



Frequently Asked Questions

How did the roofs come to need replacement? Aren't tile roofs supposed to last a longer time?

The barrel tiles are not the issue; the underlayments below the tile have outlived their useful life, which was covered by warranty for ten years. That failure of the underlayment due to weather and age over the last 20 years has led to the water damage in our Main Church and the Cody Enrichment Center.

Did St. Joseph's have insurance for the roofs for hurricane damage?

Yes. A portion of the damage to the roofs was allocated to Hurricane Irma by the diocesan insurance adjuster. St. Joseph's received a grant of \$400,000 from the USCCB's national second collection for hurricane relief. This amount reflects our deductible on our insurance policy. In addition, our insurance carrier has paid \$800,000. These funds are not included in the campaign goal. They are being held to protect against cost overruns encountered when we begin the work of replacing the roof of the Main Church and the Cody Enrichment Center and mitigating the water damage those two buildings have sustained.

I can only contribute to the campaign by reducing what I give to the regular Offertory collection.

Our campaign is seeking gifts over and above Offertory support from those families who have the capacity to make an additional financial sacrifice. If you are not able to do both, please continue your support for the Offertory and pray for the success of the campaign.

Can I contribute my labor to help with some of the work as a contribution to the campaign?

The Diocesan insurance policies require that all work performed on our facilities be carried out by approved vendors who are bonded and insured against worker injuries and negligence/error. This policy precludes allowing parishioners to volunteer to perform such significant capital projects.

How is this campaign different from the monthly "Building Fund" collection?

The monthly building fund collection brings in approximately \$45,000 annually. It is an important source of support for ongoing maintenance of our campus. This campaign is addressing extraordinary restoration and maintenance needs on a much larger scale and also seeks to create a long-term maintenance fund that will enable St. Joseph's to better maintain our facilities over the long run.

What if my circumstances change and I can no longer fulfill my pledge?

A pledge is not a legally-binding commitment. It is, rather, a promise made under certain circumstances. Should those circumstances change, the promise can be modified. This could mean reducing the pledge, skipping a few months of pledge payments, or, cancelling the balance of the pledge, if needed.

What will be done if the funds raised through the campaign and the insurance monies exceed the costs of the renovation projects?

Any additional funds received beyond the cost of the work outlined in the campaign materials will be placed in the Long-Term Maintenance Fund consistent with the objectives of the campaign.

My employer will match eligible contributions. Can my gift be matched for this campaign?

Many employers will match employee contributions to eligible charities. However, few will match donations to religious charities. If your employer will match gifts to Catholic elementary schools, please let the campaign know and we will provide you instructions on how to make an eligible contribution restricted to St. Joseph's school to meet those eligibility requirements.

Is my donation tax-deductible?

Yes. Gifts to the campaign are deductible for those who itemize their return. Please consult your tax preparer for more information.