

# ONE COMMUNITY CENTER

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## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **Why is there such an immediate need for this campaign and this project?**

This was not an easily-reached decision or a commitment taken lightly by parish leadership. St. John Apostle & Evangelist has continued to grow at a fast pace and our current facilities can no longer handle the needs of our parish. We cannot ignore the need for this new facility and the other planned improvements. In the past two years, we have added almost 300 new families. When we made the decision to move forward with this project, we were proud of our 52 ministries; today, we have 62 ministries, and those numbers will no doubt continue to increase.

### **Why is it so important to make a pledge now?**

It is critical that we secure total commitments of \$3 million within the next few weeks. That will keep us on schedule and allow us to submit building permits within the next month – a deadline that must be met to ensure the building will be completed within our timeline. We are currently working with a bank on a loan and mortgages, but again, we must demonstrate our own ability to address that loan in the future.

### **What does the One Community Center accomplish for our parish family?**

The sense of community here at St. John A & E is almost tangible. We experience it at every Mass and every parish event. Watch how people relate to one another and how they go out of their way to meet and greet and connect to one another. To keep this sense of togetherness and to expand it in the future, we need a new facility that will allow us to gather as a community outside of the church setting. That, too, is important for the health and strength of the parish. It allows us to continue to be the hospitable and community-oriented parish that we already are.

### **Why is it important for everyone to make a pledge, and why for three years?**

We are deeply grateful for the commitments we have already received from more than 200 households. However, for us to complete this project, it is something we must do together as a parish family, and that requires everyone to step up and participate. A commitment made over three years allows a family to make a greater contribution and it enables us to plan more effectively and accomplish our goals for the project. We appreciate all gifts, regardless of size. The complete participation of all is the most essential element in a successful campaign.



**What if our financial situation changes after we make a pledge?**

Life happens! Each family and individual's situation is different. If something changes in your life that could impact your ability to fulfill your original pledge, let us know and we will work with you. A commitment to the campaign is not legally binding in any way, even with a signed pledge card. Remember: we are asking each family to make an equal sacrifice, not an equal gift amount.

**Is it still the plan to relocate the parish pre-school?**

Our school is an important part of our parish community and we are continuing to work actively with the Diocese and a real estate agent on locating a property for an off-campus site that will enable it to continue its valuable ministry. Through careful analysis, we have determined the additional space we will gain in the space currently used by the school is great, but it is not nearly enough for our growing parish and its ministries. Building the One Community Center will ensure we have enough space both for now and in the future.

**In addition to the need for more space, are there other significant reasons for the parish to undertake this project?**

We could cite many reasons that this is beneficial to our parish. For starters, service is at the heart of stewardship, and the One Community Center will allow us to better serve one another and the community. It provides a space where we can meet both formally and informally. It gives us a space where we can meet and become closer in a variety of ways. It also assists us in our efforts to reach out to the community. Finally, this is something we need to do for God – to help build His Kingdom right here in Mililani. This helps us to educate, proclaim the Gospel as we are called to do, and to present opportunities for adult education. As a parish community we have a mission – one to which God is calling us as individuals as well as a faith family.

**Are there some specifics about the One Community Center of which we should be aware?**

Of course, we will have space for meetings and events we have never had previously. The entire building will be handicapped-accessible. It will include new and improved bathroom facilities. The kitchen, although not a full kitchen initially, will have the room and potential to be developed into a full kitchen, and even at this time, it will have double sinks and refrigerators.

**Note:**

*The public phase of this campaign is coming to a close. To those who have not made a pledge, on behalf of the entire parish leadership, please make a three-year pledge today. Your pledge can begin next month and be paid out on a monthly basis, but we are also very flexible and can work with you based on your own circumstances.*

