LET US SERVE AS “THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY SET ON A MOUNTAIN CANNOT BE HIDDEN.”

Matthew 5:14
CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Good and gracious Father,
We give You thanks for our lives, our families and all the gifts You have given to us.

You have blessed us and been faithful to us.
Send down your Spirit to open our hearts, our minds and our hands
to support and renew our parish through this campaign,
strengthened as people of one faith.

Fill us with Your Light, sharing our gifts as one parish family
to ensure a bright future for Holy Trinity.

We commit ourselves to grow as faithful stewards
who proclaim the Gospel so that all will be one
in Your Son, Jesus Christ, for Your glory.

Amen.
When is the last time you stepped back from the church to gaze up at the bell tower? Have you noticed it is a lantern, designed to radiate the light on this hilltop we call Tierra de Dios - the Land of God? Our beloved church echoes Jesus’ words, “You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden.” (Matt. 5:14)

During Holy Trinity’s 28-year history, our parishioners have taken up the call to be God’s lanterns, living our purpose to “proclaim the Gospel so that all will be one in Christ for the glory of God.” It is with this continued call that we go forward with One Parish Family – A Campaign for Holy Trinity’s Future.

Today, we step back and look at the blessings we have received from God: the gifts we share today as faithful stewards and the continued growth and grace that await us. Working together as one family, we will ensure a bright future for our parish. We will serve as the Light of Christ that welcomes all into our fold on this holy mountain!

Please join us in supporting the One Parish Family campaign. As St. Paul promises us, “You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” (2 Cor. 9:11)

Please keep us in your prayers and know that you are in ours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Larry Beck  
Pastor

Msgr. James Kidder  
Pastor Emeritus
Bishop Francis A. Quinn establishes a new parish in western El Dorado County and appoints Msgr. James Kidder as pastor March 1992


600 people attend first parish mission and choose Holy Trinity as parish name April 1992

20 acres purchased for current parish site on Tierra de Dios Drive 1996

900 registered families Church and Pastoral Center dedicated 1998

Debt paid off in 18 months 2000

Purchase of adjacent, 43-acre parcel and required, secondary road built 2002

Ground broken for Education and Social Center buildings

Parish families pledge over $5 million

“Holy Trinity has been our ‘spiritual home’ since we came to El Dorado Hills in 1998. Mary and I want to help it through the One Parish Family Capital Campaign to continue to be the spiritual home for other families for generations to come.”

DEACON JIM HOPP, Cabinet Member

“We have no family nearby, so Holy Trinity IS our Family, our Home. We need a place of worship where people can learn and feel loved by one another and God; where Jesus can be “lifted up” every day in a place worthy of His Name. Mother Teresa said: ‘I can do what you cannot do. You can do what I cannot do. Together we can do great things.’ Let’s trust that as we step out in faith to renew our Home, to perhaps give more than we think we are able, God will provide for our every need.”

MAX AND EMANUELA CALLAGHAN, General Chairs
Holy Trinity formally names itself a "stewardship parish" transforming the way we fund operations, debt service and mission work.

2003
Dedication of Social Center

2004
Parish initiates School Ministry
Dedication of Education Center

2005
Human Concerns Ministry established to assist those in need in our local and global communities

2009
4,380 registered families
Parishioners active in more than 60 ministries
Parish embarks on One Parish Family campaign to secure a strong foundation for our future

2020
Parish initiates School Ministry
Dedication of Education Center

HISTORY OF HOLY TRINITY
CRITICAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

Of greatest priority is the church bell tower and narthex which are in serious need of repair. The water stains on the narthex ceiling and walls show years of water penetration. While there have been multiple attempts to re-seal windows and roof areas, the results were short-term. The scope of the project and expertise required for the interior and exterior repairs will require an extensive review process and working with multiple vendors. We are prepared to proceed with the repairs once adequate funding is secured.

In addition, critical roofing repairs to the Education and Social Centers are underway with funds already donated to the campaign. Much-needed parking lot and rectory maintenance can no longer be deferred.

ESTABLISHING A MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND

As Christian stewards, we are responsible for maintaining our buildings and beautiful campus. Like each family, it is important for the parish to have savings set aside to fund ongoing capital repairs and needed improvements. For example, our aging heating and cooling systems will soon need replacement. Select improvement projects—such as replacement of our lighting and audio-video equipment in the Social Center and technology upgrades in our Education Center—are of utmost importance. Having reserves in a designated savings account will create financial security by ensuring our ability to address these needs now and into the future.

“How can I repay the LORD for all the great good done for me?”
PSALM 116:12
TIER 3 – ESTABLISHING A MAINTENANCE RESERVE FUND | $500,000
Through establishing a reserve, Holy Trinity will ensure funds are available for future capital repairs and needed improvements.

BENEFITS
- Retiring the debt and establishing a maintenance reserve will free up financial gifts so that we can maximize funding for programs and ministries that enhance the faith and mission of our church.
- Provide additional resources for our ministries and secure a healthy financial future for generations to come.
- Maintain our beautiful campus facilities befitting the glory of God to inspire His people.
- Prudently steward our parish finances into the future.

TIER 2 – REPAIRING OUR CAMPUS | $1,200,000
Reaching this goal will enable the parish to resolve the persistent water damage to the church and address other critical repairs needed to our facilities, including the Social Center and Education Center roofs.

TIER 1 – PAYING OFF OUR DEBT AND FUNDING OUR OBLIGATIONS | $1,800,000
The parish has a responsibility to demonstrate fiscal stewardship: through paying off the construction loan and providing funds to meet diocesan and parish financial obligations, we will ensure a strong future for our many ministries to thrive.

"Holy Trinity Parish is the center physical space where I most vividly encounter God the Father, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Spirit. It is here, within our Church, where I can join with my friends in Christ in welcoming others to meet the Savior of the world."

DEACON DAN HAVERTY, Cabinet Member

Let’s move forward and celebrate the success of the One Parish Family capital campaign by lighting the lantern on top of the bell tower!
Since its inception in 1992, Holy Trinity parishioners have always been generous with their time, talent and treasure. Stewardship has deliberately not been one more “program” among many, but rather a Biblical “way of living” by which parishioners give gratefully back to God from the first fruits of what has been given to them from their loving God. In short, Christian stewardship is managing God’s blessings God’s way for God’s glory.

This campaign affords the parish an opportunity to renew us as faithful Christian stewards. It will supplement our parish’s annual Stewardship Renewal and not compete with it. In fact, one critical campaign goal is to help parishioners see how they can give more to the work of God’s kingdom, even after the campaign has ended.

Even at dioceses and parishes that have a strong tradition of stewardship, capital campaigns are occasionally required to meet extraordinary needs. In fact, what is often suggested for “giving back” annually of our time, talent and treasure are actually Biblical minimums. However, there are extraordinary times when the Lord asks more of us. Holy Trinity faces one of these times with the needs defined in this campaign.

“I am confident the work the Lord has begun in you, He will bring to fulfillment.’ (Phil. 1:6) May Holy Trinity continue to grow in praying, proclaiming and caring.”

MSGR. JAMES KIDDER, Honorary Chair
We have already given to past campaigns. Why do we need to support this effort too?
God calls us to share from all that we have and are throughout our entire lives, just as God expects us in every season of our lives to use our gifts and talents for the purpose of serving others. We are lifelong stewards of God’s gracious gifts.

Can we set up our own payments based on our circumstances?
Yes. We understand that each family has unique circumstances and we will set up a giving schedule that is right for you. Our goal is to be as helpful as possible. Many families will elect to make their contributions on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual, or annual basis.

What is the diocesan assessment?
Catholic parishes support the church on three levels: the local parish, diocesan church and universal church. Our annual diocesan assessment assists with the broader ministries and services of the diocese, including seminarian education, youth ministry, faith formation, tribunal, development office and the ministry of the Bishop. Holy Trinity must pay off the outstanding diocesan assessments for the past two years by June 30, 2020.

Why are we suddenly facing these financial problems?
Increased expenses combined with significant, necessary repairs make it difficult to resolve our debt and financial obligations. Annual ordinary giving is the same today as it was ten years ago while expenses have steadily increased. As faithful stewards, we have the responsibility to resolve our debt and financial obligation now in preparation for our future. There is no reason to risk more serious financial challenges by delaying resolution any longer.

Doesn’t our weekly offering cover the cost of the repair projects?
It would be wonderful if it did! Our weekly offering (Sunday collections) covers the regular costs of programs, staff salaries, electricity, utilities, and other operating expenses. While in the past, Holy Trinity has been able to handle minor maintenance expenses, the offertory and other giving has not kept pace with the increasing costs of maintaining our facilities. Just like our personal homes over time, our parish home is now in need of large capital maintenance and improvement projects. These costs are above and beyond the ordinary costs of maintaining our parish. Because we do not have reserve savings, the only way for our parish to fund these projects is through a capital campaign.

Is there a plan for the 43 acres?
This is a key asset that will benefit the long-range growth of our parish after the land has been paid off in 3-1/2 years. Just as we are to be stewards of our money as treasure, we are also responsible to be stewards of our land. We do not have a set plan for the 43 acres. However, we have begun a study to determine options that will benefit our parish and community long into the future. This sort of parish planning is a key responsibility of our Pastoral Council, Finance Council and Leadership Team.

Does our gift to the campaign also include our annual parish stewardship giving?
No. Campaign pledges and gifts are over-and-above annual ordinary giving to the parish which funds operations and ministries. Gifts to the One Parish Family campaign are extra-ordinary, three-year commitments.

How do we consider what to financially share with the parish?
Commitment begins with prayer. As a stewardship parish, we invite each family to pray about and determine how it will commit to the parish in a planned, proportionate and intentional way. Many families choose monthly electronic giving because it helps them plan. Typically, a stewardship family will begin by committing 3-4% of its gross income with the intention of moving to 8% giving to the parish and 2% giving to other ministries and organizations. Whatever your commitment has been, this year consider how you will grow it — recognizing that all we have, including our money – are gifts from God who entrusts us to use these gifts, find ways to improve the lives of others, and to advance the mission of the Church.

Will a reserve study be completed?
The basic premise of a reserve study (also called a capital needs assessment) is to evaluate key assets across Holy Trinity campus to determine their life span and cost of replacement. Our facilities management team is working with the Finance Council and skilled parish stewards to evaluate and budget anticipated repairs of our facilities.

How will the reserve fund be managed?
The Parochial Fund, Inc. (PFI) operates as the “savings and loan” for parishes and other Catholic institutions in the Diocese of Sacramento. We will open a new PFI savings account specifically designated for needed maintenance and key improvement projects. We will also open a separate account for funds set aside to pay off the 43 acres over the next 3-1/2 years.
Fulfilling Your Commitment

There are many ways of giving that allow you to meet your needs, those of your family, and provide you the opportunity to give to Holy Trinity Parish. Pledges are commitments made in good faith but are not legally binding and can be canceled, reduced or increased based on changing circumstances. We will gratefully accept gifts in various forms, including those described below:

Cash or Check | Gifts made by cash or check are the most common and will allow Holy Trinity to address our immediate needs. The parish will provide statements and return envelopes to those choosing to pay via cash or check.

Automatic Withdrawal (Online Giving) | Setting up automatic withdrawal from a bank account is an easy and convenient way to make initial gifts and recurring payments. Please contact the parish office to complete this process.

Credit or Debit Payments (Online Giving) | Donors can make initial gifts and set up recurring payments with either credit cards or debit cards. Please contact the parish office to complete this process.

Gifts of Prayer | Prayer is the crux of our faith life. Prayer moves mountains. May we all pray for our church leaders so that they will make the right decisions in our spiritual guidance and in the growth of Holy Trinity parish.

Gifts of Securities – Stocks, Bonds and Mutual Funds including retirement accounts | Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds held for at least a year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages. Giving from retirement accounts may have additional tax benefits. Contact your broker, financial advisor or accountant for details. Please call Jeremy Youngers, our Parish Life Director, for additional assistance.

Planned Gifts | Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Planned gifts can be made in the following ways: bequests by will or living trust, Charitable Remainder Trusts, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Lead Trusts, beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions or financial accounts.

Corporate Matching Gifts | A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members.

Note: The information is not intended as legal advice. Please consult your own qualified professional advisor for specific recommendations.

Budgeting Your Campaign Gift Over 3 Years

To conduct a successful campaign and achieve our goals, Holy Trinity will rely heavily upon the generosity of parishioners, school ministry and faith formation families, staff, the business community and other community supporters. Stretching pledges over a three-year period maximizes the total amount of your support. Please consider making a sacrificial gift for our efforts using the following chart as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support.

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Holy Trinity Parish’s needs are immediate. We respectfully ask, if possible, to consider a 10 to 20 percent initial investment on your commitment.

“Cathi and I are extremely honored to be a part of the One Parish Family Capital Campaign. Our spiritual home needs repair, and we’re excited to be able to lend our time, talent and treasure to restore its beauty and structure as the heart of our parish family for future generations.”

Ken and Cathi Giberson,
Cabinet Members
“Our campaign theme of One Parish Family reminds me of Jesus’ prayer for us to the Father the night before he died, “that they all be one, as you Father are in me and I in you.” (John 17:21) That is my prayer, too, for this campaign: that we come together strengthened to love one another as our Lord loves us.”

FATHER LARRY BECK, Pastor

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