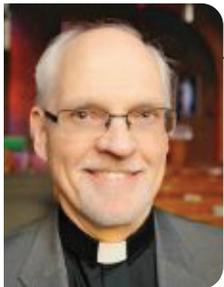


## ST. AMBROSE PARISH Cambridge, Ontario

Since our opening 65 years ago, St. Ambrose has always been a vibrant and welcoming community. To ensure we are able to continue to minister to our parishioners, projects and improvements have been undertaken over the years. From a major construction project enlarging the sanctuary ten years after the opening of the parish through the addition of stained-glass windows in 2006, St. Ambrose parishioners complete what needs to be done!

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign allows us to continue this practice. After extensive consultation with our parishioners, the parish Capital Campaign Committee and parish staff identified the most important goals for St. Ambrose. This three-year campaign will allow us to address these needs, in addition to contributing to a parish contingency fund and shared diocesan ministries.



*“St. Ambrose Parish is our spiritual home. It is where many of us, including children and grandchildren, were adopted into God’s family by Baptism. It is where many of us have received our First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Sacrament of*

*Marriage. It is where we are fed weekly by the Word of God and the Eucharist. It is where we receive forgiveness, healing, and a fresh start through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is where parents and grandparents receive the Anointing of the Sick to strengthen them for an operation or through a serious illness. St. Ambrose is our home where we are formed and strengthened to live as good sons/daughters in God’s family and prepared to one day take our place in the eternal joys of Heaven.*

Exciting features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising:

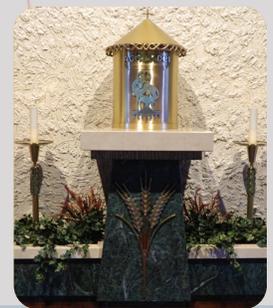
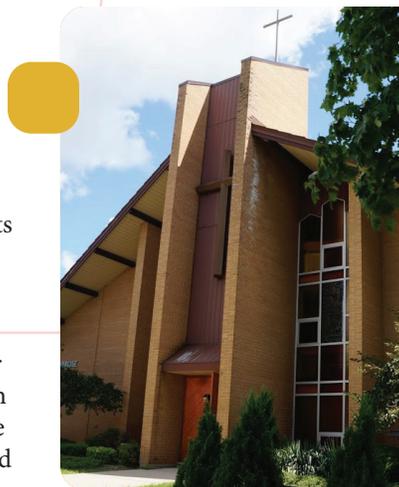
- First, St. Ambrose will keep 75 percent of what we raise up to our minimum target, which is \$300,000, to meet the needs of our church and parishioners.
- If we raise \$300,000, we will receive a **\$60,000** matching amount from the campaign!
- We will keep 85 percent of what we raised beyond \$300,000.
- The remaining funds will assist other diocesan parishes in need, as well as Diocesan ministries.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The Diocese is picking up those costs.



*Giving to meet the current and future needs of our parish through the One Heart, One Soul Campaign is an important way of expressing our gratitude as well as to ensure the parish will be here for many years to come and continue to serve our community.*

*The One Heart, One Soul Campaign has been initiated by Bishop Crosby for all the parishes in the Diocese to raise monies needed to strengthen the ministry of each parish as well as contribute to shared ministries in the Diocese (prison, hospital, school, migrant chaplaincies).”*

FR. GARY SCHLACK,  
Pastor of St. Ambrose



# ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

*A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton*

### FUNDING SOURCES: \$360,000

Parish fundraising goal: \$300,000  
Potential match: \$60,000

### IMPACT OF FUNDS: \$360,000

#### **For parish campaign projects: \$285,000**

- Main-floor washroom: \$30,000
- Church renovations: \$30,000
- Church hall & basement renovations: \$60,000
- Youth Ministry coordinator: \$90,000
- Contingency fund: \$75,000

#### **For shared ministries: \$45,000**

#### **For parishes in need: \$30,000**

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

## MAIN-FLOOR WASHROOM (\$30,000)

This is a major project that parishioners in a survey felt was greatly needed! It has become increasingly evident that our parish needs a washroom accessible from the main floor of the church. As our current washrooms are in the basement, it is difficult for those with mobility issues who need quick access to these facilities. Currently an usher is needed to escort the person downstairs on the elevator, across the church hall, and then back up in the elevator. A main-floor washroom will be an important enhancement to these individuals' independence!

## ADDITIONAL CHURCH RENOVATIONS (\$30,000)

The campaign will allow us to address other urgently needed church projects, including:

- Replace the wooden entrance doors inside the church with clear glass doors
- Renovate the storage room to create more space
- Refinish the church pews

## CHURCH HALL & BASEMENT RENOVATIONS (\$60,000)

Our needs in our church hall and basement will also be addressed:

- Replace downstairs hallway flooring and church kitchen flooring, as the current tile flooring is more than 40 years old and in bad condition
- Acquire new tables and chairs for the church hall
- Renovate the older section of the church hall kitchen, which has water damage
- Purchase a floor-cleaning machine for the church hall
- Upgrade the electrical panel in the church hall
- Renovate the chapel washroom

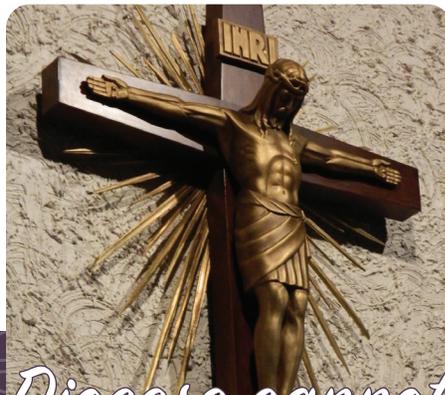


## YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR (\$90,000)

Parishioners were also in favour of hiring a youth ministry coordinator to engage our young people in the ways of our faith. The youth are the future of the Church, and their seeds of faith need to be nurtured! This would cover the estimated salary for a qualified youth minister for two years. Note that this hiring would be dependent on the COVID-19 situation and on when social gatherings are permitted.

## CONTINGENCY FUND (\$75,000)

St. Ambrose has always worked hard to ensure we can address our financial obligations. By contributing to a contingency fund, the campaign will allow us to continue to be good stewards of our resources while addressing expected and unexpected parish expenses.



## PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

Bev Bayus, Joe Chaves  
Todd Dietrich, Andy Dobranski



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).

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