



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## One Faith. One Family.

A Campaign for Christ the King's Parish Center

One of the questions

I am often asked is:

"Why do we need a parish center?"

It's an appropriate question and

I have created a list of some of the ways our parish center will be used. Keep in mind that this

list is not comprehensive.

I can tell you that the center

will be a busy place – with

activity every day of the week.

• Msgr. Richard Paperini

### ***How will our parish center be used?***

I often hear from parishioners about their difficulties scheduling a meeting at Christ the King. Space is at a premium, which is why a new parish center is needed. Here are some examples of how our center will be used:

**Funeral receptions:** During the past year, Christ the King has celebrated more than 30 funerals. Most have used our current parish hall for some type of luncheon or gathering after the funeral. The new center will provide a larger space for these gatherings.

**Wedding receptions:** During 2012, no weddings were celebrated at Christ the King. Consequently, no wedding receptions have been held in our parish hall. During the current fiscal year, eight weddings are scheduled – several of which plan to use our parish hall. A new parish center will afford a pleasant place for wedding receptions.

**Coffee socials:** Every Sunday after each Mass, parishioners come together in our parish hall for coffee and conversation. The walk to the current parish hall is a bit much for many. The new parish center, which will be located closer to the church, will make it easier for parishioners to stay after Mass for coffee and fellowship. We also hope that these community-building events can be held after the Saturday Vigil Mass.

**Knights of Columbus and Altar Society activities:** Our Knights host pancake breakfasts. Our Altar Society hosts its Cookie Faire, Christmas Bazaar, teas and other events. This new center will be able to accommodate these activities and many others – large or small.

**Choir and Liturgy of the Word:** With a parish center located more closely to the church, groups such as RCIA, Children's Liturgy of the Word and the choir will be able to meet without having a long walk to another building on campus. The new parish center will also free up the small chapel to become a room for parents with small children. The choir can practice in the parish center on Saturdays and Sundays without disturbing those parishioners who pray before Mass.

**Parish school:** Our school will now have a permanent location for its lunch program. At the same time, the physical education program can use the gym. The school will also be able to use the parish center for its annual auction, parent meetings, concerts and other activities.

**Religious education:** Our religious education and youth ministry programs will be able to use the parish center and no longer have to juggle schedules with the CYO teams that practice in the gym. The youth groups often meet in the parish office, which limits what they can do. The gym will now be more accessible for other community-building activities, such as basketball and volleyball.

The new parish center will also mean we no longer have to rely as much on the nearby Griffin Center to hold meetings. The center will allow us to provide more advanced types of adult enrichment programs, in part because of the advanced forms of technology that will be available. It is also possible that the center can generate revenue for the parish by offering it for rent when it is not being used by the parish. Finally, this facility may allow Christ the King to start new traditions, such as parish dinners.

**THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS. I CAN'T WAIT.**