



*God's Love,
Our Mission*
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH • CONROE, TEXAS

A Letter from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Sacred Heart,

It is not that we first loved God, but that He loved us (1 John 4:10-19). It has always been about God loving us so much as to send His only Son, Jesus, to redeem us and restore our relationship with God and to teach us how to love. The first Catholic Christians in Montgomery County understood this and made many sacrifices to share their faith with others. Our parish of Sacred Heart was originally named St. Mary of the Woods for our Blessed Mother and in reference to the original setting in Conroe, a small town in the pines. Our small community began as a mission to two neighboring parishes, St. Mary's in Plantersville and then St. Joseph's in New Waverly, dependent on priests from these parishes to visit and celebrate sacraments with Catholics living in the Conroe area. The History of Montgomery County tells of how Fr. Joseph Kline From St. Mary's rode on horseback from Plantersville in 1898 to celebrate the Anointing of the Sick for Nellie Madeley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jackson Madeley, who was dying. These two parishes, named for Mary and Joseph, birthed our parish of The Sacred Heart of Jesus through loving sacrifice and service. They understood that it was their mission from God to share their faith and build up our community in Conroe. We are forever grateful for their love and sacrifices that enabled us to grow in the early years.

We officially became a parish in 1916 and our first pastor, Father Wilhelm, was appointed to care for our growing parish. He accepted the assignment that included the building of a new Church to seat around 200 people at the present location on Frazier, moving from our first location on the northwest corner of Main and Avenue G. The new Church was built in 1934 and still serves our community for Music Ministry, and as a Gift Shop. Over the next forty years, our parish saw significant growth and they recognized their mission to build our third Church, the existing Church, in 1972. These parishioners, our predecessors in faith, built a Church to hold 750 people, clearly caring for their present needs as well as the needs of many who, in the future, would join Sacred Heart and make it their faith home.

Today, we who are parishioners echo the strong faith of those who lovingly sacrificed to build and nurture the faith in Montgomery County. We take up the refrain: "God's Love, Our Mission." As a mission we were 25 souls and have now grown to be 7,500 families from Conroe, Montgomery, Willis and Cut-n-Shoot. We are called to lovingly sacrifice to care for our needs and for the future of our parish family. With our faith firmly in God and our trust completely in His grace, we say: YES, God's love is our mission and we launch Phase Two - the building of a Church to seat 1,500 people that includes a daily Mass Chapel that seats an additional 150, and Gift Shop, an addition of a kitchen and bathrooms to the existing Church to become our Fellowship hall, and the purchase of our new Parish Life Center that includes our parish offices and ministry meeting rooms.

Phase One, Hearts like His, taught us to love others as Jesus does by putting their needs before our own. In Phase One, we achieved for God, the building of a new St. Vincent de Paul to better serve our brothers and sisters in need, a renovated Auditorium to serve our children and the many adults and youth who cultivate their faith in this facility, the new St. Joseph's Workshop to provide the ongoing care and maintenance of the parish, and a security fence to further protect our children as they grow their relationship with Jesus.

Phase Two: God's Love, Our Mission teaches us to lovingly provide, not only for our needs in the present, but to also prepare for the future. May our response build upon the faith response of our founding parishioners and that of the parishes of St. Mary's-Plantersville and St. Joseph's-New Waverly. As we prepare to celebrate our 100th anniversary as a parish in 2016, this is our time be thankful for all that others provided for us and to commit to sacrificing again to assist in the growth of our parish by building a new church, opening a retreat and evangelization center in our existing music and gift shop building, and purchasing our Parish Life Center and relocating our parish office and opening a new youth center in the former Lone Star Clinic building. Our goal for the campaign for Phase II is \$12.8 million. I ask each family to prayerfully consider a commitment to give \$5,000 to \$10,000 over six years (\$63 to \$125 Monthly for 72 months with a 10% downpayment). Some can give more, as God has blessed you with more. If we all give based on how God has blessed us, we will together fulfill our mission. I am reminded too of the widow's mite, she gave from the little she had to provide for others (Luke 21:1-4). May those who have little, imitate her faith and choose to give. As we all give, may we soon discover the joy of God's generosity that has provided for us and will do so as we pledge and fulfill our commitment to *God's Love, Our Mission.*

Your brother,
Fr. Philip Wilhite

Rev. Pp. Wilhite



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Suggested Gift Plans

The gift plans in this brochure are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your intention. Please review the gift plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation.

Total Pledge	10% Down	6 Annual Payments	12 Semi-Annual Payments	24 Quarterly Payments	72 Monthly Payments	Daily Sacrifice
\$5,000	\$500	\$750	\$375	\$188	\$63	\$2
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125	\$4
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$563	\$188	\$6
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$8
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$938	\$313	\$10
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625	\$21
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$41
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$9,375	\$3,125	\$103
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$205
\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$12,500	\$411
\$2,000,000	\$200,000	\$300,000	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$25,000	\$822
\$5,000,000	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$375,000	\$187,500	\$62,500	\$2,055

How To Make Your Gift

PLEDGES VIA CASH OR CHECK

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments and return it with the enclosed envelope. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart God's Love, Our Mission. You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. Reminders can also be emailed. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail to **Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 704 Old Montgomery Road, Conroe, TX. Attn: God's Love, Our Mission.**

CREDIT / DEBIT CARD

To make your gift via credit card, simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and your down payment. Make sure to select your frequency of payment (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments). The campaign office will contact you with details on using our online giving tools.

GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent or the parish agent to transfer and sell stock. The stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. Please contact the campaign office for more information. The campaign office will provide details on coordinating with the development office at the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to complete the transfer of securities.

GIFTS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

Please contact your financial advisor for information concerning gifts from your retirement accounts.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS OR BEQUESTS

There are different ways to support Sacred Heart both today and in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact the campaign office for more information.

Campaign Details

\$12.8 Million • 6 Years

Redemption Period July 2015
through July 2021

New Church – \$9.5 million

Includes:
Daily Mass Chapel
Religious Gift Shop
Choir Room

Parish Life Center – \$2.3 million

Other – \$1 million

Includes Renovation of:
Old Church into Evangelization
and Retreat Center, and
Existing Church into Fellowship Center

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Memorial and Honorarium Opportunities ⁽¹⁾

Building Memorial Opportunities (Examples follow):

- Administration Building
- Evangelization & Retreat Center
- Fellowship Center
- Gymnasium
- Other Opportunities Can Be Arranged

Room Memorial Opportunities (Examples follow):

- Religious Gift Shop
- Youth Fellowship and Education Center
- RCIA Education Center
- Other Opportunities Can Be Arranged

Memorial and Honorarium Opportunities (Examples follow):

- Our Lady of Guadalupe Stained Glass Window
- St. Joseph with Child Jesus Stained Glass Window
- Outdoor Patio in Front of Church
- Church Entrance Lobby
- Choir Room
- All Meeting Rooms
- Other Opportunities Can Be Arranged

Giving Societies

Stewards of Sacred Heart Parish This giving society is named for parishioners of Sacred Heart who make a leadership gift to the capital campaign. Their gifts will be acknowledged with a plaque inscription on a pew in our new Church and in our 100th anniversary booklet.

St. Mary of the Woods Society This giving society is named in honor of our Blessed Mother and in the name of the founding mission parish. Those making a leadership gift to the capital campaign at this level will have their gifts acknowledged with a plaque inscription on a pew in the new Chapel and in our 100th anniversary booklet.

Patrons of Pope Francis This giving society is named in honor of Pope Francis. Members of this giving society will be honored for their leadership gifts to the campaign and will be acknowledged with a plaque inscription on a wall in the new Church and in our 100th anniversary booklet.

St. Joseph Society This giving society is named in honor of the earthly guardian of Jesus Christ and husband of the Virgin Mary. Members of this giving society will be honored for their leadership gifts to the campaign with an inscribed paver to be located near the Church or Fellowship Center and with recognition in our 100th anniversary booklet.

Friends of Sacred Heart This giving society will be honored with recognition in our 100th anniversary booklet.

\$ AMOUNT

\$1 million

\$500,000

\$250,000

\$100,000 to \$249,999

\$50,000 to \$99,999

\$25,000 to \$49,999

\$10,000 to \$24,999

\$5,000 to \$9,999



(1) Please contact the parish office for a memorial and honorarium packet with details on availability and details on wording options for plaques, inscriptions and recognition in booklets.

How You Can Get Involved

- 1) Every registered family will be invited to attend one of a series of campaign receptions that will be scheduled to allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and to learn about the needs of our parish.
- 2) The families that do not attend a campaign reception will be able to read about our building plans through this campaign brochure, which will be mailed to their homes. Families are asked to consider all the information contained in this brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort.
- 3) Those who do not respond by Commitment Weekend will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time over several weeks for the success of the campaign. The volunteers, members of your parish family, will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of reaching out to parishioners and increasing the awareness of this campaign.

PHASE II

Phase II sets the stage for our future with the following projects. 1. Building a new church that seats 1,500 and connects to a chapel with seating for 150. 2. The gift shop and choir rehearsal will move to rooms within the church building allowing these rooms to be renovated into an Evangelization and Retreat Center. 3. Our existing church will be renovated into a fellowship hall with a full kitchen for our parish-wide functions. 4. The addition of the Parish Life Center.

ONCE WE HAVE ACHIEVED THE GOALS OF PHASE II, WE LOOK FORWARD TO MOVING AHEAD WITH PHASE III.

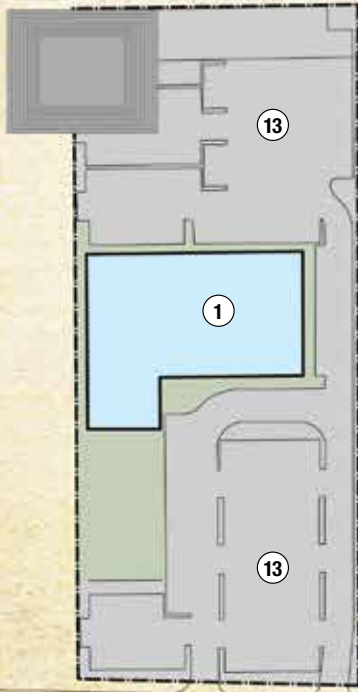
PHASE III

Renovating the school offices, and constructing additional school facilities. As a parish, we have the unique opportunity to continue to build and expand our facilities to better meet the spiritual, social, educational and ministerial needs of our parish community. Seizing this opportunity will not come without sacrifice.



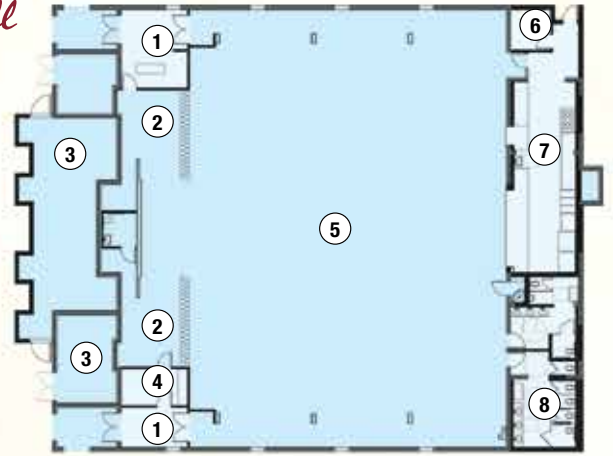
Throughout the history of our parish, the people of Sacred Heart have made the necessary sacrifices in all aspects of parish life and Stewardship to further the mission of Christ. This is the first step in a long journey to complete our Master Plan.

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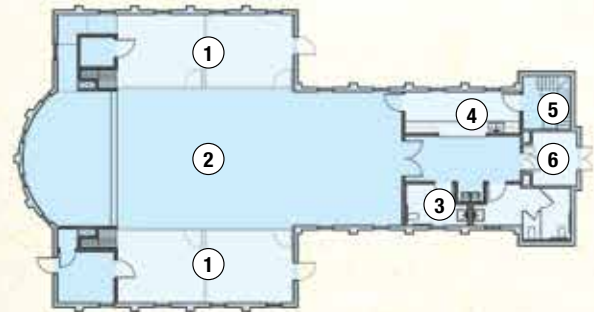
Fellowship Hall
Plan Key

1. Lobby
2. Table & Chair Storage
3. Mechanical
4. Green Room
5. Assembly Area
6. Pantry
7. Kitchen
8. Restrooms



*Retreat and
Evangelization Center*
Plan Key

1. Classrooms
2. Assembly Area
3. Restrooms
4. Kitchen
5. Pantry
6. Lobby



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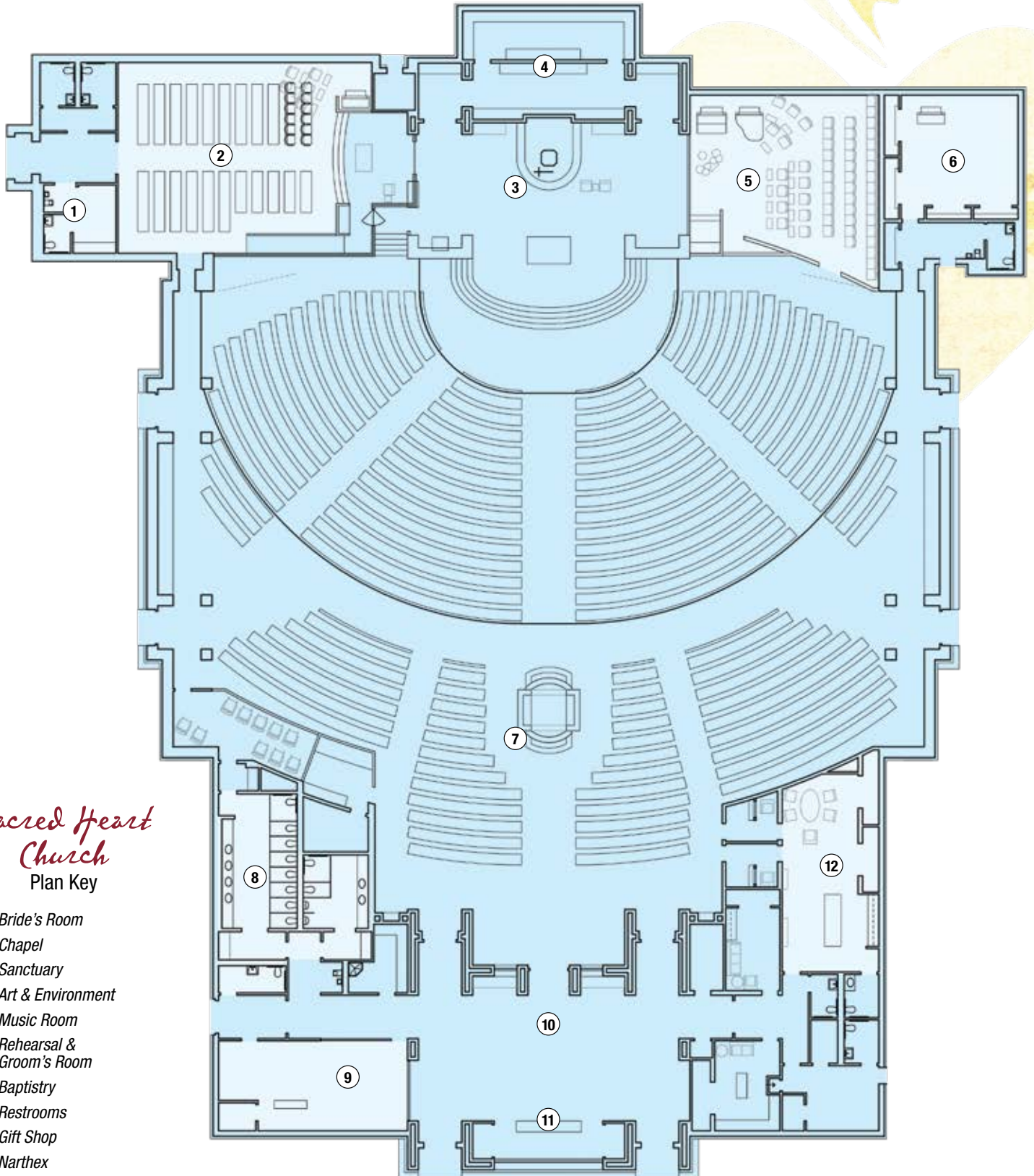
Master Site
Plan Key

1. Parish Life Center
2. St. Vincent de Paul
3. St. Joseph's Maintenance
4. Soccer Field
5. Sacred Heart School
6. Auditorium
7. Gymnasium
8. Preschool/ Meeting Rooms
9. Convent Garage (future)
10. Convent
11. Retreat and Evangelization Center (see floorplan above)
12. Rectory
13. Parking
14. Fellowship Hall (see floorplan above)
15. Sacred Heart Church

Master Site
Plan Color Key

- Phase One
- Phase Two
- Phase Three
- Parking
- Existing Buildings





*Sacred Heart
Church*
Plan Key

1. Bride's Room
2. Chapel
3. Sanctuary
4. Art & Environment
5. Music Room
6. Rehearsal & Groom's Room
7. Baptistry
8. Restrooms
9. Gift Shop
10. Narthex
11. Welcome Area
12. Clergy's Sacristy

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Throughout the God's Love, Our Mission Capital Campaign, I and the Capital Campaign Committee, other volunteers and staff will reach out to all members of the parish to communicate the goals of the Master Plan and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events, including home visits, will be held to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

— Fr. Philip Wilhite

We look forward to having a sanctuary that is large enough to hold more parishioners for Masses in our heart language, allowing parishioners greater opportunities to cross cultural boundaries. Our new church building will also be brighter inside, reflecting the love and camaraderie our parish is known for. It will be a house that allows the spirituality of communion to be seen and felt!

— Paula and Agustin Gutierrez

I have attended many churches (built by others) in my lifetime, and feel very happy to say "YES" to GOD. Yes to it being my turn to bring a new church to our community. I like thinking about being part of bringing good to the world and to the future.

— Marla Myers

I am proud to belong to Sacred Heart, and all the years I have been a parishioner here I have been thinking about the people who built the church for us. I feel excited about the project and how we will build it for our children to attend as adults and for all the other people that will attend for generations.

— Miguel Angel Sandoval



HOW TO PLEDGE YOUR SUPPORT

The goal of the campaign is to raise \$12,800,000. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal and each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their financial ability.

Each family is asked to consider a pledge of \$5,000 to \$10,000 or more, payable over six years (or longer). A pledge of \$5,000, after a down payment of \$500, is \$63 per month for 72 months. This breaks down to only \$2.00 a day!

WE NEED YOUR SPECIAL GENEROSITY

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that a pledge of \$5,000 will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so.

In Deuteronomy 16:10 we are reminded that:

"the measure of your own free will offering should be in proportion to the blessing the Lord has bestowed on you."

Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$25,000, \$50,000, \$100,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign. Please review the Suggested Gift Plans on the previous page and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.

AS YOU MAKE YOUR PLEDGE PLEASE REMEMBER...

- Payments may be made over a period of six (6) years. A longer period can be arranged if necessary.
- Pledge payments are in addition to your regular weekly offertory contribution. Your pledge payments to this campaign will be used for the specific parish needs outlined in this brochure.
- Payment reminders and a special payment envelope will be mailed to you in accordance with the payment plan you choose. You can also choose to receive reminders via email.
- Pledge payments are fully deductible for tax purposes.
- Please make checks payable to: Sacred Heart God Love, Our Mission and send to our parish office at the address listed below.

All contributions to the campaign are fully tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes. Pledges are not legally binding, but rather an indication of your intention to donate.



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