



**SAINT JOACHIM**  
**RECTORY CAMPAIGN**  
900 West Broadway  
Plainview, MN 55964-1039

# FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

A century ago, St. Joachim Parish built the current rectory to house Father Daniel Lavery and the Priests who followed him in Plainview. Since completion in 1918, nearly twenty Priests have resided there while serving Catholics in our area. However, in recent decades, the building has been maintained only minimally, because it was not deemed sustainable for the long term. It has fallen into disrepair. In 2013, the parish offices relocated from the rectory to the Parish Center building, and the rectory is now a residence only. Thus, after 100 years, it is time to replace it!

### **How much money will we need to raise?**

We seek to raise at least \$250,000 for a new rectory within three years, over-and-above regular “church support” (i.e. Sunday collections). The St. Joachim Rectory Campaign will provide funds for a new single-story Rectory.

There are two options for the location of the new house. Our preferred option is on parish grounds – most likely on vacant parish property east of the Parish Center (the site of the former Dickman home). This would allow construction to proceed while the priest remains in the current residence. An alternative is to purchase a slightly older house off-site. A final decision will await completion of the fund drive; at that time, available funds and ongoing dialogue will determine the most suitable location. Any overage funds will assist removal of the current rectory, and future maintenance.

### **What is the condition of the current rectory building?**

At one time, it was an elegant and stately home; but a century later, its aging slate roof suffers leaks, exterior stucco and trim are deteriorating, interior walls and ceilings have cracks and stains, flooring and carpeting is old, insulation is non-existent, windows are often drafty, and bats inhabit the building seasonally. Because of its energy inefficiencies, utilities are expensive, and cost almost as much annually as the entire Parish Center building – which, by contrast, is energy-efficient, and is utilized by several hundred students, volunteers, and staff members. A smaller, newer rectory would allow for greater ease, heating and cooling efficiencies – and could better serve a Priest if he had mobility challenges.

### **What will happen to the current rectory building?**

Deconstruction is the most feasible option, including salvage of useful items, and abatement and disposal. Our Pastoral and Finance Councils believe that the current rectory has served its useful life-span (101 years), since we will likely need clergy housing for many years to come.

Renovation would be unrealistic, since it is larger than needed, and would prove too costly to sustain for the long term. Relocating it would require abating all asbestos prior to transport. Rental would require upgrading and maintaining a large, aging, unsustainable building. All these options are costly and impractical compared to deconstruction, which will cost roughly \$33,000. All codes will be carefully observed, especially regarding removal of hazardous materials.

### **Do we have funds leftover from previous fundraising campaigns (e.g. Seeds of Faith, Rooted in Faith)?**

No. Fortunately, however, we have reserves which can fund removal of the current building, and reshaping the vacant site.

This could include construction of a utility garage for maintenance equipment, landscaping, and/or playground space. These parish reserves will also fund other upcoming needs, especially replacing the aging HVAC system in the Parish Center, and unforeseen needs.

## Do we have other facility needs?

Not compared to the rectory. To facilitate its eventual replacement, the parish offices moved to the Parish Center in 2013, which created a central workplace for staff, and provided a separate clergy living space. Now it is time to prioritize a new rectory. A list of recent facility improvements is on the carport bulletin board, which totals nearly \$400,000.

### Here is a summary:

- **65%** has been spent on the Church and Parish Center – about half on the exterior (roofs, steeples, chimneys, and brickwork), and half on the interior (HVAC improvements, audio systems, office space, classroom enhancements, painting, drywall, etc.).
- **30%** has been spent on our parish grounds (i.e. parking areas, sidewalks, outdoor lighting, and maintenance equipment).
- **5%** has been spent on the rectory (mainly HVAC improvements and asbestos abatement).

## Who will oversee this process?

The parish Pastor with the assistance of our Parish Finance and Pastoral Councils. Co-chairs will assist with raising funds. The parish corporate board authorizes the fundraising process upon a formal review by the diocesan College of Consultors.

The parish has contracted with the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota to assist with the campaign.

## Would my gift be affected by litigation in the diocese?

No. The parish corporation is separate from the diocesan corporation, and your gift is “restricted” for the purpose you intend as a campaign donor – namely, for a new parish rectory, as set out in this case statement.

## How can I help?

- Contribute generously to the St. Joachim Rectory Campaign.
- Encourage others to participate.
- Pray for a fruitful campaign!

## Whom can I contact for more information about the fund drive?

- Finance Council: Father Becker (Pastor, 507-534-3321), Don Dose (Chair, 507-250-3950)
- Fund Drive Co-Chairs: Tom Deming (507-251-4586), Cathy Reiter (507-876-2532), Tim Scanlon (507-259-7645)

## How can I make a pledge or gift?

Fill out a pledge form or make your gift online. You can make a one-time gift, an annual gift, or a monthly pledge. Please contact Monica Herman, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota if you would like to make a gift of stock, grain, or through an IRA. She can be reached at (507) 858-1276 or at [mherman@catholicfsmn.org](mailto:mherman@catholicfsmn.org).