



IT IS TIME FOR OUR
PARISH TO COME
TOGETHER TO PROVIDE
FOR THE FUTURE
FINANCIAL STABILITY OF
OUR PARISH HOME.

The diocese purchased our church in January 2017 from Ave Maria University, so it could establish Ave Maria as a diocesan parish to better meet the pastoral needs of the growing number of Catholics in our area. The town of Ave Maria is one of the fastest-growing communities in southwest Florida. As a diocesan parish, Ave Maria receives the expertise of the diocese which has enabled us to build up new ministries.

The purchase price for the 27,000-square-foot church was \$8 million. It was a very fair price - a true bargain for a church building with an appraised value of approximately \$30 million.



OUR HOME, HIS HOUSE, *Our Children's Future.*

A CAMPAIGN FOR
AVE MARIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

The purchase price included approximately 10 acres of undeveloped land for the parish to use for future purposes. It is now our responsibility, as a parish, to repay the loan that was taken out to meet this cost. The capital campaign will help us repay part of this loan as well as address much needed maintenance items for our church.

A capital campaign at Ave Maria Parish will help us pay down our debt, freeing up funds to expand parish programs and address needed church maintenance items.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Giver of all good gifts,
we thank you for the many graces that have come to us
through the ministries at Ave Maria Parish.

Inspire the members of this Parish and others who visit us
to support financially the present capital campaign.
We need to maintain the material fabric of the Church and
we need to meet the many obligations that the Parish incurs.

To accomplish these noble purposes, we turn to our Patroness,
the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Annunciation.
O Blessed Lady! Obtain for us the means required both to support
and continue the saving work of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in whose Holy Name we make this prayer.

Amen

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have been truly blessed at Ave Maria Catholic Church, and our parish continues to grow. I am excited to introduce the *Our Home, His House, Our Children's Future* Capital Campaign. It is time for our parish to come together to provide for the future financial stability of our parish home.

This capital campaign will help us address maintenance needs in the church and repay the borrowed funds used to purchase our beautiful and iconic church building from Ave Maria University. By helping fulfill this obligation, the fundraising effort will place us on an even stronger financial footing, further express our Christian stewardship, and strengthen our parish for generations come.

Launching a capital campaign is no easy task. It requires the participation of every parish family. I'd like for you to join me in making a meaningful and sacrificial commitment to the Our Home, His House, Our Children's Future Capital Campaign.

I would like to thank you for your support throughout the years and your dedication to Ave Maria Catholic Church. Please continue to pray for our parish home and the future of our parish.

God Bless,
Rev. Cory A. Mayer
Fr. Cory Mayer
Pastor

POINTS of PRIDE



26 BAPTISMS



42 FIRST COMMUNIONS



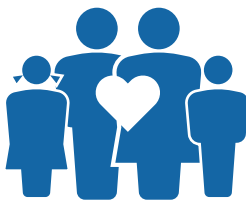
37 CONFIRMATIONS



12 WEDDINGS



12 RCIA PARTICIPANTS
RECEIVED IN THE CHURCH



808 REGISTERED FAMILIES

THESE POINTS OF PRIDE ARE FROM THIS LAST YEAR ALONE!



CAMPAIGN GOALS *and* COSTS

For every donation to the campaign, 85% of the gift will be allocated towards paying down on the parish debt and 15% will go to the Buildings & Maintenance Fund.



OUR HISTORY

Ave Maria Parish was first established as a “quasi-parish” in the Diocese of Venice, Florida in 2008 by Bishop Frank J. Dewane. According to the *Code of Canon Law*, “a quasi-parish is equivalent to a parish; a quasi-parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful in a particular church, entrusted to a priest as its proper pastor but not yet erected as a parish because of particular circumstances.”

The unique church building was dedicated March 31, 2008, by Bishop Dewane.

On January 19, 2017, Bishop Dewane raised the quasi-parish and oratory to full Church and parish status. On the same day, he installed Fr. Cory A. Mayer as the new parish's first pastor. Fr. Mayer had served previously as the pastor of the quasi-parish. The parish has grown considerably over the last decade with increases in the number of registered parishioners, those registered in religious education, and the many various ministries we offer to the vibrant community of Ave Maria, Florida.

COSTS

Loan Repayment

- \$8 million or \$60,000/month

Buildings and Maintenance (estimated \$200,000)

- Roof Repairs
- Nave Ceiling Repairs
- Exterior Wall Repairs
- Interior Painting
- Electricity to Confessionals
- Lighting and Sound System Maintenance
- Handicap Ramp Upgrades
- Front Entrance Façade Repairs



METHODS OF GIVING

A pledge is a non-binding commitment made in good faith. To make it easier for donors to complete a pledge, we encourage commitments fulfilled over the three-year pledge period. A donor may satisfy his/her commitment through monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual installments. Most donors use the options listed to fulfill a pledge.

Cash/Check

The most common gifts received in a campaign are gifts fulfilled by cash or check. This allows Ave Maria to address its immediate needs. Checks made payable to Ave Maria Parish with Capital Campaign in the memo line.

Credit Card/Auto-Withdrawal

Auto-withdrawal either by a checking account or credit card through online giving allows for convenient donations to be made automatically and consistently. This is convenient for both the donor and Ave Maria Catholic Parish. This may be set up online or by contacting the parish office.

Securities

Appreciated charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds offer special tax advantages and can be a great way to provide a significant gift to Ave Maria Parish.

Real Estate

Gifts of property entitle a donor to an income tax deduction equal to the full market value with no tax on any capital gains.

Life Insurance

Donate an old policy by simply naming Ave Maria Parish as the owner and beneficiary. Or consider donating a new policy.

Planned Gift

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and assets for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable a donor take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish their financial and charitable goals. A bequest contained in a will is the most common form of planned giving.

Corporate Matching Gifts

A matching gift program provided through an employer or board membership may allow the donor to increase the value of their gift. Many companies match charitable gifts of employees, retirees or board members.

Note: Please do not interpret this information as legal advice. Instead consult your own qualified professional adviser for specific recommendations.



CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

PASTOR
Fr. Cory Mayer

CAMPAIGN CABINET
John & Nancy Adames
Dr. Dan Guernsey
James & Sandra Kukalis
Edward & Deborah Sweeney

BUSINESS MANAGER
Craig Kadlec

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
The Office Staff of Ave Maria

DEVELOPMENT COUNSEL
Our Lady of the Annunciation
Steier Group

FULFILLING YOUR OBLIGATION

This chart serves as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support.

Three-Year Total Gift	Initial 10% Investment	Balance	Monthly	Quarterly	Semiannual	Annual
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$67,500	\$1,875	\$5,625.00	\$11,250	\$22,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$45,000	\$1,250	\$3,750.00	\$7,500	\$15,000
\$30,000	\$3,000	\$27,000	\$750	\$2,250.00	\$4,500	\$9,000
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$13,500	\$375	\$1,125.00	\$2,250	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$9,000	\$250	\$750.00	\$1,500	\$3,000
\$6,000	\$600	\$5,400	\$150	\$450.00	\$900	\$1,800
\$3,600	\$360	\$3,240	\$90	\$270.00	\$540	\$1,080
\$1,800	\$180	\$1,620	\$45	\$135.00	\$270	\$540

Note: The incremental payment examples are based on an initial 10 percent investment followed by the preferred payment plan for three years.

MEMORIALS

Facing Stones will be available for donors who have completed commitments of \$10,000 and above. Please contact the parish office for more information.

