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FAITH, FAMILY & FUTURE

We at Church of the Holy Comforter are blessed to have one of the most beautiful church campuses in the diocese. Our parishioners built this campus generations ago. Their sacrifices built our heritage. Now it is our turn to grow our faith, family, and future for generations to come. Based on the Feasibility Study results, which included parishioner feedback through surveys and interviews, we have determined that the **Growing Our Faith, Family, Future** campaign scope will focus on four main components. Specifics on each project are highlighted on the following pages.



DEBT RETIREMENT

Anticipated Cost - \$800,000

The Phase III campaign (completed in 2012) raised \$3.38 million, with total project costs of \$4.18 million. This resulted in a current parish debt of \$800,000. The overall goal is to be a debt free congregation and free up our debt payments so funds may be used for ministry. Once the current mortgage is paid off, Holy Comforter will have approximately \$54,000 in freed up funds annually. This savings is essential in planning for faith, family, and future.



\$54,000 ANNUAL SAVINGS X 20 YEARS

= \$1,080,000 TOTAL SAVINGS

"Give and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over..."
Luke 6:38



SOLARIZE THE CAMPUS

Anticipated Cost - \$550,000

Installing solar panels on the Holy Comforter campus will ensure that our parish uses clean energy, aiding in taking care of God's creation. This initiative will also help in achieving the diocese's goal, which was adopted by our Vestry, of reducing Holy Comforter's carbon footprint 50% by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2045. In addition, solarization will cut our electric bill up to 80% for an approximate savings of \$500,000 or more over 25 years. A lead gift of \$400,000 to \$425,000 has been committed for the dedicated purpose of solarization.



RELOCATE & ENHANCE THE CHOIR ROOM

Anticipated Cost - \$100,000

Music at Holy Comforter is offered to the glory of God. We understand that music has the power to reach people on an emotional and visceral level that goes beyond the spoken word. Our choir room has been outgrown and more space is required for current and future needs. We envision relocating the choir room to the third floor, which would double the choir area as well as allow for improved acoustics and add appropriate robing and music storage. A dedicated office for the Minister of Music would also be created.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE CAMPUS

Anticipated Cost - \$200,000

Holy Comforter envisions refreshing and increasing funding for our campus maintenance plan to preserve and maintain the parish campus for its current and future use and operation. This portion of the campaign would provide the foundation that Holy Comforter needs to fund various improvements, restorations, and maintenance on the physical space that God has provided to our parish through our generous parishioners.

PURPOSE OF CAMPUS STEWARDSHIP

Maintain &
Improve Campus

Operate Safely
& Efficiently

Prevent System
Failures

Protect
Parish Assets



The goal of the **Growing Our Faith, Family, Future** campaign is to raise \$1,250,000 in honor of our 125th anniversary. Priority components of this endeavor will focus on debt retirement, solarization, relocation and enhancement of the choir room, and stewardship of the physical plant.

CAMPAIGN GOAL
\$1,250,000

Dear Friends,

We are very pleased to serve as chairs of Holy Comforter's Capital Campaign, Growing Our Faith, Family, Future! This parish has been, and continues to be, an important part of our lives. This is our spiritual home, and we are blessed to be a part of this welcoming community which is in many ways like a family.

As Holy Comforter celebrates its 125th anniversary, we have seen how faith has helped our parish family grow in so many ways. First, in numbers as we welcome new members to grow their journey of faith at all ages and stages of life, as we support the Preschool & Kindergarten, the robust acolyte program, Hogwarts VBS, Choristers, Sunday School, and Confirmation. Second, in fellowship, with gatherings such as our Parish Retreats at Shrinemont, ECW, Senior Saints, Coffee and Fellowship Hour, Open Circles, and many more. And third, in outreach, as our members serve our community and the world to help those in need. Initiatives such as Pennywise, Hypothermia Relief Shelter, FACETS, Britepaths, Food4Thought, The Christmas Giving Table, Mission Grants, Afghan Refugee Ministry, Becoming Beloved Community, Adult Formation after Confirmation, and many more allow our congregation to continue God's ministry at home and afar.

Imagine how much God's ministry could grow here at Holy Comforter if we were able to take our current mortgage payments (\$54,000/year), as well as 80% reduction in electric costs (\$20,000/year), and spend it instead on outreach programs, faith education, campus maintenance, underfunded operations, and more.

In addition, improvements to Holy Comforter's campus will solve many challenges for our parish. The relocation of the choir room will allow for much needed space in support of this vital ministry and stewardship of our physical plant will lay the foundation for a facility maintenance plan to preserve and maintain the physical space God has provided.

We encourage you to review the details in this brochure and welcome questions as we continue on this journey. Thank you for your continued generosity and – most importantly – for your prayers. Please pray that the Lord will continue to guide and bless every aspect of our Parish Life as we celebrate 125 years strong!

Yours in Christ,



Kevin Reynolds
Campaign Chair



Kari Govan
Campaign Co-Chair



David Grove
Campaign Co-Chair

OUR PRAYER

Holy Comforter, you call us into friendship and shared ministry in Christ. You remind us of our many gifts and that we are blessed by you to be a blessing. Help us to further strengthen this parish through our giving, so that we may be better servants of your love in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray.

AMEN.