

QUEEN OF APOSTLES CATHOLIC CHURCH

Towards A Family of Families Capital Campaign



About Our Campaign



We invite you and others who have not yet made a pledge to this ongoing campaign to raise funds that will provide essential safety upgrades and renovations of the most sacred and universally used spaces in the campus.

Our Parish Family



Since our founding in 1963, Queen of Apostles has been blessed with a vibrant parish life. Our Eucharistic devotion and our familial bonds are evident in all that we do. We aspire to be an ark where parishioners can find shelter to be healed and find a new beginning to their stories.

Over the years, the sacramental and ministry life of the parish has grown greatly. At the same time, many original components of the church—and the campus have reached maturity. Repairs come more frequently and cost more. We look to our parish family as we embark on projects to strengthen our faith community and facilities for years to come.

Our Challenge

Suitable financing options, which enable the parish to make these significant (and expensive) improvements, while exercising trusted fiducial stewardship of the parishioners' donations. And now, secondly, the COVID pandemic and its impact on our parish, the community, our nation, and the world.

Our Solution

After extensive consideration and prayer, we executed a **\$2.5 million Capital Campaign** in early 2019. While “victory” was declared towards the end of 2019 (pledges totaling nearly the \$2.5M), we are still far away from realizing the full cash value of those pledges.



Our Vision



Our vision is to be a family of families committed to growing in discipleship of Christ. There are several projects at hand that will assist us in fulfilling our vision.

Renovate the Parish Family Center:

We need to repurpose what was once the Rectory and redesign our current office/meeting spaces to provide more efficient space for meetings, study groups, and other gatherings for our 40+ ministries.

Enhance the liturgical and sacramental life of our parish family:

Increase/enhance the lighting in the sanctuary; replace the church organ; renovate the confessionals; replace the failing boiler heating system with modern, clean, high-efficient electric heat and air conditioning; upgrade the sound technology throughout the church; and address other needs that will enhance the liturgical and sacramental life of our parish family.



Improve Our Campus:

Upgrade the school interior, which includes renovating the school bathrooms, and enhance security features across the campus.

Dear Parishioners,

As you may know, in 2019 Queen of Apostles launched a fundraising campaign called Towards a Family of Families. We invite you and others who have not yet made a pledge to this ongoing campaign to raise funds that will provide essential safety upgrades and renovation of the most sacred and highly used spaces– specifically, to renovate the church interior, renovate the school, and transform the Parish office into a Parish Family Center.

We are indebted to the many parishioner volunteers who led this campaign, as well as to those volunteers who gave their time to participate as Major Gift visitors, Advance Gift visitors, and Phone-a-thon callers. As a result of the funds raised, we recently initiated five projects in the church: **installing a new sound system, installing new lights, painting the walls and ceilings, replacing the church roof, and rebuilding the confessionaries.** These are the most recent of many projects funded by the Capital Campaign that will sustain and improve our Catholic community.

Back when we initiated this campaign, we could not foresee the COVID pandemic and its impact on our community and nation. From March through today, I know and understand the struggles this pandemic has brought about for many of us. Therefore, I ask you to prayerfully consider making your own sacrificial pledge to this campaign. Please remember this is in addition to your ongoing support of our Parish's normal offertory.

If you are wondering what amount to give, please know that all gifts are appreciated, but I humbly ask you to consider giving the average gift of \$3,600. When paid over the remaining four-year period of the campaign, this gift is \$900 a year or \$225 every quarter. The next installment of your pledge may be made using FaithDirect, PayPal, or other electronic modes as well as by check.

The QofA community joined together in the Towards a Family of Families campaign to improve our Parish so it may better fulfill its mission to promote and celebrate the relationships that exist between home, church and school. Our campaign reflects one community unified in prayer, shared responsibility, and hard work with the collective mission to ensure the future of this parish.

I prayerfully and respectfully ask for your enthusiastic support in this Parish-wide effort.



Rev. Alexander Diaz
Pastor



Queridos Feligreses,

A fines del año pasado, nuestra parroquia “Reina de los Apóstoles” lanzó una campaña de recaudación de fondos llamada “Towards a Family of Families” (Hacia una Familia de Familias), con el objetivo de recaudar fondos para mejorar y renovar los espacios sagrados, específicamente el interior de la Iglesia, renovar algunas áreas de la escuela y transformar la oficina parroquial en un centro de formación pastoral. Es por esta razón que a través de esta carta le hago la invitación para que si aún no se ha comprometido a esta campaña en curso lo haga y sea parte de esta nueva etapa que estamos construyendo en nuestra comunidad de fe.

Estamos en deuda con los muchos feligreses y voluntarios que dirigieron esta campaña desde el principio, así como con los voluntarios que dieron su tiempo para hacer llamadas telefónicas animando a muchos parroquianos a hacer un compromiso en esta campaña, agradezco también a aquellos que se han comprometido con donaciones considerables. Estoy muy agradecido con todos, porque son parte fundamental y gracias a ellos ya estamos viendo los frutos.

Como resultado de los fondos recaudados, recientemente iniciamos el primero de cinco proyectos. Estos cinco son los primeros de muchos proyectos que sostendrán y mejorarán nuestra comunidad parroquial, incluyendo **un nuevo sistema de sonido, nuevas luce sobre el altar y las imágenes, reemplazo de candelabros, pintar paredes y techos, un nuevo techo para la Iglesia, y la reconstrucción de los confesionarios.**

Cuando iniciamos esta campaña, no podíamos prever la pandemia del COVID y su impacto en nuestra comunidad y en todo el país. Desde marzo hasta hoy, conozco y entiendo las luchas que esta pandemia ha provocado para muchos de nosotros. Por lo tanto, les pido que consideren en oración hacer su propia promesa de sacrificio a esta campaña. Por favor recuerde que esto se suma a su continuo apoyo al ofertorio normal de nuestra parroquia.

Sepa que todas las donaciones son apreciadas- pero le pido humildemente que considere dar la donación promedio de \$3,600, una donación que usted hará en un lapso de cuatro años si así lo considera conveniente. Cuando se paga durante el período de cuatro años, esta donación es de \$900 al año o \$225 cada trimestre. Usted puede hacer las donaciones de su compromiso mediante FaithDirect u otros modos electrónicos, que nosotros le podemos explicar cómo hacerlo, así como también en cheque.

Pidiendo a Dios que todos estos proyectos sean llevados a término y seguro de su generosidad le pido su apoyo entusiasta en este esfuerzo de toda la parroquia.



Rev. Alexander Diaz
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Progress to Date



With answered prayers, many families have already met or exceeded their pledges. With that cash infusion, the parish is already seeing the blessing of enhanced sacramental life within the four walls of the sanctuary:

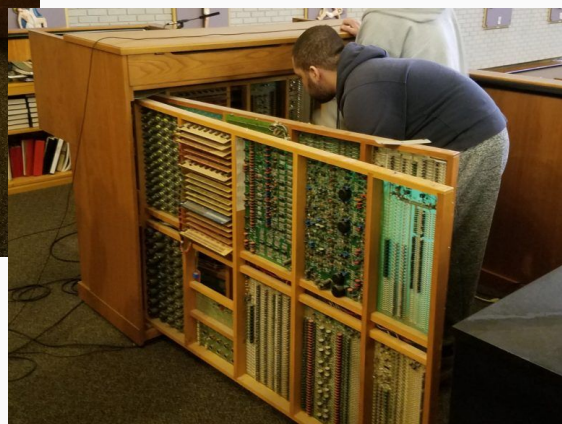
Installation of the New **Rodgers Infinity Organ**



- New organ (March 2019)
- New HVAC system (Nov. 2019)
- Upgraded sound system (Oct. 2020)
- New sanctuary lights (Nov. & Dec. 2020)
- Ceiling repainting - (Dec. 2020)

Built in Hillsboro, Oregon in early 2019. This incredible instrument includes...

- **84** drawknobs or stops
Each one brings on or silences the different pipe organ sounds
- **4** manuals or keyboards, each with **61** keys
- Pedalboard with **32** keys
- Four (4) pipe voicings (American, English, French, German)
These are digital recordings of pipes from actual organs in each of the countries
- **10** historical tunings
Preset tunings capturing historical periods
- Over **500** pipe sounds and orchestral voices
- The latest in digital technology and stereo imaging
- Record and playback options built directly into the instrument



Old: Three Walls of Electronics



New: Three Computer Processing Units

*The new instrument replaces our 35-year-old organ—that we bought used 25 years ago.
The upgrade in technology cannot be overstated!*

Progress Continued



Ceiling Repainting

Beginning in late November 2020 and ending just before Christmas, **Tech Painting** of Alexandria, VA completed the challenging job of painting the sanctuary ceiling at our church. The trial lay in how to access a ceiling that sloped upwards as the floor was simultaneously sloping downwards, along with negotiating their way around rows of pews and the choir loft.



The Tech Painting crew employed a rolling tower of system scaffolding that they assembled and disassembled more than 20 times to overcome these obstacles, all while under the steady and benevolent gazes of the twelve apostles. The new ceiling color by **Sherwin Williams** now brightens the sanctuary and makes best use of the new lights installed over the altar by **R&M Electricians** of Woodbridge, VA.

Brighter Background

Completing the transformation of the sanctuary was the application of pastel yellow walls and new light blue background behind our Lady and the Apostles. Wilber Gaitan and his team from **United Painting and Drywall**, brought the sanctuary to life.

Before:



After:



Completed Projects

- Installation of the new organ (March 2019)
- Installation of a new HVAC system (Nov. 2019)
- Installation of an upgraded sound system (Oct. 2020)
- Installation of new lights over the altar and statues of the Apostles (Nov. & Dec. 2020)
- Painting of the ceiling, walls and backgrounds (Dec. 2020)

What's Next?

While the immediate visual and audio enhancements have truly improved the liturgical quality of the Masses, much remains to be done, including, but certainly not limited to:

- Replacing the chandeliers (Spring 2021)
- Installing a new roof on the church (Spring 2021)
- Renovating the Confessionals (Spring 2021)
- Enhancing campus-wide security features
- Upgrading technology and communication
- Making upgrades within the school
- Renovating the Parish Center



Suggested Pledge Chart



Daily Commitment	Monthly Commitment	Yearly Commitment	Total Commitment	My Sacrifice Equals...
\$13	\$400	\$4,800	\$24,000	Dinner & Movie WEEKLY
\$7	\$200	\$2,400	\$12,500	Dining Out WEEKLY
\$5	\$150	\$1,800	\$9,000	Value Meal DAILY
\$4	\$120	\$1,400	\$7,200	Cable Bill MONTHLY
\$2	\$60	\$720	\$3,600	Small Coffee DAILY
\$1	\$30	\$360	\$1,800	Lottery Ticket DAILY

THINGS TO REMEMBER AS YOU PLEDGE

- Make checks payable to **Queen of Apostles** with **Capital Campaign** written in the memo line
- All contributions to the campaign are fully tax deductible for those who itemize their taxes.
- Pledges are not legally binding, but instead an indication of your intention to donate.
- You may return the pledge in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or mail it to 4329 Sano Street, Alexandria, VA 22312
- You may also give via Faith Direct at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/VA324>

Questions
about making a
pledge?

Call the parish office
at (703)-354-8711 ext.
10 or email
general@queenofapostles.org

WAYS TO GIVE



CASH OR CHECK:

- Simply fill out a pledge card at the parish office, selecting your schedule of payment (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual)
- Make checks payable to **Queen of Apostles**, and write **Capital Campaign** in the memo line
- Payment reminders will be mailed along with a special payment envelope in accordance with the plan you choose
- Once completed, please return your pledge in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office, or return it in the mail

FAITH DIRECT:

- Faith Direct is a direct payment program whereby your contribution is debited automatically from your checking, savings, or credit card account into our church's bank account
- Click the buttons on the right to enroll in a one-time or recurring gift today! Or visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/VA324>
- Faith Direct is a simple, cost effective way to give to our campaign. By using Faith Direct, you save us money on envelopes and ensure that you never miss a payment!



*Click on the button above
to make a Recurring Gift!*



*Click on the button above
to make a One-Time Gift!*

For stocks, securities, bequests, real estate, or retirement plans, please contact the parish office at (703)-354-8711 ext. 10 or email general@queenofapostles.org

Turn your IRA into a Gift for Good



Imagine being able to transfer up to \$100,000 from your Individual Retirement Account to any charity you like... TAX FREE!

Thanks to the recent passage of the PATH Act in the US Congress, making permanent the opportunity to give IRA assets to charity, free from federal tax, YOU CAN!

important facts to know

Individuals 70 1/2 years of age and older can **transfer up to \$100,000 of IRA assets directly to a charity** without the money being included as income for tax purposes.

Spouses may also participate to the same levels if they have a separate IRA, giving **married couples the opportunity to donate up to \$200,000**. This preserves the full amount for charity and allows donors to do this during their lifetime.

For individuals 70 1/2 years of age and older, a **qualified charitable distribution can count towards the required minimum distribution (RMD)**.

This offers **a distinct advantage over taking a taxable IRA distribution** and then contributing the proceeds to a charity. That's because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income.

By donating IRA assets to charity, **beneficiaries/heirs are not burdened by the potential taxes** associated with receiving IRA assets upon your death.

Use funds to create a lasting legacy! Provide financial support to your favorite non-profits and **make a significant, meaningful difference** while enjoying tax advantages.

For more information, please contact your tax professional or contact the parish office at (703) 354-8711 ext. 10 or general@queenofapostles.org

Prayer to Mary for our Capital Campaign

O Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, we ask for your intercession in a special way at this time. Please magnify our desire to grow in generosity and service to the Church founded by your Son. Purify and guide our hearts, so that all efforts to improve our parish may be directed only toward the glorification of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We place our needs humbly at your feet, and we trust that you will give us the necessary graces to fulfill our Catholic mission. Amen.

Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us!



Thank You for Your Continued Support!

We understand that times are tough during COVID-19. We extend a thank you to everyone who has helped our parish thrive by supporting our Towards a Family of Families Capital Campaign. We are deeply grateful for those who have dedicated their time and talents to improve our parish, and we ask for your continued prayers for the success of our campaign.

