

THE CAMPAIGN FOR
THE BASILICA OF SAINT PETER'S THIRD CENTURY

A NEW GENERATION OF FOUNDERS



OUR MISSION

The Basilica of Saint Peter, mother church of Catholics in the Midlands, seeks to be a conduit of grace and place of welcome to a diverse, multi-cultural and multi-ethnic community through uplifting liturgies, music, education and service opportunities to inspire our parishioners and those passing through our hallowed doors into a deeper, sacred relationship with God and one another.





OUR STORY

A LETTER FROM FATHER LINSKY

When our forebears—those immigrant families at the bottom rungs of society, cutting their own path in a land often hostile to the Catholic faith—strove to build a fitting place to worship Almighty God, they boldly staked a claim for Christ in the heart of South Carolina’s capital city and they dedicated their parish to the first apostle—Saint Peter.

Today—nearly 200 years later, through the dedication of the thousands who have passed through our hallowed doors, and the support of many generous benefactors—Saint Peter’s is thriving and has outgrown our present facilities.

In this prospectus, we hope you see a compelling case for supporting the campaign to fund the building of a new hall adjacent to our parish school and the renovation and expansion of the Cardinal Bernardin Center. Through images and words, we seek to present our vision for the future, our need for new, expanded, and renovated facilities, and specific ways you can partner with us and gain a sense of the vision, excitement and optimism at the heart of this campaign.



I ask you to join us in our prayer of thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed on our Catholic community. It is in a posture of profound gratitude and joy that I invite you to be a friend and partner in laying the groundwork for our third century of ministry.

For the greater glory of God,

Fr. Gary S. Linsky

The Very Rev’d Canon Gary S. Linsky, V.F.
Rector



A VISION FOR OUR THIRD CENTURY

Today, Saint Peter's, the "Mother Church of the Midlands," is in a position of strength. More and more individuals and families make Saint Peter's their spiritual home each week, drawn by our rich liturgical tradition, the vibrancy and diversity of our parish family, and the historic beauty of the Basilica itself. We are humbled by the overwhelming demand for authentically Catholic faith formation for children and adults and the great desire in our parish community to share Christ's love through service.

By God's abundant grace, the guidance of our Blessed Mother, and the prayers and dedication of our parishioners, clergy and benefactors who have called Saint Peter's home, we are bursting at the seams. You have seen our responsible stewardship of your generous financial

support in the restorative work completed in the Basilica over the past several years. Now, we turn our vision to our meeting and administrative office spaces, overwhelmed and insufficient in many ways.

The time has come for The Basilica of Saint Peter to cast a bold vision for our third century of parish life. As the Basilica Family, the many ministries we support, and the wider Columbia region grow, the faithful will continue to look to Saint Peter's for devotion, beauty, formation, and community. We look forward to expanding and improving our facilities so we can better serve our parishioners and the greater community.



Improving and expanding our facilities to better serve the current and future needs of our parish will enable us to carry out our Catholic mission for generations to come.

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OUR CAMPAIGN GOALS



1

*Expand Saint Peter's
Capacity for Ministry,
Service and Fellowship*
(\$2,190,000)



2

*Lay the Cornerstone
for a New Century of
Catholic Formation*
(\$3,650,000)



3

*Establish the "Third
Century Fund"*
(\$450,000)

1

EXPAND SAINT PETER'S CAPACITY

FOR MINISTRY, SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP (\$2,190,000)



Ana Hidalgo worked for more than two years in a cramped closet office at the front of the Cardinal Bernardin Center, insufficient for her work as the Director of Hispanic Ministry. Although she has assumed occupancy of Father Fryml's old office, we continue with make-shift office space for part-time employees and critical volunteers; should we be blessed with an additional priest in the future, we would have no place for him to work.

When the Cardinal Bernardin Center was completed in 2005, parish leaders knew it would soon be outgrown:

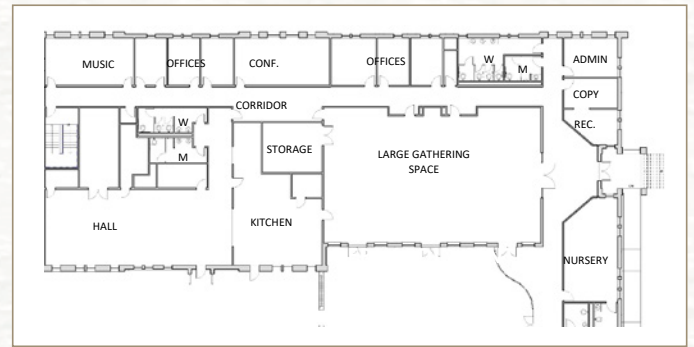
- ✦ Our beautiful Neglia Hall is no longer large enough for major gatherings, but still too large for small group meetings and classes.
- ✦ As Saint Peter's ministries expand, and the number of registered families continues to increase, our parish staff has grown to meet the greater demand – but office space has remained the same and become crowded.



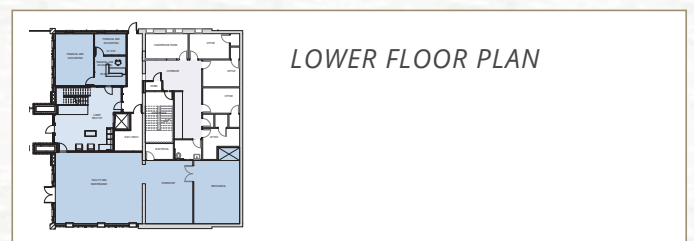
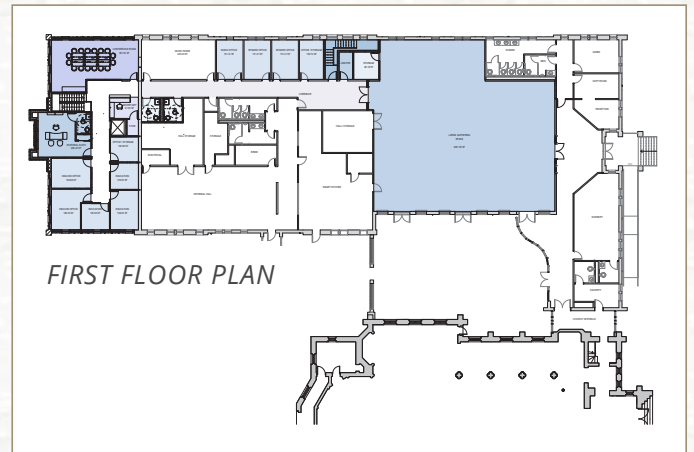
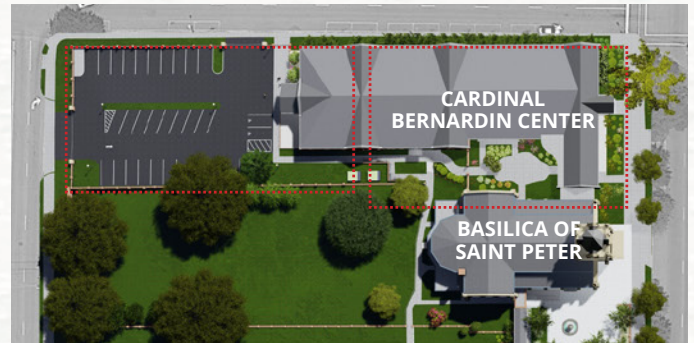
TO MEET THE GROWING NEEDS OF THE PARISH—and then be prepared for the next century of ministry, we will:

- ✦ **Expand the square footage of Neglia Hall by 33%**, while remaining within the current footprint of the Cardinal Bernardin Center. This expansion will improve the overall useability of the space for larger gatherings, allowing us to welcome more parishioners, families, and guests into the life of Saint Peter's.
- ✦ **Renovate, re-organize, and add administrative and professional office spaces** to the west end of the Cardinal Bernardin Center.
- ✦ **Increase and improve available parking** by clearing, paving, and lining the former Key Shop property.

CURRENT



PROPOSED



2

LAY THE CORNERSTONE FOR A NEW CENTURY OF CATHOLIC FORMATION (\$3,650,000)



Current meeting space is limited to our Conference Room, Youth Room, or Gibson and Neglia Halls, each either too small or too large for many of our adult formation classes and small groups, competing for use among our many parish and school programs, or simply not suitable for activities for youth and children.

- ✦ **Our adult and young adult faith formation programs have grown tremendously.** This critical aspect of our ministry enriches the spiritual lives of parish family members and introduces non-Catholics to the truth and beauty of our faith. These activities need and deserve dedicated and consistently available meeting space.
- ✦ Before COVID-19, and even before our designation as a basilica, we regularly faced standing-room-only crowds on Christmas, Easter, and popular feasts such as Our Lady of Guadalupe. **Our need for Mass overflow capacity has been growing;** but relying on Neglia Hall to meet that need prohibits its use for anything else on the weekends.
- ✦ Enrollment at our parish school is the highest it's been in years, due in part to the successful implementation of a 3-year-old kindergarten program—a beautiful and practical way to ensure the future vitality of Saint Peter's Catholic School by providing a feeder program for later grades. However, **the addition of the new grade level has reduced the amount of flexible space available to the school, causing yet more competition for meeting and activity space on campus.**

A New HALL

- ✦ A new hall, located on Assembly Street between our school and the basilica, will provide class- and meeting rooms for adult formation and fellowship. Its large multi-purpose space will accommodate a variety of parish and school events, as well as capacity for Mass overflow.



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ESTABLISH THIRD CENTURY FUND (\$450,000)

- ✦ **Using parish savings in the summer of 2019, we completed the purchase of the Key Shop property. More recently, we replaced our pews and kneelers, refinished the floors of the basilica, made final plaster repairs, and enhanced our Peragallo pipe organ.** We moved forward with these latest investments just as we began to emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown. Our Third Century Fund will replenish our savings via a special fund primarily held in reserve for times of crisis, ensuring Saint Peter's will always be prepared to respond to emergencies without risking interruption to core ministries and programs.
- ✦ **A silver lining to the COVID-19 crisis was our discovery that by live-streaming Masses online, we were able to reach thousands of people**—parishioners and non-parishioners alike—with the beauty of the Mass, using little more than an iPhone and an internet connection. We also learned how essential it is to be able to communicate with parishioners in a variety of ways to keep them informed about what is happening at their parish, and to continue to provide opportunities to deepen their faith. A portion of the Third Century Fund will be devoted to continuing to enhance the live-streaming of Masses, improving our data systems, and strengthening our ability to communicate with parishioners not just in times of crisis, but throughout the year.

CAMPAIGN DETAILS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

Cardinal Bernardin Center Expansion	\$2,190,000
New Hall Construction	\$3,650,000
Establish Third Century Fund	\$450,000
TOTAL	\$6,290,000

PROJECT TIMELINE

2020

2021

FALL

Launch of Leadership Gift Phase

WINTER

Quiet Phase fundraising—aiming for 80% of funds raised before Public Phase begins

SPRING

Renovation of the Cardinal Bernardin Center

Public Phase Launch and completion of Capital Campaign

SUMMER

Construction of New Hall

AN INVITATION TO INVEST

*We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us;
what will be our contribution to the enduring legacy of
Saint Peter's?*

Since our founding nearly 200 years ago, Saint Peter's has been sustained by the grace of God and the commitment of countless parishioners, families, visitors, students, clergy, and religious from every background and culture, sacrificing and stewarding a unique parish in the heart of South Carolina's capital city.

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

5-Year Pledge	Annually	Monthly
\$500,000	\$100,000	\$8,333
\$250,000	\$50,000	\$4,167
\$100,000	\$20,000	\$1,666
\$50,000	\$10,000	\$833
\$25,000	\$5,000	\$417
\$15,000	\$3,000	\$250
\$10,000	\$2,000	\$167
\$7,500	\$1,500	\$125
\$5,000	\$1,000	\$83
\$3,000	\$600	\$50

WAYS OF GIVING

Besides gifts of cash, donors to the campaign may contribute in many other ways. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

✦ GIFT OF CASH

Checks should be made payable to The Basilica of Saint Peter.

✦ PLEDGED GIFT

We encourage you to consider a pledge. Giving in this way makes possible a larger gift than you may be able to do in a one-time gift. A pledged gift may be paid over a period of five years, payable monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If possible, please include your first installment with your pledge form.

✦ ONLINE GIVING

One-time gifts, pledges, and payments may be made through the parish's online-giving portal and personally managed.

✦ GIFTS OF SECURITIES

A gift of stock or other securities is one way to make a significant contribution to Saint Peter's at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax law allows a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

✦ LEGACY GIVING

By making Saint Peter's a part of your will or estate plans, you leave a lasting legacy. We hope you will consider this type of gift as it offers many financial and tax benefits to you and your loved ones. More importantly, it provides an enduring testament to your values and ensures what you have spent a lifetime building is allocated according to your wishes.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:

Please contact Courtney Nowak Khan at courtney@visitstpeters.org or (803) 779-0036.

SAINT PETER'S BY THE NUMBERS

Our parish is blessed not only with a rich liturgical life, but a strong desire to serve others, to expand our understanding of the Truths of the Catholic Faith, and to bring more people to Christ. Evidence of this is in the growth of our parish each year, expansion of faith formation classes at all levels, and increased participation in service opportunities each year.

200 YEARS

1,300 REGISTERED HOUSEHOLDS
and growing!

683 FAITH FORMED PARTICIPANTS
and growing!

6,800 PEOPLE REACHED FOR WEEKLY MASS, IN-PERSON AND VIA LIVESTREAM

8 WEEKLY MASSES

25 MINISTRIES

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:
90 *in 2019* 121 *in 2020*

344 NEW PARISHIONER HOUSEHOLDS IN THE PAST 3 YEARS (*nearly 10 new families every month*)

\$21,000
AVERAGE WEEKLY OFFERTORY

128
SACRAMENTS RECEIVED IN 2020



Campaign Prayer

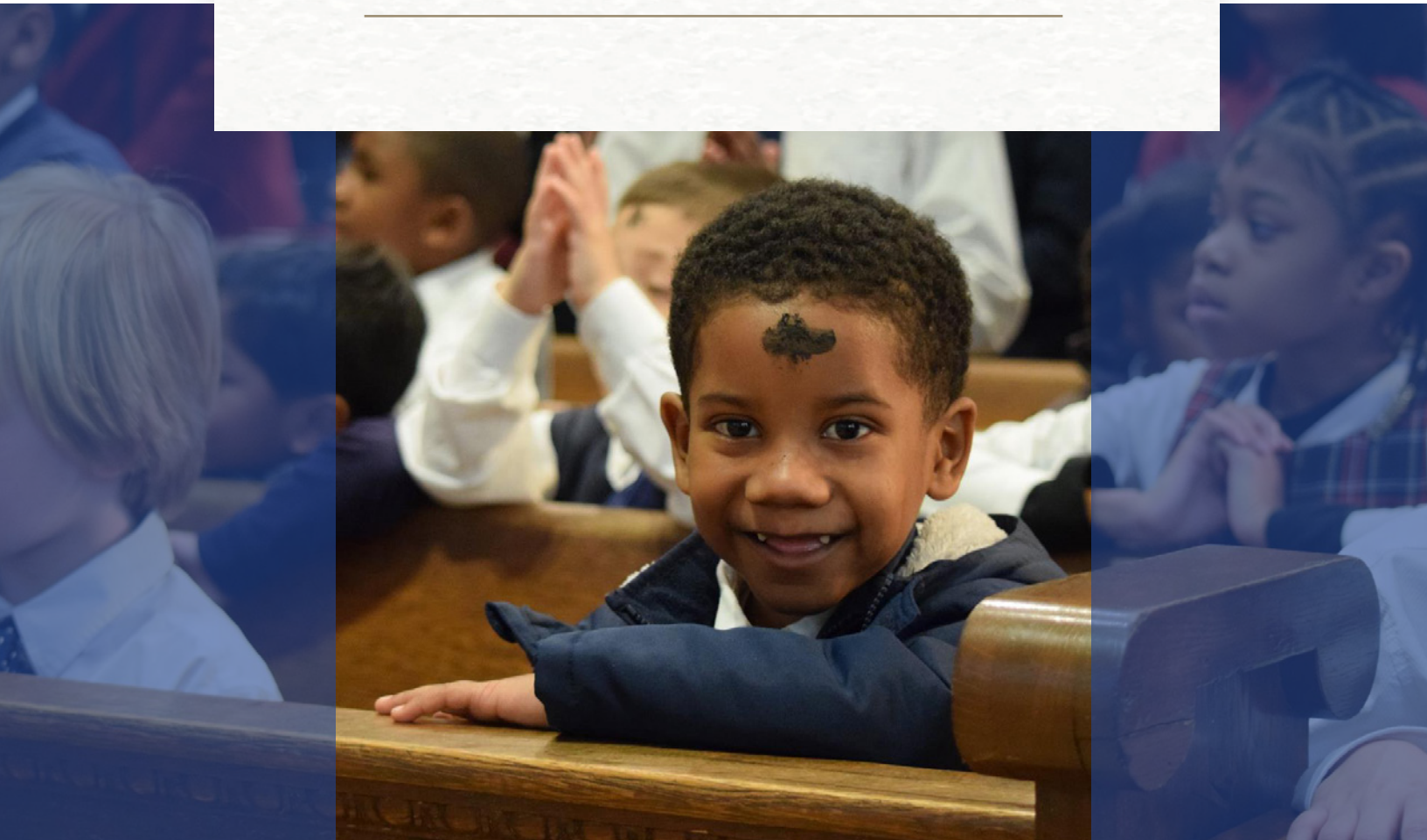
O Lord, you are the glory of the saints, the balm of the sick, the love of the devout, the consolation of the suffering, and the hope of all who aspire to follow you.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Patron Saint Peter, and his successor Pope Saint John Paul the Second, we pray:

May God who has begun this great work of Saint Peter's guide this New Generation of Founders as we strive to grow in faith and build together a new foundation for our third century of ministry. Obtain for us a lively faith, patience in adversity, constancy in our resolutions, and obedience to your Holy will, as we begin this new phase of life as a parish family.

Give us, good Lord, the grace to work for the things for which we pray.

Amen



With His grace and your support, this campaign will enable us to fully pursue our mission to share the truth, beauty, and joy of our Catholic faith with others, and live our faith with optimism and vigor. I hope that you will prayerfully consider joining us as a friend and partner as we lay the groundwork for our third century of ministry.



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