



Holy Family Catholic Church Preliminary Case Statement

For over 70 years Holy Family Catholic Church has been a beacon of our Catholic faith and heritage in Grand Blanc. Through the efforts of its many pastors and its faith-filled parishioners, our parish has continued to thrive and grow.

Today under the leadership of Rev. Msgr. Gerald Vincke, our parish has nearly 1800 families, making it one of the largest parishes in the Diocese of Lansing and the largest in the City of Grand Blanc. Our school, which was founded in 1955, currently serves over 350 children in grades K through 6. Our parish has many ministry programs, including Social Outreach, vibrant liturgies and superb educational programs for young and old.

In recent years it has become apparent that our parish not only needs additional space but additional work needs to be done to some of our existing properties. At the present time we are proposing to move forward with the following projects:

- Adding a Gathering Space for our church, which will be especially helpful for funerals and to build community.
- Repair and reline the current church and school parking lots.
- Construct a new Social Outreach Facility to replace the current building.
- Build a new baptistery; refurbish our pews and other improvements to our worship space.
- Other projects including new bathrooms and a bride's room in the church and beautifying our campus.
- Possibly adding a new smaller parish hall connected to the Church so that people don't have to go down the stairs or outside.

It is estimated that the cost of these projects will be between \$2.5 and \$3 million.

As we look to the future as a parish, so also is the Diocese of Lansing. Our larger faith family has embarked on its first ever-diocesan wide capital campaign called *Witness to Hope*. *Witness to Hope* seeks to raise \$65 million to support the many ministries of the larger Church, including support for our seminarians and retired clergy, youth and young adults, Catholic education, evangelization and funds for social ministry. A complete overview of the *Witness to Hope* case is attached. Each parish of the diocese will participate in this campaign, but because of the significance of the project here at

Holy Family Catholic Church we are planning to conduct an expanded campaign to support our major facilities expansion along with the case for the wider Church.

Our Participation

It is our plan to conduct a Combined Campaign to support our own parish needs and those of the wider Church. Under this plan our parish would seek to raise \$4,000,000. Of this amount, \$2,650,000 would remain in our parish to fund our projects and the balance would support the wider Church efforts outlined in the *Witness to Hope* Case statement. The Diocese would pay for all of the cost of the campaign including printing, postage, pledge redemption, and other related campaign costs and our parish would pay a significantly reduced fee for additional professional service from *Greater Mission*, who will be conducting the campaign. There will be no solicitation for the DSA in 2017.

Our parish leadership believes that by conducting a Combined Campaign we will not only be able to meet our own important needs, but we will, as part of the Universal Church play an important role in fostering a better and stronger future for the Catholic faith in South Central Michigan.