



RAISING THE SAILS

Phase #2 Pledge Campaign

“God provides the wind; we must raise the sails.”

St. Augustine

RAISING OUR SAILS:

- As St. Augustine parishioners we come together to begin building our new church, our personal legacy for generations to come. Join us in the renewal of our vibrant Catholic faith community as we lead through our example of sacrifice, community, compassion, acceptance, and generosity.
- Our new building will meet the present and future needs of our parish. It will be capable of seating over 250 at mass. It will include a parish hall that seats 250, a large kitchen, office spaces, classrooms/meeting rooms, a storage and utility area, and a generous central gathering space. **Imagine the possibilities.**

OUR GOAL...

- Raise at least \$250,000 each year over the next 3 years
 - We have \$1.8 million in the Building fund (May 2022) Thank you!
 - The projected cost of our new building is \$3.5 million.
- Start Building date to be determined, CASH NOW equals less mortgage!
- A debt free church will be a lasting legacy for your family and future generations of Catholics in Ponoka.

“Giving cheerfully and sacrificially is part of the Christian life. We are extremely grateful for all your generous donations towards building our new church.

NOW IS THE TIME!

- Your 3-year pledge commitment will best provide us with figures to move forward with building.
- Accepting responsibility for our new church includes accepting a share of the building cost. With **consistency and sacrifice** from each parishioner, we will share the financial burden across our entire population.
- Money raised through our pledge campaign and regular donations covers the majority of the building costs. **Your donation (small or large) adds up over time. Thank you!**

- You can make **gifts** of cash (use an envelope so you can get the tax credit) or **pledge** your gift over three years (see pledge form). You can also **donate monthly** using the green Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) form.
- If you are not able to donate financially, please consider donating your valuable time to help us with fundraising activities. Thank you!

*“We do our part, however limited that might be.
How God uses that to accomplish His purpose is His part.”*
Western Catholic Reporter

DID YOU KNOW...

- The Archdiocese acts to support all construction in an advisory capacity. It does not supply any financial assistance. It is up to us!
- All monies donated qualify for tax credits on your income tax as a charitable gift. The first \$200 donated creates a reduction @ 25%. Donations above \$200/year creates a reduction @ 50% (\$50 for every \$100 of eligible receipts).

Example only: **\$100/month over 3 years**

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Family Contribution	\$1200	\$1200	\$1200
Income Tax Refund	\$600	\$600	\$600
Building Fund Growth	\$1200	\$2400	\$3600

*“Use me, God. Show me how to take who I am, who I want to be, and what I can do,
and use it for a purpose greater than myself.”*
Martin Luther King Jr.

- Please pray and discuss with your family the amount you can contribute. Your pledge is confidential – between you and God.

LET US BEGIN TO BUILD OUR CHURCH!

- Fill in your pledge form and return it via the offering basket, by mail, or email the Parish Office. Donate using your envelopes; or monthly with PAD or e-transfer to: staugustine.etransfer@caedm.ca (please include name & contact info)

May God bless us all in this journey!

If you have any questions call: **Russell Hemingson, PPC Chair: (403)963-4789**

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