



SACRED JOURNEY:

Restoring the House of God

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is *Sacred Journey: Restoring the House of God Campaign*?

Sacred Journey: Restoring the House of God Capital Campaign is a fundraising project that was launched to raise \$300,000 for the repair and restoration of our church bell tower (Phase 1) and \$700,000 for the parish heating and cooling systems (Phase 2). This would ensure that St. Lawrence Martyr continues to be a vibrant place for worship and community fellowship for years to come.

Why is the *Sacred Journey* campaign necessary at this time?

St. Lawrence Martyr Parish building is 65 years old and needs urgent repairs. The bell tower is not stable because it has aged and rotted from water damage over time.

The heating and cooling systems are 20 years old. It is breaking down and repair costs are becoming substantial. Last year, the parish spent more than \$50,000 to replace some aging and leaking valves. The manufacturer says it might have a couple more years of use.

When does *Sacred Journey* start?

Sacred Journey: Restoring the House of God campaign starts in September 2024 and will run for two years.

Where do donations to *Sacred Journey* go?

100% of donations are directed to the two projects of the campaign. No administration expenses are incurred (because the campaign is run by volunteers only) except for software and banking fees.

Who is managing the fundraising?

Our Pastor, Fr. Thomas Lim, is managing a team of volunteers that handle all the fundraising efforts.

How can we participate?

You can make a two-year pledged donation that allows you to give in 24 monthly installments or by a one-time gift (cash, cheque, debit or credit card).

How can we donate?

You can make a donation:

- Online at [Sacred Journey - Restoring the House of God](#) or by scanning the **QR code** on the posters in the foyer.
- By submitting to the parish office a completed donation form*:
 - mailed to parishioners
 - downloaded from [parish website](#)
 - picked-up from foyer

**** Please make sure to enclose your completed donation form in a sealed envelope to protect your personal/financial information.***

**** If you choose to donate via the debit option, please make sure to include a void cheque.***

- Square POS (Point of Sale) terminal for donations via **TAP** with a credit card or via interact at parish office.

How can I change or cancel my donation, if my situation changes?

You can cancel your donation or pledge at any time. Just complete the [Change Form](#) and send it to the parish office.

All change forms received before the 15th of each month are updated/canceled on the same month. Changes forms received after the 15th of each month are updated/canceled on the following month.

When will I receive my charitable tax receipt for Sacred Journey donations?

A consolidated (Sacred Journey, offertory, special projects, XXX) official charitable tax receipt will be sent to you following the end of each year.

Who can I contact if I have inquiries?

If you have questions, send an email to slmparishfund2024@gmail.com and one of our volunteers will respond within the next business day.