



Together We Grow

St. Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church

Campaign Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Newer questions about the campaign:

Q. When will a final plan be determined?

The plan that is outlined in the campaign information is the final plan. Details regarding interior design, usage policies, etc. will be determined by a steering committee whose members will be donors to the *Together We Grow* campaign to ensure that their and all parishioners' pledges are stewarded in the appropriate and outlined way.

Q. Why is St. Max planning to build onto the campus if we are still eliminating debt from the building of the Church?

The first priority of the *Together We Grow* campaign is to eliminate the outstanding debt. Debt will be eliminated before any building begins. St. Max will not go into additional long-term debt for the outlined building additions to the campus.

Q. What happens if the goal isn't reached? What happens if the challenge goal isn't reached?

In the event the \$3.5 million goal is not reached, monies will first go towards the debt elimination and the *One Faith, One Hope, One Love* portion of the campaign. The monies over and above these two items will go into an account designated for the completion of the first phase. In the event we raise more than \$3.5 million but do not reach the challenge goal of \$5.4 million, monies will first go towards the debt elimination, the *One Faith, One Hope, One Love* portion of the campaign and the first phase of building. The monies over and above these three items will go into an account designated for the completion of the second phase. In either case, to insure transparency throughout the process, the pastoral council, finance council, steering committee, consultants and architects will be consulted for the best plan to proceed for St. Max.

Q. Why are the request amounts so large?

The amounts families are invited to consider are for a 5 year pledge period. Pledges are being collected now but payments can begin at a time convenient financially for each family. The requested amounts are an invitation and not an expectation, as the circumstances and financial ability of each family differs greatly, both of which St. Max does not know.

Q. Why are we building the west additions first when it appears that the kitchen addition is more important?

Phase 1, or the initial phase, will take place first due to the results from the in-person interviews and electronic surveys, which all families with an email address received two invitations from Fr. Geoff to participate in via email. Based on the financial commitment the participants were asked to make over a five year period, CCS, with 60+ years of experience, recommended a \$3,500,000 minimum goal. At this goal, St. Max will be able to eliminate the remaining debt, participate in the required *One Faith, One Hope, One Love* campaign, relocate the *Rachel* statue and complete the building of the community room and chapel. The second phase, the expansion & renovation of the kitchen along with the construction of a large multipurpose room with the ability to convert into smaller rooms, could not be completed within that \$3.5 million goal. The overall goal of the campaign is to raise enough money to complete both phases.

Q. Why is St. Max doing a parish campaign within the archdiocesan campaign?

The standard archdiocesan assessment of 5.7% on a building campaign is being waived in the *Together We Grow* campaign in conjunction with the Catholic Community Foundation's *One Faith, One Hope, One Love*. St. Max is saving a significant amount of money which is why the team of St. Max volunteers are working so hard to meet with families, share the vision for the future, answer questions about the campaign, in order to reach both the minimum and challenge goals.

"A Vision For Our Future"

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By doing the campaign within a campaign, St. Max also benefits from the Catholic Community Foundation handling all administration of the remittance pledges, tax acknowledgement letters, etc.

Q. Why do we need the new building additions?

The addition of the community room will provide a much larger space for our family to gather together and foster conversations with one another. This new addition will be an attached but separate building, not a glorified exit as the current gathering space is.

St. Max has over 75 ministries, not including sacramental celebrations & liturgies that need space for meetings throughout the week. The addition of the community room and large multi-purpose room will provide more and adequate space for the continued growth of the ministries at St. Max.

Q. When will work on the building additions start?

Architectural planning and construction will begin once the current debt is eliminated and at least 50% of the costs of construction are in hand with the other 50% pledged. St. Max will not go into any long term debt to complete these projects.

Q. Why do I have to give the pledge card to the volunteer? I would rather turn it in directly to the parish office.

By completing a pledge card with a volunteer, you are ensured that the intent of your pledge is accurately recorded and captured on the pledge card. The volunteers have experience completing pledge cards. There have been circumstances when a pledge card was not completed with a volunteer and the intent was not accurately recorded.

If you have questions pertaining to your personal situation, please reach out to rtrentman@saint-max.org.