



# OUR NEW CHURCH FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Holy Infant Catholic Church

## What's Inside?

Questions on the new church project and responses from the parish staff and Diocese.

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# New Church Commission Project Frequently Asked Questions

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## Purpose

Holy Infant Catholic Church was dedicated as a parish in October 1970. Over time, the membership has outgrown the existing structure. After extensive research, the parish agreed to build a new structure to support the needs of the parish for worship, fellowship, and education. This project was approved by the Diocese of Raleigh and a capital campaign obtained commitments for the necessary funds for the first stage of Phase I of the development.

This document addresses aspects of the building project. The document will be updated as new questions, updated information, or changes in the project are available. Send questions to [buildingcommunications@holyinfantchurch.org](mailto:buildingcommunications@holyinfantchurch.org). The Communications team will research the answer and update the FAQ as needed.

This document is available on the church's website: [www.holyinfantchurch.org/building-a-new-church](http://www.holyinfantchurch.org/building-a-new-church).

A limited supply of hard copies of this FAQ are available in the vestibule of the church.

## Section A: Building and Structure

**AQ1** What is the current status of the new church building project?

**AA1** As of August 2019:

- We have hired the architecture firm of Dunn & Dalton to design the new church, chapel and columbarium.
- CA Lewis Inc. is the general contractor.
- The first stage of construction includes building a new church, chapel and columbarium.
- Fr. Robert and members of the building team met with the Diocese's Building and Real Estate (BRE) committee for a review of the design along with the financial plan.
- The design and financial plan were approved and received an endorsement from Bishop Luis Zarama.
- Schematic designs are available on the church's website and are also on display in the Atrium.

**AQ2** What is the timeline for the project?

**AA2** A ceremonial groundbreaking took place on August 14. Site preparation and construction will begin in late fall. The plan is for the church to be finished in 4Q2020. Watch the website for updates.

**AQ3** Is there an assigned steering committee involved in the building of the new church?

**AA3** Yes. We have a large committee working together for the new building. Within the committee, there are several teams that focus on Building, Building Design Support, Pledge, and Communications. We have expertise on each team that will help us move forward with great confidence.

The volunteers working on this project are:

**Building Team:**

Fr. Robert  
Mike Angeli – Project Lead  
Peter Barrett – Project Manager  
Kristi Beckert  
John Degele  
Tom Mazzeo

**Capital Campaign Team:**

Fr. Robert  
Ed Blocher  
Bob Dieter  
Jim Duncan  
Jim Richmond  
Chris Woodward – Chair

**Support Team:**

Kathy Auten  
Joan Caccavelli  
Jim Shannon

**Communications Team:**

Fr. Robert  
Dick Arsenault – Chair  
Mike Pearl  
Ray Zeillmann

If you would like to help with any of the teams, please call the office and speak with Fr. Robert's assistant Sandy Vartorella. Contact her on Mondays,

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 919.973.0008. We currently have sufficient help; however, we will need additional volunteers as the project progresses. Watch for requests to help.

**AQ5** Where can I find details for the new church layout?

**AA5** The new, initial design is available on the church's website. Copies are on display in the Atrium as well.

**AQ6** How many permits do we need and when will everything be completed and approved?

**AA6** Site work permits, which include permits for grading and encroachment, are expected to be approved by mid-September. We expect the final layout of the church to be approved by October and our building permit to be issued by the end of 2019 at the latest. Trade permits will be applied for after our building permit is issued to the general contractor.

**AQ7** What are the plans for access to the existing church during construction of the new church?

**AA7** Parking will be in the business office complex across Southpark Drive. The general contractor is required to maintain a clear path for parishioner access to and from the existing church and parking lot. There will be some additional distance for parishioners in good health to walk.

To service the handicapped, infirm and anyone else who does not feel comfortable with the walk, Holy Infant has purchased an eight-passenger golf cart to transport people from the parking lot to church and back. The cart will be driven by Knights of Columbus members and will be available before and after each Mass.

Construction fencing will be in place and the route may change depending on the phase of the project. The general contractor will ensure that the path to the church is wide enough and a separate path is provided for the golf cart.

**AQ8** Does the plan for the new church include storage space for all the Liturgical decor items that are currently being stored in "the shed"?

**AA8** Yes, plans for storage are in the design.

**AQ9** Will there be a 'cry room' or some type of area in the new church for young children who are unhappy being in the pew?

**AA9** There will not be a separate cry room. Rather, the narthex is being set up for unimpeded view and sound so that parents can freely move about to help their child. It will give them full access to all facilities such as a family bathroom. They will also have easy access to the nursery. *Note: The narthex is the vestibule leading to the nave (the main part of the church).*

**AQ10** Where can I find details about our columbarium?

**AA10** More information on location, cost, reservation information and interment specifics can be found online at [holysiniantchurch.org/building-a-new-church](http://holysiniantchurch.org/building-a-new-church).

**AQ11** What steps are being taken to ensure the quality of the sound system for the new church?

**AA11** Selection and positioning of audio equipment and acoustical design were both considered in providing a high-quality acoustical system for the new church. Our audio/visual subcontractor performed a sound distribution study during the development of his proposal. The audio equipment selected will provide even sound distribution across the nave and narthex within 2 decibels. The acoustical design takes into account the presence of extraneous noise, such as mechanical equipment and airflow through the duct system.

## Section B: Communications

**BQ1** How will we learn of updates for the project?

**BA1** The Communications team will use every appropriate platform available to keep the parish informed of the progress including the Connector, the church's website, Facebook page ([facebook.com/holysiniantdurham](https://facebook.com/holysiniantdurham)), and weekly bulletin. If you have suggestions on other ways we can share information, please let any member of the Communications team know your ideas! Send suggestions and new questions to: [buildingcommunications@holysiniantchurch.org](mailto:buildingcommunications@holysiniantchurch.org).

## Section C: Costs and Capital Campaign

**CQ1** What are the stages in the new plan for the new church, chapel, columbarium, and refurbishment of the current building?

**CA1** With the change of architects, we now have a new plan for the project.

### Phase I

- Stage 1: Build a new church, chapel, and columbarium.
- Stage 2: Convert the existing church into a multipurpose building that includes additional classrooms.

### Phase II

- Address the future needs of the parish. A new education and administration building have been identified as part of Phase II; however, there are no detailed plans, schedule, or cost estimates yet.

**CQ2** Do we have enough money?

**CA2** We began our Capital Campaign pledge drive in 2016 with a goal of reaching commitments of \$3.3 million for the first stage of Phase I. We achieved that goal and therefore anticipate having sufficient funds for the first stage of Phase I. Pledge redemptions for Stage 1 of Phase I commitments have

remained steady. As of August 2019, we have collected approximately \$2.42 million in pledges. Our planned financial package approved by the diocese includes Phase I pledge redemptions, savings, and an anticipated loan from the diocese for a total of \$6.6 million for Stage 1 of Phase I.

- CQ3** Should I expect another Capital Campaign for Stage 2 of Phase 1?  
**CA3** The Pledge team is working on plans for another capital campaign to help with Stage 2 of Phase I.
- CQ4** I have noticed that there is an additional effort to raise money for memorials for the new church.  
**CA4** There are memorial opportunities for members of the parish to sponsor. Contact Kristi Beckert, director of operations and finance, in the office for an updated list.
- CQ5** Who is holding the Capital Campaign money that has been raised?  
**CA5** The funds that have been raised and payments received are held in a diocesan savings account and are restricted for new building purposes only.
- CQ6** Are we earning interest on the Capital Campaign funds? If so, what have we earned?  
**CA6** Yes, the interest rate is 0.75%. The diocese requires all parishes to keep all funds on deposit with the diocese.

## Section D: Growing the Congregation

- DQ1** Holy Infant has been a parish in Durham since 1970. We have always been a small but passionate church. What are we planning to do to attract new members to grow the congregation?  
**DA1** We continue to welcome new members every year. With ongoing residential development in the surrounding community, new members are joining our church by virtue of our location and accessibility.

The Facilities Needs Assessment Self-Study we completed showed we should plan to have 650 seats to address growth. Currently, we have 425 seats available at each Mass. The new design is built with a target of about 650 seats. With the new structure, we will gain a new church, chapel, and columbarium. By the change in design and how we use the space, we will also provide better interaction with fellow members of the parish, strengthen our community overall, and attract new members.

- DQ2** Are the capacity numbers of 650 seats published in the self-study still valid?  
**DA2** Yes. The design provides for 650 seats and we also have a plan for future expansion.

- DQ3** Why does the daily chapel have to hold 100 people?
- DA3** The target number of 100 seats is based on the expected use of the space. The goal is to hold daily Mass, the children’s Liturgy of the Word, small weddings, small funerals, and Saturday baptisms in the daily chapel.

## Section E: Miscellaneous

- EQ1** Are we planning to renovate the present church?
- EA1** The present church will be renovated to provide fellowship space and educational classrooms after the new church is built, consecrated, and operational.
  
- EQ2** There are businesses that save assets from churches that have closed. Are we looking into what’s available to save costs and preserve our history?
- EA2** The Building team is aware of such resources; however, it has not been investigated yet. Managing costs for the new building is the first priority.
  
- EQ3** What skills and experience do the members of the Building team have to ensure they understand the complexities of the project and how to manage it?
- EA3** The volunteers who are on the Building team have extensive professional experience and education to ensure they understand both the project details and the overall scope of the effort. Collectively, they have:

<b>Education</b>	Electrical Engineering (BSEE, 2x) Mechanical Engineering (BSME; MSME) Civil Engineering (BSCE) Master in Business Administration (MBA)
<b>Certifications</b>	Professional Management Institute (PMI) Registered Professional Engineer NC, PA, VT Certified General Contractor, FL (inactive) Design Build Institute of America, Certified Professional
<b>Collective Experience</b>	Over 40 years in Electrical Engineering Over 40 years in Process and Information Tech (IT) Engineering Over 40 years in Project and Contract Management Over 60 years in Residential and Industrial Construction Project and Executive Management Over 35 years of Holy Infant Maintenance and Projects Over 100 years of Managerial Experience in Construction, Communication, Aerospace, and IT industries