

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

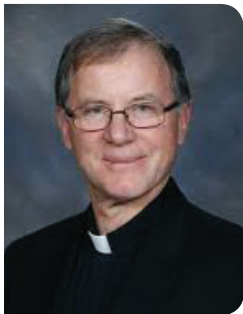
## Stoney Creek, Ontario

**W**e are entering an important time in our parish. We are being called and challenged to, again, take up the mantle of discipleship and to be intentional in our relationship with Jesus and one another. Whereas we have been doing this in increased participation in ministries and programs, we are now being asked to invest in the parish from our financial resources.

This parish is our home and new families are joining us every day. It is where we come to find and be with Jesus. We are being called, everyone of us, to cooperate with him in the ministry of the Church to share his good news that God loves us and has a wonderful plan for us.

Joining the other parishes of the Diocese: we will do this through shared ministries and assisting parishes in need. In our own parish - we will invest in ministries and in our facilities. **Our fundraising goal for the campaign is \$760,000.** We believe this amount is not only achievable but will be a huge boost to our parish to be what it is called to be.

***This is a great opportunity for us! Please consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign so that we continue building up our community and caring for our church.***



*"Our parish lives in the mystery of God's gracious love. As God gives freely and generously to us, so we are moved to respond with open hearts and open hands. Let's see this campaign as an opportunity to imitate our gracious God by being gracious in turn."*

FR. BILL, Pastor

### ABOUT THE CAMPAIGN

The campaign will enable us to maximize our fundraising at the parish level:

- We keep 75% of the first \$300,000 we raise which is \$225,000.
- We keep 85% of the next \$300,000 we raise which is \$255,000.
- We keep 100% of all funds raised over \$600,000.
- There is no cost to the parish. The diocese is taking on all the costs related to the campaign,

A special feature for our campaign is:

- When we raise the first \$300,000, there is the potential for a \$60,000 match from the Diocese.



## ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

*A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton*

### OUR PROJECTS AND DIOCESAN PRIORITIES: \$820,000

Parish projects: \$700,000

Shared Diocesan ministries: \$72,000

Assistance to parishes in need: \$48,000

### SOURCES OF FUNDS: \$820,000

Funds raised by the Parish –

Our Campaign Goal: \$760,000

Potential match from the Diocese: \$60,000



See the back of this page for more details about the parish needs that we hope to address through the *One Heart, One Soul* campaign.

# PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS (\$700,000)

As stated before, the emphasis of this campaign is to “help parishes help themselves.”

Fr. Bill, along with parish and campaign leaders, has identified four projects/areas that need our immediate attention and support:

## ADDING STAFF FOR YOUTH MINISTRY AND TAKING CARE OF OUR FACILITIES (\$300,000)

We are extremely excited about the opportunity to continue building our youth ministry. We have made great strides but know this is an area of ministry that cannot slow or come to a standstill. Adding to the current part-time youth ministry to make it a *full-time ministry* is truly an investment in the future.

Although new compared to most other parishes in the Diocese, our facilities are beginning to show their age and need the diligence of a facility caretaker to help us avoid physical and mechanical failures that will cost much more to repair and replace rather than maintain in a timely manner.

Raising \$300,000 will assure that we will have the funds needed to support two part-time positions for five years. After this period, we believe the growth in our parish will allow us to continue to support the positions through our regular offertory income.



## INSTALLING NEW LIGHTING FOR THE INTERIOR/EXTERIOR OF THE CHURCH AND PARKING LOT (\$50,000)

Rather than fix the lighting as each fixture falters, it would be much more prudent and cost effective to replace our current lighting with new technology that is more durable and less expensive to operate. Ideally, the savings would pay for the lighting within the next three to five years.

## ENHANCING OUR HEATING SYSTEM (\$100,000)

As we are already half way through the life expectancy of our current boiler, now would seem to be an ideal time to add a second boiler. In doing so, we would be able to extend the life of the current boiler and, also, have a backup in case of the original one breaking down. The cost to do this now and re-engineer the system with a second boiler would be much cheaper and efficient than having to replace a boiler and not having a backup.

## REDUCING OUR DEBT (\$250,000)

We can all agree there is nothing exciting about debt, but we know there is a great deal of peace and sense of possibility once we have it paid off. This campaign gives us the opportunity to significantly reduce this obligation and move us closer to more and greater possibilities for our parish community.



### PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Fr. Bill Trusz, *Pastor*, Gina Ashfield, Tony Giannini,  
Larry Mackisoc, Sam Mercanti, Ilaria Paletta,  
Olga Scheer, John Van Troost

For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit [oneheartonesoul.ca/faq](http://oneheartonesoul.ca/faq) and [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com).

*a Diocese cannot thrive without thriving parishes*