



What is the status of the capital campaign?

Thanks to the information provided by those who participated in the capital campaign planning study, parish leaders had much to think about as they considered our path forward. Father Jeff and the building committee have decided to move ahead with a capital campaign. John Knappe from the Steier Group will continue to assist the St. John community with this endeavor.

For the next several weeks, much will be going on behind the scenes. We will be developing communication materials, recruiting leaders and volunteers and training those who'll help with the campaign, which officially begins in mid-August.

What is the purpose of the campaign?

Your support will allow us to further strengthen St. John School and the parish through the construction of a new gymnasium and expansion of the parish offices. The gym will be built on the site of the sisters' house. The house will be physically moved, placed between and connected to the school and the Simon Parish Center, to provide additional office and meeting space.

Why is the current project different from the one presented during the planning study?

The planning study indicated many of you were concerned by the potential loss of the Simon Parish Center and the sisters' house. Both of these buildings are tightly bound to our past. If you were one of those who requested we preserve the informal, drop-in culture of the parish offices, please know that we heard you! And there is an additional benefit to the preservation of these historic buildings. **This new plan lowers the project's cost by more than \$1 million!**

What can I do to help?

The St. John community needs your assistance.

Please consider helping in these ways:

- Pray for the success of the campaign.
- Volunteer. We need partners to help us explain the facts and the need for this project to the rest of the St. John community. If you could share a small amount of your time to help guarantee a vibrant future for St. John School and parish, please contact Samantha Romero at the parish office, **843-0109** or by email at sromero@saint-johns.net.
- Begin to think about a sacrificial pledge you could provide over three-years to assure the future of St. John School and to improve our parish offices.

