

UNDERSTANDING THE VISION

How does the *Expanding to Love and Serve* campaign fit into the vision for St. Edward?

Our parish goal, and our call from Christ, is to “make disciples.” At St. Edward the Confessor, we respond to this call by being a House of Prayer and a House of the Poor. Doing so requires the very best of each parishioner’s time, talent and treasure. Now is the time to provide the desperately needed space for our existing and future ministries so that we can expand our capacity to love and serve.

How does this project support our “House of the Poor” vision?

Serving both the spiritual and physical needs of the poor remains at the forefront of our parish’s mission. From 2013 to 2017, parishioners have contributed approximately \$1.8 million to outreach activities. Thank you! You are truly making a difference. The parish gives to local, national and international needs including pro-life efforts, education, grief counseling, homeless outreach, natural disaster relief, ministry trips to Mexico and Uganda and more. Our charity literally extends from our parish doors to the ends of the earth! Additionally, the Diocesan Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA) is our annual major campaign for outreach efforts. Approximately 600 families participate in the PSA at our parish. This new building project promises to be a benefit to all our outreach efforts. It will be a center of activity to organize and launch ministry initiatives that will change lives.

Who is responsible for the project planning and decision making?

The entire project is managed by our Pastor, Brendan Manson, in collaboration with parishioners who serve on the parish design committee, pastoral council, capital campaign cabinet and finance council. In addition, the real estate and construction department of the Diocese of Orange will provide guidance and support. Domus Studio Architecture has been chosen to develop plans for the project.

How much do we need to raise to begin building?

The project is estimated to cost \$15 million. The parish will allocate \$4 million from savings, leaving a balance of \$11 million. Based on the parish’s history of generosity, we hope to raise that amount; however, in order to begin construction, we need to raise a minimum of \$8 million in pledges from parishioners.

What happens if we don’t raise that much?

We will wait to build until we do.

Will the parish seek input from parishioners in planning and design?

Yes. The current design committee is composed of seven parishioners, all with expertise in construction, planning, engineering or architecture. Through the architectural planning process, parish ministries have been contacted and asked to submit input according to their needs. The parish has solicited advice from parishioners through a planning study conducted in spring 2017 and will continue to seek out parishioner involvement in decision making, including a Dec. 9 informational session regarding the project. For a project of this magnitude to be a success, it needs to be a total parish effort.



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How long will the project take?

Including design, planning, fundraising, permitting and construction, the new pastoral center is anticipated to be in operation by spring 2020.

Can we accomplish our goals with what we have now or something less expensive?

The constraints of the current parish offices and parish hall are unfeasible to renovate and too costly to maintain. Their continued operational and deferred maintenance costs render them unsustainable and obsolete. The aim of building a new pastoral center and gathering space is to meet our current needs as well as the needs of generations to come.

Why can't we use the school building more for parish activities?

The parish already utilizes the school building extensively. Over 1,000 parish activities, including faith formation, take place in the school throughout the year. This is often inconvenient for both the parish and school. Growth at both the school and the parish has made this situation even more untenable. The school is a much more dynamic place now than it was 20 years ago. It now has 826 students, up 120 in just the last three years. More students means more activities. The school also uses more technology now which takes up more space. Furthermore, the school is increasingly configured for 21st century learning, not the demands of parish activities. All of this limits the type of space and amount of space that is available for parish ministries and activities. A new pastoral center will be mutually advantageous, expanding our ability to minister to lifelong learning in ways that are more effective than our limited resources allow.

I already gave to this project in the 1999 campaign but it didn't happen. Will it really happen this time?

Thank you! A capital campaign commenced in 1999 to (1) expand the parish school, (2) purchase 2.5 acres to double the size of our parking lot and create a school field, and (3) to build a pastoral center. The first two goals were achieved and what a bind our parish would be in without those additions. However, because of cost overruns on portions of the project and a shortfall in the amount of money raised, there was not sufficient funds to finish the master plan. The blessing in disguise is that this building project will provide the parish a better, more complete and more adequate pastoral center than originally envisioned. Gifts and memorials to the 1999 campaign will be honored, to the extent possible, in the new pastoral center. With a broad and meaningful response to this campaign, we will succeed in building the pastoral center that our parish has long sought.

Can I volunteer in support of the effort?

Certainly! Right now, we are seeking volunteers to help with all aspects of the campaign. We also ask that all parishioners pray for our success. Contact Barbara in the campaign office at 949-429-2874 or bbelavic@stedward.com if you wish to volunteer.



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God our Father, when you founded our parish, you chose to make your home with us and entrusted us with the mission of increasing the members of your family. Over the years, you have indeed blessed our spiritual home with an abundance of new life and through the generosity of parishioners have transformed our parish into a large and vibrant community of faith and love. Responding to this gift of growth, we ask you to bless our campaign to expand our ability to love and serve those entrusted to our care. Through the intercession of Mary, our mother, and St. Edward our patron saint, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.