

HOLY CROSS PARISH

Georgetown, Ontario

OUR OPPORTUNITY

The future of Holy Cross Parish is filled with hope. Hope that our parish's current members will continue to be a foundation of faith that allows the parish to thrive. Hope that we can bring more families, seniors, young adults and youth to Christ through our efforts to reach out to family, friends and neighbours. And hope that as a parish we can continue to meet our obligations and the building and maintenance needs of our church.

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign gives us an avenue to pursue these hopes and to brighten the future of the parish, as well as to contribute to important ministries included in the campaign.



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“The Church is so central to our lives. It draws us closer to Christ and accompanies us on our journey of faith from the time of our baptism until the day when our Lord calls us home to Himself. No other community or charitable organization touches our lives so personally and so meaningfully from Sunday-to-Sunday, from day-to-day, year after year. This fact was highlighted during the pandemic lockdown when we found the spiritual and social aspects of the Church suddenly missing from our lives. The One Heart, One Soul Campaign gives us a wonderful opportunity to now show our gratitude to God for the gift of our parish family through our own sacrificial gift to the Church. I offer my sincerest ‘thank you’ for your support, and I feel privileged as a fellow parishioner to be the first to make a pledge!”

REV. DAVID WALTER,
Pastor of Holy Cross Parish



Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising at the parish level:

- We keep 85 percent of each dollar we raise.
- We keep 100 percent of every dollar raised over \$1 million
- Note that there are no costs to the parish for the campaign. The diocese is picking up the costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.

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

ONE HEART, ONE SOUL

A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

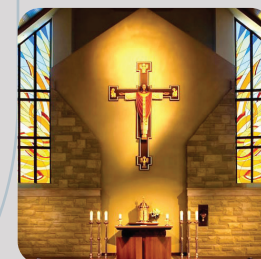
PARISH GOAL: \$800,000

For parish campaign projects: \$680,000

- COVID-19 Financial Recovery
- Debt Reduction
- Facility Upgrades

For diocesan goals: \$120,000

- Shared ministries for hospitals, universities, prisons, and migrant workers
- Parishes in need



PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

With trust in the Lord and the generosity of our community we propose the following projects to set our parish on the course to be a thriving community.

COVID-19 FINANCIAL RECOVERY (\$175,000)

Due to COVID-19, our offertory income is down 26%, or about \$175,000 as compared to last year. Although we have worked hard to cut expenses wherever possible, our bills and financial obligations continue. We are excited to add our new Associate Pastor this year to serve the parish, but that also comes with an added cost. With the money raised we will be able to solidify our financial position, help us to weather past and future pandemic costs, and help us emerge from this pandemic in a strong position to continue to offer parish programming. Future parish programming includes adding a Lay Pastoral Associate to our staff to help serve the parish, a project that was important to parishioners when we completed our Parish Needs Survey last year.

DEBT REDUCTION (\$330,000)

Our outstanding debt is currently around \$6 million. Each month, \$11,000 from our collections goes to service this debt which limits investment in other important programs and ministries of the parish. Debt reduction isn't an 'exciting' project, but an important one. Every dollar we can raise to reduce this financial burden is money prudently used to decrease the amount of interest we pay, freeing up funds to allow Holy Cross to do more in programs and staffing to serve our parish and community.



FACILITY UPGRADES (\$175,000)

We have been and are working to address some items around the facility. Presently, and primarily, these include the air conditioning system, the outdoor lighting, the sound system, parking lot repairs, and cameras for our livestream. We have committed to a focused maintenance plan to keep us cool in the summer. Retrofitting our outdoor lighting will provide a substantial savings in energy and maintenance. Many have suggested that although our current sound system is okay, there are 'dead spots' in the church and sound doesn't reach certain areas. With the help of a sound engineer, this issue can be addressed by either adjusting or adding to our current system, or by installing new equipment. As our parking lot ages, it also has begun to deteriorate in places which will require repair. The pandemic has also put a spotlight on the importance of technology in the church, and we would like to address this with a more professional camera setup for the streaming of Mass and other parish events.

*The extent of what and how much we, as a parish family, accomplish is dependent on our reaching or **surpassing** our campaign goal. Please consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign so that we make the best of this chance to build up our parish community.*



For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit onehearttonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

a Diocese cannot thrive without thriving parishes