**What are the goals of the Expanding to Love and Serve Capital Campaign?**

Our goal is to build a new pastoral center that will include a parish hall, parish offices and meeting rooms sufficient for the current and future needs of our growing parish community. Additionally, a new gathering space at the entrance of the church will seamlessly integrate the church, pastoral center and our beautiful outdoor space. Altogether, the construction project will give the parish approximately 30,000 square feet of new space to use in loving and serving the Lord and being His disciples.

**Where did this idea originate?**

This project is the final step in a master plan that is 20 years in the making. The current parish hall is the old church building and was never designed with our current usage in mind. The new pastoral center with a multi-functional parish hall, well-designed parish offices, and additional classrooms and meeting space will more adequately meet our existing parish needs and the needs of generations to come.

**Why is this project necessary?**

Currently, it is a scramble to find the space necessary to accommodate our parish ministries. Groups such as ENDOW, Binky Patrol, Prayer Shawl Ministry and Mary's Widowed have all hit capacity for the small and limited number of meeting rooms we have available. Our lack of space has stunted or challenged the growth of these and other ministries. Our youth and faith formation programs rely on a hodgepodge of meeting spaces that detract from their sense of belonging on our campus – one of the chief values we hope to convey to our youth. Over 1,000 parishioners are involved in parish ministries outside of Mass and we essentially have four small rooms and an overused parish hall to accommodate them.

**What will this project accomplish?**

Ultimately, this project is about perpetuating our faith. A new pastoral center and gathering space will be a crucial means for realizing our vision as a House of Prayer and House of the Poor. We need a place to call home for the parish and its ministries. This project will provide us that space and allow for new opportunities in evangelizing and serving. To truly be a church after Christ’s own heart, we need a central area to organize and galvanize our efforts.

**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.
A Brief History

1950  St. Edward Chapel (now known as San Felipe de Jesus Chapel)
St. Edward Chapel in Capistrano Beach was dedicated in 1950. Originally designated as a chapel of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in San Clemente, it received the canonical status of a parish in 1969.

1969  Fr. Louis Knight and the beginning of St. Edward Church in Dana Point
In 1969, Fr. Louis Knight was sent to Dana Point to establish a new parish. On Christmas Eve in 1971, Fr. Louis Knight celebrated the first Mass in the newly constructed church named St. Edward the Confessor Church (now known as Knight Hall).

1980  Parish School
The parish school was built in 1980 to serve the educational needs of its 1,400 registered families.

1994  New Church
The ground-breaking ceremony for the new church took place on April 5, 1992 to serve the growing community of now 2,500 registered families. The church was dedicated by Bishop Norman McFarland on Dec. 11, 1994. Unfortunately, Fr. Louis Knight’s death in November 1994 prevented him from ever seeing the completion of the new church. Sadly, but fittingly, the first mass celebrated in the new church was his funeral mass.

1999  Master Plan
In 1999, the parish implemented a master plan and embarked on a capital campaign to accomplish three goals: (1) to renovate and expand the school; (2) to acquire 2.5 acres of adjacent property; (3) and to construct a pastoral center. The initial campaign goal was to raise $8 million for these three projects. The total amount contributed to the capital campaign was $6,551,383. The campaign achieved two very significant goals of the master plan. The size of the school was doubled and, with the purchase of additional land, the school field was developed. The church parking lot also doubled in size. The total spent on the project was $6,680,646. Remaining funds from the 1999 campaign currently total $736,921. The fact that the campaign account balance is positive even though the project expenses exceeded donations is attributable to deficit funding from St. Edward’s general savings during construction.

2007  Second Campaign Effort and Priest Rectory
Under the leadership of Fr. Steve Sallot, a parish committee was formed, an architect was hired and the planning for a pastoral center recommenced. However, in 2008, after a year of planning, the economy suffered the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression. As a result, the campaign was put on hold. During the planning of the pastoral center in 1999 and again in 2007, the idea of moving the rectory (the priest residence) off campus was discussed. Doing so would allow our landlocked parish to use more of our campus for parish ministries. In April 2009, with housing prices at historic lows, the parish purchased a four-plex in Dana Point to be used as a priest residence. The purchase price was $975,644 and an additional $622,175 was spent on renovations. The parish used building funds that were allotted for expansion.

2017  Now is the Time!
Through the parish survey that was conducted earlier this year, parishioners expressed their overwhelming support for building a pastoral center and bringing to completion the master plan that began almost 20 years ago. Now is the time to entrust this project to God with daily prayers and sacrifices, and to participate in the campaign with gratitude and generosity for all that God has done for us and our spiritual home of St. Edward the Confessor.