



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is the goal of the campaign?

The three-year goal is \$500,000. This will be our parish's third campaign since Our Lady Queen of Peace Church opened in 1962. OLQP has successfully conducted two prior capital campaigns for improvements to its facilities. In 1991, the parish community raised almost \$300,000 to remodel the worship space, including relocating the altar and the seating for the congregation. In 1999, the parish successfully raised \$500,000 toward the cost of adding the narthex, Slattery Hall and the parish offices.

Who made the decision to commence a capital campaign?

Pastoral Administrator, Margaret Ostromecki, conducted a needs assessment for our parish complex with the OLQP Finance Council and a leadership group consisting of OLQP parishioners. Based on this assessment, the urgent and immediate need to replace the roof of the parish complex and the anticipated capital needs to the parish over the next three to five years, it was decided that a capital campaign was necessary.

What improvements and repairs are needed?

Our complex of a church, parish hall and education center, Rich Beginnings Child Care Center (our former elementary school), a rectory and a convent is significant. The improvements include a new roof for the church, parish hall, offices, education center and child care center, new carpeting for Slattery Hall, parking lot repairs and resurfacing, replacement of the church organ, modifications to the audio system, exterior painting of the rectory and roofing of the rectory and the convent. These needs go far beyond the demands of regular maintenance.

When will the funds be raised?

Parishioners are asked to make their pledges and contributions as soon as possible since the major portion of the improvements is to be completed soon. Tax-deductible gifts can be sent by check or with stock or securities based on a payment schedule convenient for each donor. All payments are to be received by September 2016.

How much will the improvements cost?

Persistent leaks forced the start of the roof replacement this summer. This immediate roof renovation for the church, the child care center, Slattery Hall and the parish offices is expected to cost \$350,000. The roof will have a warranty for 40 years. The additional \$150,000 of the campaign goal will help to cover other needs in priority order. The total cost is estimated to be approximately \$500,000.

Will the Queen of Peace endowment cover some of these expenses?

No. The earnings from the endowment have helped to give Queen of Peace financial stability for many years. The endowment was established by the estate of Rufus Dryer, a parishioner. The purpose of an endowment is to maintain the principal so that the parish can continue to benefit from the earnings on the fund for decades to come.

Does the Catholic Diocese of Rochester endorse our campaign?

Yes. Diocesan officials know of our plans and have offered advice and encouragement.

Will donations to the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal be part of the improvement campaign?

No. The improvement campaign will be separate from the annual Catholic Ministries Appeal, which will be announced by the Diocese this fall. Each parish will be given a goal and Queen of Peace will participate as it has in the past.

Is the current campaign for St. Thomas More connected to the Queen of Peace campaign?

No. The St. Thomas More 60th Anniversary Capital Improvement Campaign is a separate fund-raising effort. The St. Thomas More goal is \$1 million. The finances of the two churches in our cluster are totally separate.

Can parishioners feel confident that Queen of Peace will remain open for many years?

Yes. Our parish is financially sound and we believe that this campaign will be a success. The campaign also has the endorsement of the Diocese of Rochester. Throughout its history, Queen of Peace has been an active and viable community, and we have many ministries that reach beyond our own parish. We anticipate that our faith community will continue to grow and to live our mission to be a presence of Jesus Christ in the world.