

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST



Immaculate Conception intends to accomplish the following project with its parish share:



## **UPDATE OF PARISH CENTER**

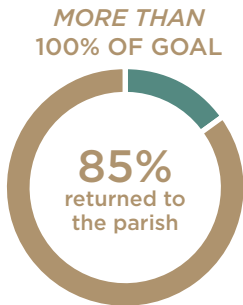
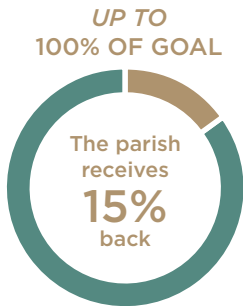
Immaculate Conception is planning a project that will create improvements to safety and renovation of space that will have lasting impacts for our parish and community. Our Parish Share funds from the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign donations will help make that possible.

We would like to remodel our entry to the Parish Center to make it a secure space for our office staff and volunteers. Our model would be similar to our school's entry area. Adding an additional small meeting space on the main floor would allow pastoral staff to meet with individuals during the day while other groups are meeting in the larger spaces.

Also, adding WiFi and updated communicative devices to meeting rooms will allow groups that meet to teach from on-line resources, opening up more options for sharing the Good News.

**OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN GOAL:  
\$504,179**

All gifts to the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign will support pension and medical needs of priests and sisters. In addition, fifteen cents of every dollar collected by Immaculate Conception will be used to address our needs. **When we exceed our campaign goal, eighty-five cents of each dollar raised will be returned to our parish.**



“One of the great blessings of my priestly ministry has been and continues to be getting to know and work with senior priests and religious sisters who – having lived their vocations faithfully for decades – now in their later years continue to witness in new ways. They are living examples of what St. Paul wrote about in his First Letter to the Corinthians: “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received. . .” [15:3]. We who have been blessed by these faithful servants of the Lord Jesus are called, in turn, to pass on what we have received to others. We do that when we answer the Lord’s call and live our baptismal vocation joyfully and faithfully. I am especially thankful for the chain of faithful priests and sisters who planted in me the seeds that would grow and blossom into my own priestly vocation.

“I ask now for you to join with me in giving back to those who have given so much. This fall we in the Skagit Valley Catholic Churches take part in our Archdiocese of Seattle’s *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign. This ambitious campaign is an effort to ensure that our older priest and religious sisters future retirement and medical costs are covered, while at the same time relieving our parishes of some of this ever-increasing financial burden and helping to raise funds for a local parish project.

“Karin and I have made our three year pledge to the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign. I invite you to prayerfully consider joining us in this concrete and practical ‘thank you’ to the senior priests and religious sisters who have shared so much with us.”

FATHER TOM MCMICHAEL  
PASTOR OF SKAGIT VALLEY  
CATHOLIC CHURCHES



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