



FORWARD WITH FAITH CAMPAIGN CONTINUES!

This summer St. Josephine Bakhita Parish will be continuing our participation in the ***Forward with Faith*** Campaign to help us address important needs in our parish, and for the greater community within the Archdiocese of Hartford.

What is *Forward with Faith*?

Some of you are familiar with the ***Forward with Faith*** Campaign, and have made very generous pledges to this campaign, but for many of you this campaign may be new to you.

Being led by the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, ***Forward with Faith*** is a capital campaign being conducted in all parishes within the Archdiocese of Hartford to help move our Catholic community toward a future of vibrancy and renewed evangelization.

Since the campaign began in 2018, more than 100 parishes, schools and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford have received financial support through grants and rebates in excess of \$6.0 million dollars.

What is happening in our Parish?

At the beginning of 2020, our parish formed a committee and developed a list of projects and ministries we would like to have funded by this campaign. We were off to a great start, but because of COVID-19, we had to suspend our efforts. We are resuming our efforts now and we hope you will support this transformational campaign.

A parishioner mailing will be sent this week with more information. Details on ***Forward with Faith*** can be found by visiting:

www.forwardwithfaith.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH CAMPAIGN

Every parish in the Archdiocese of Hartford will conduct their own parish campaign to address their local needs. As a vibrant parish, a minimum of 50% of the cash received on pledges toward our goal, and 80% of cash received over our goal, will go towards parish needs. We will use our share to address the following:

- 1. Evangelization.** To plan and implement a youth ministry program and hire a Part Time Youth Minister to reach out to our post-confirmation Teens and young adults with opportunities to explore and grow in their faith, religious practice and service. And at the same time, explore programs of evangelization and support of our young families. We need livestreaming updates and upgrades of equipment.
- 2. Saint James Center.** To update and renovate the Parish Center interior spaces such as lavatories, kitchen, sound/AV system, wireless access etc. And if possible, address the cleaning of the exterior and repairs to the roof. This improvement will benefit the people at both campuses who use the Parish Center for social activities, educational programs, outreach programs and fund-raising events.
- 3. Property Improvements.** To address the growing need for safety, accessibility and renovation, at both campuses, of our sidewalks, paved areas and exterior patios.

Forward with Faith also supports Archdiocesan ministries in four areas of focus:

- Helping to create vibrant parishes,
- Educating to reignite the faith,
- Champions in service to others, and
- Innovation and emerging opportunities.

At St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, our goal is to raise a minimum of \$875,000. The generous response from our parishioners has already raised \$462,695, which is 53% of goal! We are deeply grateful to them for their early support of this important initiative. With your help, we have an opportunity to reach our parish goal of \$875,000 to provide for the important needs of our parish.

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