

ST. TERESA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Kitchener, Ontario

The future of St. Teresa Catholic Church is filled with hope, even as we face the challenges of COVID-19. Hope that our parish's current members will continue to be a foundation of faith that allows the parish to thrive. Hope that we can bring more to Christ through our efforts to reach out to family, friends and neighbours. And hope that we can unite to meet the ministry and maintenance needs of our parish.

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign gives us an avenue to pursue these hopes, meet our challenges and brighten the future of the parish, as well as to contribute to important diocesan ministries.



"As a parish community and as individuals we can do a lot to make this parish vibrant – bring people back to church, spark hope in the hearts of young people. In order to achieve this goal, we have to get passionate about our faith, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us and share our talents. This is our time, this is the moment when we define our future!"

FR. MARIAN GIL, OMI, Pastor of St. Teresa

Special features of the campaign will enable us to maximize the positive effects of our fundraising at the parish level:

- First, we keep 75 percent of what we raise up to our minimum target, which is \$130,000.
- If we raise \$130,000, we will receive a \$45,500 matching award from the campaign! ***That means we could receive from the campaign even more than we raise.***
- We will keep 85 percent of anything we raise beyond \$130,000.
- There are virtually no costs to the parish for the campaign. The diocese is picking up those costs. All the money raised will be used for campaign projects.

What an opportunity! We want to maximize this chance to undertake a vital renewal of our parish.

See the back of this page for more details about the parish needs that we hope to address through the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign.



A Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton

FUNDING SOURCES: \$175,500

Parish fundraising goal: \$130,000

Potential match: \$45,500

IMPACT OF FUNDS: \$175,500

For parish campaign projects: \$143,000

Physical projects (\$107,000)

- Maintenance contingency fund
- Kitchen renovations
- Painting of church/Stations/parish hall
- Upgrading of sound system
- Chapel renovations
- Confessional renovations

Spiritual projects (\$36,000)

- Pastoral/youth minister
- Building a faith community

For diocesan goals: \$32,500

- For shared ministries: \$19,500
- For parishes in need: \$13,000

PARISH CAMPAIGN PROJECTS

IMPROVEMENTS TO PARISH BUILDINGS (\$107,000)

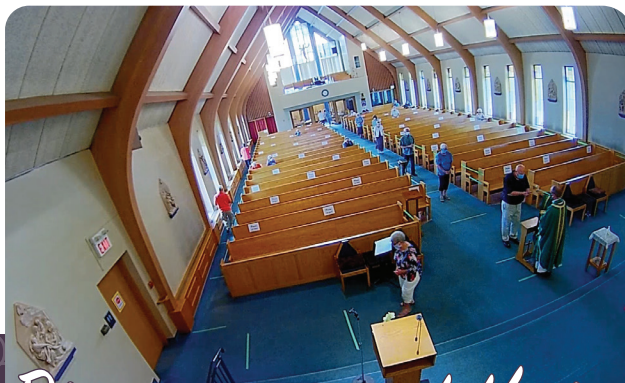
Our parish buildings are in need of some TLC, and in these times it's clear we need to prepare for the unexpected. We will focus on these items:

- Maintenance contingency fund
- Renovations to the parish hall kitchen
- Painting of the church, Stations of the Cross and parish hall
- Upgrading of church sound system
- Renovations to the chapel
- Confessional renovations

ENHANCEMENTS TO SPIRITUAL MINISTRIES (\$36,000)

How can we engage the youths of our church? How can we draw more people to the faith? How can we inspire current parishioners to increase their involvement? These questions are crucial. The answer at St. Teresa's can at least begin with these two projects:

- **Youth minister:** The parish would use campaign money to fund a part-time youth ministry position for three years. By the end of that period, we would hope to have integrated this position into our regular operating budget.
- **Building a faith community:** Attending Mass is a foundation of involvement, of course. What about beyond Mass? Our aim is to better promote events that bring us together as a faith community and to offer more of these events.



PARISH CAMPAIGN LEADERSHIP

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For more details about the campaign, the allocation of funds raised, donor privacy, our gift acceptance policy and much more, please visit oneheartonesoul.ca/faq and hamiltondiocese.com.

a Diocese cannot thrive without thriving parishes