



# **Martz Hall Renovation**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why was the renovation of Robert Martz Hall chosen as the next phase of the Master Plan?**

*Robert Martz Hall has served as the center of parish life since our move to this campus in 1979. Last spring, we conducted a planning study, and the results of the study indicated that renovation of this space was the highest priority of the parishioners. Renovation of the hall will improve our space for formation, hospitality, and service to our parish members.*

### **When do we intend to begin the renovations?**

*The Archdiocese requires that we have 50% of the funds required to complete the project in hand, and the remainder of the cost in pledges before we can begin construction. We will keep you updated regarding our progress toward meeting the archdiocesan requirements. Construction plans will consider how best to minimize interruptions to parish activities.*

### **Will the kitchen have commercial-grade appliances?**

*We plan to use our current appliances in the new space. The space will be designed to accommodate new and additional appliances when needed, and when funds are available. The new kitchen will be larger and have more prep and storage space.*

### **Will there be baby changing tables in the renovated restrooms?**

*Both the men's and women's restrooms will be equipped with baby changing stations. We will also be adding a family restroom that will have a changing station.*

### **Will we rent the hall to outside groups for events?**

*The hall is currently available for rentals. While the renovation will make the hall more attractive for rental, we are not planning on this as a source of revenue for the parish.*



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### ***Will the classroom spaces be flexible so that if opened up, they could expand the capacity of the hall?***

*The classrooms will have French doors that will open up and allow for the expansion of the hall to accommodate larger events such as Bala Bash. Additionally, the current altar area will become a large classroom with French doors and glass walls, which will also expand capacity when needed.*

### ***Why did we not choose to renovate the church basement?***

*The renovation of the church basement requires significant electrical, plumbing and HVAC changes in order to build it out to code. The cost of completing the basement was beyond what was estimated we could raise through the capital campaign.*

### ***Why are we not proceeding with the narthex addition?***

*The results of the study indicated that while parishioners would like a narthex connecting the two buildings, it was considered more of a want than a need. Completing the narthex addition would limit the renovations of the hall based on our fundraising capabilities.*

### ***Will the basement sale continue?***

*The basement sale is a great fundraiser for the parish and a service to our community. It will continue for as long as the current leaders are open to leading it.*

### ***What is the plan for the ministries that use the hall during the renovation?***

*The parish staff will be meeting with the leaders of all the ministries impacted by the renovations to make alternative plans so that the ministries can continue throughout the construction.*



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## **Will the renovation increase the space available for religious education in Martz Hall?**

The renovation of Martz Hall will increase the square footage of classroom space from 1,534 sq ft to 2,246 sq ft.

## **What is the current state of the HVAC and roof for Martz Hall?**

The condition of the roof was recently reviewed by a certified inspector and was determined to be in good shape. The HVAC units on Martz Hall are aging and will soon need to be replaced. One unit currently does not provide cooling to the space, as the repair for this unit was considered inefficient due to the unit's age. Consideration is being given to the appropriate unit to purchase for its replacement. The estimated cost of the Martz Hall renovation does not include the replacement of HVAC units; however, the Finance Council has some funds available as needs arise.

## **Are cash gifts and pledges the only way to support the campaign?**

No. While such gifts will be the type most often made to the campaign, other types, such as gifts of stock, mutual funds, Qualified Charitable Distributions, and gifts from Donor Advised Funds, are also options. We are asking for pledges that can be paid over three years, and payments can be made electronically using our online giving portal. Some companies offer a program that will match your donation to non-profits. We have a document available on our website at <https://stfrancislansing.org/giving/matching-gifts> with more information.

## **What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution?**

Normally, a distribution from your traditional IRA is taxed as ordinary income, but a special IRS provision allows those who are 70 ½ or older to make a direct gift from your IRA to any qualifying charity, federal tax free. Your gift counts towards your required minimum distribution (RMD). You can make a gift in any amount up to \$108,000 per year from your IRA to the campaign.



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## ***Is my pledge legally binding? Will it be confidential?***

*A pledge is a gift, one you consider to be meaningful to you. You can revise your pledge should your circumstances require it. All we ask is that you do your best and advise us if you wish to change your pledge. All pledges will be kept confidential. Only the people responsible for maintaining the records will have access to your pledge.*