



Basilica of the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

RENEWING OUR PRESENT
SECURING OUR FUTURE

Campaign Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are our financial goals?

We hope to raise \$3,000,000 over the next three years. The funds raised will be allocated:

\$1 million Endowment Fund for the Parish

\$1 million Endowment Fund for Sacred Heart Grade School

\$1 million for other parish needs and obligations

2. How can I help?

We ask that you pray for the success of the campaign. Pray for God to provide direction for our campaign leaders and volunteers. Finally, pray for guidance on how you may offer financial support for our campaign. Ask the Lord to assist in defining your sacrificial and meaningful donation.

3. How can I participate?

Our campaign offers a wide range of gift opportunities to participate at all levels. You may choose a plan that provides you with flexibility and time to complete your commitment. You can make an annual donation or set up recurring monthly payments.

4. How will our campaign affect parish offertory?

A gift to the campaign does not take the place of your regular offering, or tithe. Parishioners are asked to make gifts above and beyond their regular weekly giving. To embark on a capital campaign is an extra-ordinary effort, meant to address extra-ordinary parish needs. Our weekend offertory can only support basic, budgeted parish needs.

5. Can I restrict my gift to benefit Sacred Heart Grade School?

Yes. Please note this on your commitment card.

6. How is the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston assisting with the Campaign?

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is supporting our campaign in numerous ways. First, they are matching every dollar we raise, in excess of \$600,000. Secondly, we are utilizing the *Catholic Sharing Appeal* professional staff to conduct our campaign. And lastly, we are engaging the *West Virginia Catholic Foundation* to invest and manage the endowment funds that will be created from our campaign.

7. What fees are accessed or incurred due to the campaign and funds raised?

There are NO Diocesan fees on any donations to the *Renewing Our Past, Securing Our Future* campaign. By utilizing the *Catholic Sharing Appeal*, we are saving money on material design and printing, as well as postage. This savings allows us to retain donations for the financial goals of the campaign.

8. What type of gifts are accepted?

Cash gifts are most common; however, there are other types of gifts that are accepted such as gifts of appreciated securities, donor advised funds, life insurance, qualified charitable distributions, and other tax-smart giving strategies.

9. Is my gift tax deductible?

Yes. Gifts to the campaign are tax deductible. Please consult your tax advisor or attorney for more information.