

We Stand With Christ



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Many of our faithful parishioners have received campaign materials in the mail, and I thank you for taking the time to review these as you prayerfully consider a gift to this historic and essential capital campaign.

We wanted to take this opportunity to provide answers to some of the most pressing questions associated with the campaign.

Why do we need this campaign?

The ***We Stand With Christ*** Campaign will address significant priorities and help the Church in Fairfield County meet the challenges and opportunities we face now and for decades to come. The transformative objectives of ***We Stand With Christ*** are:

- Strengthening local parishes to encourage a vibrant Catholic life (Local Parishes)
- Ensuring the future of Catholic education (Foundations in Education)
- Enriching religious education, faith formation and youth ministries (Foundations in Faith)
- Providing for the future care of retired priests (Foundations in Faith)
- Educating and forming young men for the Catholic priesthood (Foundations in Faith)
- Meeting the pastoral needs of the elderly in nursing homes (Foundations in Faith)
- Supporting those with intellectual and developmental disabilities (Foundations in Faith)
- Increasing participation in parish life and deepening evangelization (Foundations in Faith)
- Expanding works of charity for the poor and disenfranchised (Foundations in Charity)

Will there be an Annual Catholic Appeal this year?

For parishes participating in ***We Stand With Christ*** in 2019 there will not be a separate Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The ACA Goal for 2019 is incorporated into the goal for the parish and the first monies received through ***We Stand With Christ*** will be directed towards the 2019 ACA. In 2020 the ACA will be conducted in all parishes as usual.

How do the foundations work?

All funds to the campaign will be raised by We Stand With Christ, Inc., a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation separate from the Diocese of Bridgeport. These funds will be overseen by a Board of Directors charged with ensuring the funds are used for their intended purpose. Our parishes and the Foundations will receive the funds raised through WSWC on a quarterly basis after the conclusion of active fundraising. Each of the three foundations are individual 501c3 non-profit organizations separate from the Diocese of Bridgeport and each foundation is governed by a lay board with a fiduciary responsibility to ensure the funds are used only as intended. None of the money raised in the campaign will be used for the settlement of past, present, or future legal cases or for purposes unrelated to the case statement.

Who will be asked to participate in We Stand With Christ?

Every household in the parish will be asked to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge to ***We Stand With Christ***.

How can pledges be fulfilled?

Please consult our [Ways to Give](https://www.westandwithchrist.org/ways-to-give/) page (<https://www.westandwithchrist.org/ways-to-give/>) for more information about the many ways you can fulfill your pledge, including how to make your pledge online, and details on payment schedules.