



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



As our pledge to keep Holy Spirit parishioners well informed regarding our expansion projects and capital campaign, we are continuing our FAQ series. After careful consideration of the feedback we received from the planning study, we recently announced our new plans to address our current needs and prepare for the future. To provide clarity, we have answered several questions about those plans below.

For the complete series of questions and answers please visit the campaign page on our website: www.holyspiritfresno.org

Why do we need to expand our parish campus facilities?

Do we actually have a space issue or could it be resolved with scheduling?

Our parish is growing! From our humble beginnings in 1981 with 300 families, to 1,500 registered families in 2001 when our new church was built, and today we have over 4,600 registered households! This means more ministries, more religious education and more programs and activities. Our parish hall was completed over 30 years ago, and while our congregation has grown significantly during that time, our parish facilities have not.

Msgr. Logan Hall, strains to hold our offices, ministries and religious education classes. The classes and groups that meet inside can hear each other through our thin walls. Having too many groups and people that need to use our space is a good problem to have, but the solution

goes beyond just scheduling issues. We need more space to accommodate our staff and our parishioners.

In addition, housing construction is increasing within the parish's boundaries – new developments are coming up all over North Fresno and the Central Valley has been named one of the fastest growing regions of California. The demographic analysis of North Fresno states that roughly 1 in every 10 homes are registered Catholics. The upward trajectory of our parish's growth should continue for many years to come. We want to plan not just for our current needs but for the parish's future as well.

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I thought that Msgr. Logan Hall had a lot of problems that need to be fixed. What are we going to do about that?

While it is true that Msgr. Logan Hall has many physical issues that will need to be addressed, our goals go beyond simply repairing our hall. Our vision for the future is rooted in a commitment to support the growth of our faith community, not only now, but for many years to come. When discerning the next steps for our community, we had to consider both our short-term needs and think about our long-term dreams. Long-term planning is an act of responsible stewardship and we need to wisely manage the resources that God has entrusted us.

Even though there are many justifiable repairs that could be made to Msgr. Logan Hall today, we have decided to hold off on those items. We are making the decision to break up our master plan into two-phases. We need to take steps that are financially prudent, practical and achievable. We also want to ensure minimal impact to daily operations and ministries.

- **PHASE 1** will focus on building a new *Parish Life Center* on the property, while keeping Msgr. Logan Hall fully functional for parish activities.
- **PHASE 2** will then address Msgr. Logan Hall and allow parish operations to continue in the Parish Life Center while that is happening. The specific plans and budget for this phase remain in development.

After we complete the Phase 1 Parish Life Center, we will review our plans and discern the next steps forward. However, reaching Phase 2 will be dependent on the completion of Phase 1 and support from all our parishioners.

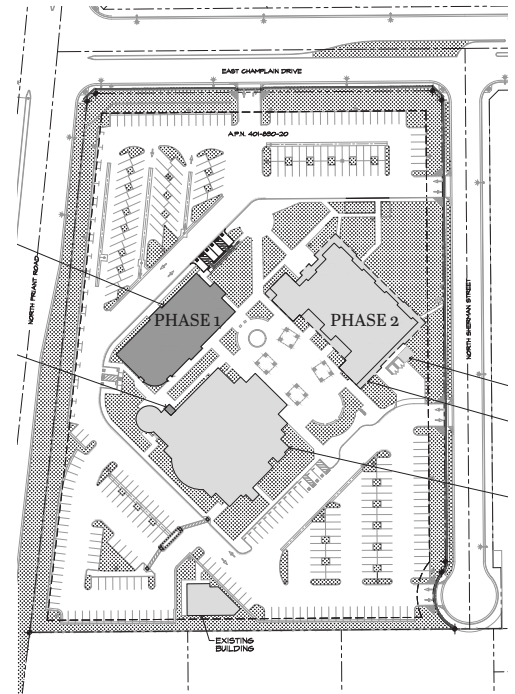
Breaking up our dream into two phases will require time and patience. Investing in this sustainable, long-term solution is a responsible pathway for our parish. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we want to plan for a future that honors God, serves our community and provides a spiritual home for generations to come.

Why are we building a new building rather than just updating or expanding the building we currently have?

Because of the issues with Msgr. Logan Hall, we recently conducted a professional assessment and found that repairs and upgrades were estimated at \$2,275,000. This amount is for construction costs for the repairs only; it does not include soft costs such as permits, fees, inspections, or new furnishings and does not include any increases to the current square footage of the building. Whether we repair, expand or replace Msgr. Logan Hall, all these options would also disrupt the daily operations of our parish and its many active ministries. While the repairs are taking place, all activities would have to be moved off the campus for at least 14-16 months. The estimated cost for renting alternate locations for our ministries is \$368,000.

Why are we planning to build on the grass? Why don't we put the Parish Life Center in the parking lot?

The City has specific requirements for the number of parking spaces a facility must have based on the size and use of the buildings on the property. If we replaced our current parking spaces with a structure, Holy Spirit would no longer be in compliance with the city's regulations. The open green area has always been intended for future parish facilities. It is finally time for us to expand onto this space.



HOW CAN I HELP NOW?

PRAY | Please include the campaign and our volunteers in your prayers as we work towards our goal.

VOLUNTEER | Many hands make light work! Many opportunities are available, from stuffing mailings, to prepping for special events and reaching out to other families to encourage their support. You can help make a difference for the Holy Spirit family and its future! If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office at (559) 434-7701 or Megan Popa at mpopa@steiergroup.com

