

TOGETHER IN *Faith*

IT'S AN EXCITING TIME
AT SEVEN DOLORS
CATHOLIC PARISH!

Guided by our goals to grow God's Kingdom, foster a vibrant parish family and support a full and active parish life, we are preparing to take the next step in our parish's long-term vision. We've already unveiled our Building and Grounds master plan for a new parish center, an elevator for our church and a new early learning center. These important projects will renew our facilities, make them more accessible and strengthen our ministries for every generation.

With the blessing of significant resources already in hand, we are in a strong position to move forward. But this effort is about more than fundraising and construction. It's about you – the people who make Seven Dolors the special parish it is. We want to come together as a parish family to share in the mission, take ownership of the vision and ensure that what we build today will serve our faith community for decades to come.



YOUR VOICE

BEFORE WE BEGIN
OUR CAMPAIGN,
WE WANT TO LISTEN.

Over the coming weeks, Seven Dolors Catholic Parish will conduct a campaign planning study to gather input from parishioners about our Building and Grounds master plan.

This process will help us:

- Confirm the level of support for our master plan and its next phases.
- Identify parishioners who may wish to take on leadership roles.
- Ensure that all members have a voice in shaping our shared future.

Your participation will help determine how we move forward together.

Through prayer, honest conversation and collaboration, we hope to ensure that this next step in our parish's history is rooted in faith, guided by unity and built for the generations yet to come.



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SEVEN DOLORS OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH

*“Unless the Lord
builds the house, the
builders labor in vain.”*
– Psalm 127:1

PLANNING STUDY
Fact Sheet



BUILDING FOR THE *Future*

Our Building and Grounds master plan focuses on renewal, accessibility and faith formation. Planning is underway and construction is expected to begin as early as this year – and we want the major projects to move forward concurrently to reduce construction costs and minimize disruption to our parish’s regular operations. Each project supports our mission to grow in faith, welcome others and serve the broader community.

PARISH CENTER | *Estimated cost: \$8.4 million*

A new Parish Center will be the heart of parish life – a welcoming place for ministry, formation and fellowship. Located on the corner of South Juliette Avenue and Houston Street, the new center will harmonize beautifully with the church, the Luckey Building and the surrounding historic neighborhood. It also will provide a safe, well-lit environment for parish gatherings and for adorers who come to pray at all hours.

This 25,000-square-foot building with two floors and a basement level will be modern, efficient and a big upgrade over the converted 1950s-era convent that currently houses our parish offices. Features include:

- Storage, mechanical and custodial space on the basement level.
- Four flexible multipurpose rooms, a kitchenette and restrooms on the first floor, as well as a courtyard.
- A secure finance office, meeting and conference rooms, 10 offices and restrooms on the second floor.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER | *Estimated cost: \$4.5 million*

To better serve our community, we will build a new Seven Dolores Early Learning Center, freeing up space in the Manhattan Catholic Schools elementary building. The historic white house will be moved forward about 40 feet onto a new basement, with a thoughtfully designed expansion added to the rear to create a cohesive, purpose-built facility.

This modern, faith-based Early Learning Center will honor our past while providing space for future generations to begin their Catholic education journey. Highlights include:

- A secure entrance through the restored 1866 Huntress-Fox historic house, which will feature a lobby, office and conference room.
- A 6,500-square-foot, one-story addition with an enrollment capacity of 110 children.
- Five classrooms with age-appropriate restrooms, a teacher break room and a generous playground area.
- Partial basement utility space and laundry.

CHURCH ELEVATOR ADDITION | *Estimated cost: \$1 million*

Accessibility is central to our mission of inclusion. The current lift is small, unreliable and difficult for some parishioners to use. The new elevator will provide full access between the floors of the church, serve the main sanctuary and blend seamlessly with the existing historic architecture. As the church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, all design plans will preserve its beauty and sacred character.

Our Financial Picture

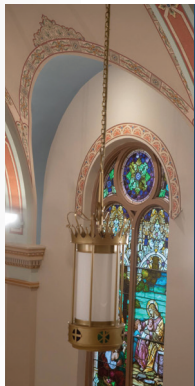
Parish Center	\$8,400,000
Early Learning Center	\$4,500,000
Church Elevator Addition	\$1,000,000
Architectural and Engineering Fees	\$1,500,000
Furnishings	+ \$500,000
Total Estimated Cost	\$15,900,000
Funding Already Available	\$13,500,000
Remaining Need	\$2,400,000
Adoration Chapel	\$600,000

to be raised through parishes of the Manhattan community (MC3) that support the chapel

WE ARE PLANNING TO LAUNCH A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TO RAISE THE REMAINING \$3 MILLION

(\$2.4 million from Seven Dolores, \$600,000 from MC3)

to make sure that everyone is able to be part of this monumental time in our parish’s history.



NEW ST. JOSEPH'S ADORATION CHAPEL | *Estimated cost: \$600,000 (to be raised through the MC3 parishes)*

The new Adoration Chapel will be a peaceful and secure place for perpetual adoration for Seven Dolores and our neighboring parishes. Located on the first floor of the new parish center, the chapel will:

- Be accessible at all times through secure entrances off the main lobby.
- Include a sacristy and restroom for convenience.
- Feature the stained-glass windows, corpus and altar from the original chapel.
- Offer seating for approximately 30 people.
- Be able to lock separately from the rest of the parish center for safety and privacy.