartell, Kevin Broderick, Don Davis, Robert Eubanks, Ben Hruska, Dan Huberty, Blaise Goudy, and Fr. Steve Sallis.

4) Please explain each project in fuller detail:

- a) **CHURCH ROOF** – Our current roof is original and has served us well. But it is failing. While the existing slate is 60 years old and somewhat brittle, the true failure or cause of the leaks, is most likely the barrier under the slate. Two types of roofing materials are under consideration: slate and metal. The final decision about which type to use will be made by the Building Committee in July and based upon cost, durability and aesthetics. Notably, this past week, a 10x10 foot section of the existing slate roof was removed at the northwest corner of the building in order to evaluate the sub-structure and barrier under the slate.
- b) **CHURCH CEILING** – Our church ceiling is also original to the building and made up of concrete panels covered by 12x12 inch acoustic tiles. It has been impacted by the leaking roof and there is visible moisture damage. Ceiling tiles have actually fallen off and onto the pews below – fortunately not during Mass! The

new ceiling will be a wood slat suspended system with acoustic insulation behind it. It will be painted white and have a new, fresh look (see below).

- c) **CHURCH LIGHTING** - Our current lighting, while not original, is also failing. The lighting system takes a bit of rigging to illuminate the Nave and is dim and inadequate, especially during the dark winter months. The improved lighting will include new pendant fixtures with electrically-efficient LED bulbs. The system will include a programmable control panel and dimmable capability so that lighting can be adjusted depending on the occasion taking place.

- d) **BELL TOWER CLADDING** - The existing limestone is naturally prone to absorbing moisture which leads to water damage. The new cladding will respect the current aesthetics of the tower, but have a more contemporary look. It will be covered with an *Equitone* Fiber Cement which is a relatively light-weight, water-proof, synthetic stone cladding.

5) Will we see renditions of the finished product?

Renditions of the ceiling and bell tower will be displayed in the Narthex before the campaign begins in the fall (a ceiling rendering is below). The special presentation of information, which will be given at each campaign reception, will also include the latest renderings and images. Please remember that every registered household will receive an invitation to attend one of these receptions so that you can see and hear, firsthand, the most current project information.



Architect's rendering of church ceiling
