

# Frequently Asked Questions

## *Q. When will the work begin?*

A. The work will begin when the parish has secured 80% of the total project cost on deposit. Initial cost estimates obtained in early 2023 put the entire project at \$2,425,000, with \$600,000 of that cost for the new boilers and air handlers. The finance council and Fr. Mark have allocated \$600,000 from our current deposit account for the HVAC system, thereby reducing the amount needed to fund the campaign to \$1,825,000. The Diocese of Joliet has given permission to begin the formal bid process in June of 2023 to secure firm cost estimates for the entire project.

## *Q. What will happen if we go over our goal?*

A. All gifts collected after we exceed our goal will be put towards the next phase of our parish master plan that will include an adoration chapel and multi purpose meeting rooms.

## *Q. Can I make my pledge online?*

A. Yes, we have set up a page on our website where you may make your pledge. Please visit [www.olopdarien.org](http://www.olopdarien.org).

## *Q. Why should I make a pledge?*

A. Most people take advantage of time-payments for major purchases. A pledge to the parish Capital Campaign is a "time-payment plan" that makes it possible for you to meet your parish obligations without undue hardship. Pledges enable you to consider a more significant contribution to the campaign rather than a one-time gift.

## *Q. Is my pledge over and above my Sunday Offering?*

A. Yes. We can only reach our goal with a little extra sacrifice. We cannot reach our goal if we reduce our weekly offerings in order to make a pledge to the Capital Campaign. The parish will continue to have normal operating expenses during the pledge period.

## *Q. Who will be asked to support the Campaign?*

A. Every parish family will be invited to be a part of this effort. It is our hope that every parish family will make a sacrificial gift for this major effort according to his or her financial ability. We hope everyone will play a conscientious role in renewing the future of the parish.

## *Q. What happens if I cannot fulfill my pledge?*

A. Pledges are made in good faith and accepted as such. If hardship or illness prevents you from fulfilling your pledge, let the parish know, and other arrangements will be made.

## *Q. What if I would like to give stocks, real estate or some other kind of gift?*

A. There are several ways to support our campaign, please see the ways to give section on the next pages of this brochure or call the parish office at 630.323.4392.

## **More Questions?**

Contact the Parish at **630.323.4392**  
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