

Living our Faith – Building Our Future

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

PARISHIONER QUESTIONS:

1. What is the purpose of the atrium? How often will it be used; will it be open to the public as a community centre to perhaps generate income?

We expect the atrium and other new meeting spaces will be used by parishioners, parish ministries, groups and organizations every day of the week. The atrium will be the hub for fellowship after Mass on Sundays for all parishioners to continue to build our faith community. This space will be invaluable for parents and their small children during the Mass as well as better equipping the parish to handle seasonal and sacramental overflow. We are currently developing a plan for rental by the greater community of this multi-functional space as a possible revenue source.

2. What is the value of having more meeting space?

Expanding our footprint creates the vitally needed space to allow for programs and activities that develop our faith, encourage our spiritual growth and our growth as a community at Holy Family. With such a welcoming new space we believe that more of our parishioners will be afforded diverse opportunities to become engaged in our vision of being Holy Family as a place where we encounter, follow and share Jesus Christ.

3. What is the maintenance cost once renovations and atrium is built? What will the cost to the parish be on-going?

The maintenance costs can be estimated by looking at past expenses and assuming the costs will be commensurate with the increase in space. We have conservatively estimated a 24% increase in maintenance expenses which translates into an increase of approximately \$11,000 a year (*roughly \$900/month*). This number is based on previous building, property, repair and maintenance costs (*insurance, utilities, taxes and supplies*).

4. Why is the north entrance accessibility and reconfiguration being done later?

Since the building plan allows for a new and more accessible entrance on the east side of the atrium, the significant additional cost that is required to make the north entrance accessible will be addressed in a future development phase, the timing of which will coincide with the end of the existing elevator's life expectancy.

5. Why are the hall updates in the future plans?

The building plan delivers significant new modern meeting spaces and, while perhaps dated, the existing hall remains a functional space. Any upgrades to the hall will be tied to the introduction of new heating, cooling and ventilation for the existing church when the current heat pumps need replacement.

6. What is included in the furnishing cost estimate?

The furnishing estimate includes modular pieces for the office, furniture in the gathering areas, chairs/tables and related pieces for use in the meeting rooms and in the open spaces, as well as shelving in storage areas.

7. What are the renovation benefits to the parishioners who come Sunday for Mass but do not engage in programs?

Parishioners who are only able to attend Mass will also benefit from the new inviting space to foster fellowship and discipleship with their friends and fellow parishioners in the atrium after Mass. As this new space allows Holy Family parishioners to grow together in faith, all parishioners will enjoy the benefit of belonging to a welcoming and thriving faith community. This space will also benefit families with small children and assist with seasonal and sacramental overflow.

8. Are there measures provided in the design to isolate the noise from the nave particularly during celebration of the Mass?

As part of the scope of work, Larkin Architects understand the need to manage acoustics in the atrium. Sound absorption measures are already planned in the atrium with deflectors below the ceiling. Additionally, the wall components on the common wall (*between the nave and the atrium*) will provide protection from noise transmission. Details of these measures will be part of the building permit drawings that have yet to be completed.

9. What happens if the Campaign does not reach its goal?

Thanks to the support we have already received from parishioners, we are confident that together we will meet our goal. Should we exceed our target, the parish will not have to take out an anticipated \$1.1 million loan from the Archdiocese of Toronto. Conversely, if we do not reach our \$2.4 million goal, the building project will continue but Holy Family would require a larger loan from the Archdiocese than currently anticipated.

10. Can I continue to give to the Building Fund or should I give to the Living Our Faith; Building Our Future Capital Campaign?

The "Living Our Faith; Building Our Future" Capital Campaign is in place to raise money specifically for the building project. All funds given for this Campaign will be in a fund separate from the Building Fund. The Building Fund will continue to be used for the ongoing maintenance and repair of the parish building as needed (*for example: taxes, utilities, snow removal, etc.*).