

# IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY IS CALLED TO SERVE AS CHRIST



Immaculate Heart of Mary intends to accomplish the following project with its parish share:



## **FURNACE REPLACEMENT ESTIMATED COST: \$20,000**

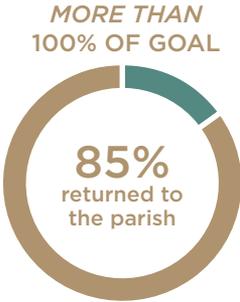
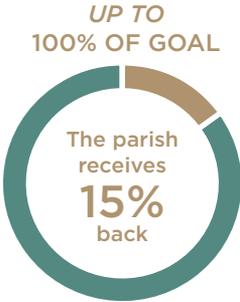
Our current furnace is 35 years old. Over the past year we have had a number of times that it was not working over a chilly weekend. For many of our parishioners, it can detract from the experience that is so important to them.

The replacement of our furnace, through our Parish Share funds raised during the *Called to Serve as Christ* campaign, will allow for Immaculate Heart of Mary to provide a warm environment and enable our parishioners to fully participate in the liturgy of the Mass – and continue to send forth and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray together and consider our many blessings as we work hard to reach our goal.

**OUR PARISH CAMPAIGN GOAL:  
\$242,186**

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 Heart of Mary 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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