

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

Paris, Ontario

What an exciting time to be a part of Sacred Heart Catholic Church! A new “buzz” is being felt at the parish. This renewed energy allows us to consider ways to revitalize Sacred Heart in light of a home-building surge that’s creating the potential for a significant increase in the Paris area’s Catholic population.

As we embrace our history and joyfully anticipate the future, we must dream of ways to meet our current needs, whether matters of faith or building concerns, and prepare to tackle needs generated by our growth. The construction of a parish hall and office complex and overdue improvements to the church and rectory are envisioned as keys to a more welcoming and vibrant parish community. The *One Heart, One Soul* campaign offers a way to propel us on a path to that goal, as well as to contribute to important diocesan ministries.



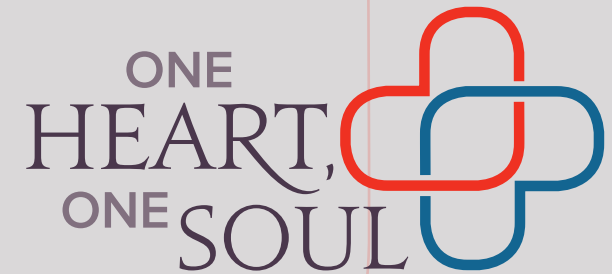
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“Our prayers and intentions have been to make ours a vibrant church in fulfilling our parish mission. The One Heart, One Soul Campaign is a great opportunity for us to achieve this by upgrading and building new facilities. All we can say is ‘Thank You, Jesus’ for this chance to achieve our noble aim.”

FR. JOSEPH ORJI OKOKO, ivDei,
Administrator of Sacred Heart

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising at the parish level:

- First, we keep 75 percent of what we raise up to our minimum target, which is \$199,000.
- If we raise \$199,000, we will receive a \$69,650 matching amount from the campaign! ***That means we could receive from the campaign even more than we raise.***
- We will keep 85 percent of anything we raise beyond \$199,000.
- Note that there are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The Diocese is picking up those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.



A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

FUNDING SOURCES: \$369,650

Parish fundraising goal: \$300,000

Potential match: \$69,650

IMPACT OF FUNDS: \$369,650

For parish campaign projects: \$304,750

- New parish hall/office complex: \$244,750
- Accessible family washroom and altar renovations: \$60,000

For diocesan goals: \$64,900

- For shared ministries: \$45,000
- For parishes in need: \$19,900

***What an opportunity! And that is why we have set a goal higher than our minimum.
We want to maximize this chance to put a parish hall within our reach!***

See the back of this page for more details about the parish needs that we hope to address through the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign.

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

PAVE THE WAY FOR A NEW PARISH HALL/ OFFICE COMPLEX (\$244,750)

The creation of a gathering space at Sacred Heart has long been a dream. Considering the growth in the area, now is the time to make that dream come true! Campaign funds, along with parish savings and help from the Diocese, can put us within reach of creating a space for gatherings of all kinds – such as welcoming new parishioners or greeting familiar faces after Mass and holding family events or enjoying parish activities. The hall will include a warming kitchen, a Sunday School room and storage areas. In addition, the complex will hold offices that will help the parish function more efficiently. When completed, this will likely become the parish's new “living room”!

IMMEDIATE RENOVATIONS WITHIN THE CHURCH (\$60,000)

A new washroom will allow us to bring a 21st century solution to a 19th century structure. The project will create a family washroom accessible to all in the bell tower entry area of the church. The addition will leave the center doors and handicap entry as the main entrances to the church. The main altar area will be expanded slightly, and the flooring will be rebuilt and recovered.



PARISH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Tom Beacock
Peter Cote
Ted Guiducci
Ron Underwood



HOW WILL WE PAY FOR A NEW PARISH HALL?

The parish hall and office complex, which we envision constructed at the rear of the church, would cost an estimated \$1.5 million. Clearly, a \$300,000 campaign (with about \$245,000 going to the hall) will not allow us to start construction. Fortunately, the generosity of parishioners over the years and the strong financial stewardship of parish leaders has allowed us to save a significant amount for this purpose. Here's how parish leaders currently envision the funding of a new parish hall, with all numbers estimated:

COST:	\$1.5 MILLION
One Heart, One Soul Campaign funds:	\$245,000
Parish savings:	\$530,000
Building fund (anonymous donor):	\$140,000
Diocesan funding:	\$150,000
TOTAL:	\$1,065,000
Remaining need:	\$435,000
<i>(to be met through other fundraising and diocesan financing)</i>	

Under this plan, about \$530,000 would remain in parish savings, money that could continue to be invested or be used for emergencies, to pay down the financed debt or for additional church renovations later.

WHAT ABOUT OTHER NEEDS?

Beyond a parish hall and a new washroom, Sacred Heart has significant needs on its priority list for when funds become available. The church, built in 1857, is in need of new flooring, pews and kneelers. Repairs to the roof are on the project list, as are repairs to the stained glass windows above the altar and choir loft. Meanwhile, improvements to the rectory washrooms and other parts of that structure are long overdue.

For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit oneheartonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

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