

## The Bicentennial Campaign at Blessed Sacrament

### **About the Bicentennial Campaign**

In celebration of the Diocese of Charleston turning 200 years old in 2020, the Bicentennial Campaign was launched to strengthen the parishes and missions of South Carolina, form Catholics to believe in the Gospel, and live the Gospel through social outreach.

Blessed Sacrament first began our participation in this important effort in the Fall of 2018. After only a few weeks, however, our campaign was paused to allow our new parish administrator, Father AJ, time to get acclimated with Blessed Sacrament.

Our participation resumed in February 2020, and just as we began to build strong momentum through the generosity of our devoted parishioners, the COVID-19 pandemic struck and we once again paused our campaign.

We are carrying-out this effort with a full understanding of the difficulties many in our community are experiencing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. We view this campaign as a tremendous opportunity to bring our parish family together in a time of great need across our state.

Your support to our Bicentennial Campaign effort will provide needed resources to strengthen our financial position through the replenishment of our savings account. We will also use the funds to upgrade the bathrooms in our church, and replace the cracked windows throughout our parish office.

Through the generosity of Blessed Sacrament parishioners in the early stages of the campaign, we have already achieved over 50% of our \$1,720,000 goal! Pledges made to the Bicentennial Campaign may be fulfilled over the next 5 years, are not legally-binding, and can be adjusted at any time.

For an overview of the Bicentennial Campaign, please view this video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG56cGQwMaU&t>

### **Our Goal**

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, we were confident in our ability to hit our Diocesan-assigned target of **\$1,200,000** through five-year pledges and one-time gifts. Of course, we acknowledge the financial strain this pandemic has caused on our parishioners, so we are resuming this effort praying to do the best we can. We will not be penalized if we do not hit our target, and we will still receive at least 50% of the funds collected.

If we are able to surpass 100% of our campaign target, we will receive more than half of all funds raised thereafter. This can be a truly transformative effort for our parish!

### **Our Need**

**Financial Replenishment:** The current financial situation of Blessed Sacrament must be improved. As of now, we are operating with a depleted savings account that must be replenished so that any emergency needs, unforeseen projects, or other expenses can be paid for without worry or anxiety.

**Parish Renovation:** We plan to install a new, modern, and easily-accessible **restroom** in the current cry-room space, as well as renovate our current restrooms, to allow for a more comfortable experience for our parishioners.

Additionally, the **windows** of the parish office are in dire need of replacement. With cracks and improper sealing on the windows also leading to higher energy costs, it is essential that we replace these windows to mitigate rising HVAC bills.

### **Supporting Our Effort**

Pledges to the Bicentennial Campaign may be paid over a 5-year period. This allows individuals and families to give generously and spread payments out over a longer period of time. These pledges are not legally-binding, and the amounts may be adjusted at any time.

Pledge cards for the Bicentennial Campaign have been mailed to all registered parishioners. Extras may be picked-up in the parish office, or requested by calling our office: 843-556-0801.

There is no judgement or expectation regarding the size of gift you are able to make. Any and all gifts are appreciated!

If you wish to make a pledge using IRA Distribution/Gift of Stock, please contact the Diocese of Charleston Stewardship & Mission Advancement team at (843) 261-0437.

To give online, please click [here](#) and select "Charleston, Blessed Sacrament, 335" from the BCC Parish menu. Your pledge/one-time gift amount may be entered along with your payment information.

Our Current Progress



**Our Parish Goal:**  
**\$1,200,000**

**Our Current Total:**  
**\$228,178**

Participating Parishioners:

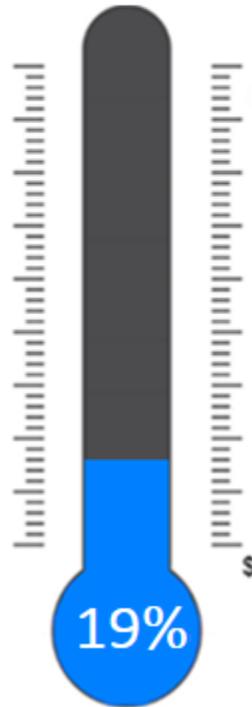
**41**

Registered Parishioners:

**850**

Participation Rate:

**5%**



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