

TOGETHER TOWARD TOMORROW





 **MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH**
OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming, evangelizing, worshipping parish community, encouraging all to step into a deeper spiritual encounter and loving experience with our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for peace, love, truth, and social justice through active stewardship – notably through our advocate – Mother Mary. We proclaim the promise of the Kingdom of God and the grace-filled nourishment that comes when our humanness becomes one with God's Divinity in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Joining Together for MQPP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Much has been said about building community throughout this campaign. For me, it is very personal. Mary Queen of Peace Parish helped me raise my children and grandchildren, and supported me through good times and bad. In 2012, I became very sick. I know that it was the efforts of prayer groups and individuals from Mary Queen of Peace Parish that helped me — and my family — through that stressful time.

It's for this reason that I feel so passionate about doing what I can to help make the building of our new church a reality. I pray that, once again, we can join each other and combine that same strength into this next phase of our campaign.

You, Mary Queen of Peace Parish, have become family to me over the many years I have called MQPP my spiritual home. **Now I am asking you – my family members – to do your part and join Peggy and me in making a commitment to our current community through our Annual Appeal and to our future community through our Capital Appeal.**

Thank you for supporting my family and me over the years. You are priceless to me.

Paz en Cristo,

Bill Contreras
Capital Campaign Chair

Investing in MQPP



OUR ANNUAL APPEAL: An investment in our **present** community

Think about all the different ministries that MQPP provides our members and the services we provide the community. These programs are supported by the regular generous contributions of our parishioners. To better plan our budget, we are asking you to share with us the amount you plan to contribute to our parish over the next 12 months to support our annual operating budget. You can change your commitment level at any time by contacting the parish office.

OUR CAPITAL APPEAL: An investment in our **emerging** community

To ensure a viable Catholic presence on the Southside, MQPP has launched a two-phase construction project on South 27th Street. Trusting God, we are working very hard to make our plans a reality.

OUR CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Loving Father,

*We the people of Mary Queen of Peace Parish
thank You for the blessings bestowed on us.*

*All that we are and all that we have,
you have given us.*

*God of the past, present and future,
help us open our hearts and minds
to your Holy Spirit.*

*We ask for the grace to act as one,
for the good of all.*

*St. Joseph the carpenter,
help us build a stronger faith community
as we work together
toward our new home.*

*Intercede for us in our desire
to become a vibrant parish family.*

*Mary Queen of Peace, protect us
from all evil and lead us
to do God's will.*

*We ask this in the name
of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen



“MQPP’s focus has been on helping those in need, and struggling to do so against big odds. It is the perseverance of its parishioners and the profound belief in the mission of MQPP being of God’s direct calling that has gotten the Parish through tough times. Struggle usually brings disparate people together and makes the bonds between everyone stronger, and there are strong bonds in this parish that go back for many decades – which is a testament of doing tough work to serve God for many decades.”

– Ric Heldt



MARY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH OUR PARISH VISION

MQPP has an exciting vision that builds on our current successes as a parish. It imagines a powerful, vibrant Catholic presence on the Southside of Billings for decades to come. This vision is calling ALL of us take a step of faith and make an investment in MQPP.



OUR TRANSITION through turbulent times

In early 2014, we maintained and worshipped at three facilities. We were without a pastor. Membership was in flux as some members considered leaving the parish because of consolidating the three sites into one. **SINCE 2014:**

- MQPP has come under **ONE ROOF** and has placed the other sites up for sale. (Holy Rosary Church is about to be sold, and Our Lady of Guadalupe Church is also in the process of being sold.)
- **FR. JOSÉ MARQUEZ** has been assigned as our pastor. It appears that he will be with us for at least four more years.
- Our parish membership has stabilized, and we are more **COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER** and to our parish.
- The assignment of Fr. José indicated the **DIOCESE’S COMMITMENT** to MQPP as the Catholic presence on the Southside of Billings.
- We conducted a successful capital campaign (2014-2017) with pledges of over \$300,000 for the construction of our **NEW PARISH FACILITIES**.
- We continue to **LIVE OUR MISSION**, and we continue to be formed into a single community by the Holy Spirit and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

IMAGINE our faith family..

Providing exciting ministries and programs that inspire all of us, from the very young to the not so young, to seek God and to go out into the world and make it a better place.

Communicating to the world that MQPP is looking forward as a people of God, embracing a future that is inspiring and life-giving.

Representing the Billings community, the Catholic Church is committed to the people of the Southside, and the people of this community are absolutely worthy of our investment.

Worshipping in facilities that are accessible to everyone; facilities that say, "Everyone is welcome here."

Reaching out to all those in need around South 27th Street: the women's prison, *Passages*, local campgrounds, and interstate travelers.

IMAGINE yourself walking with other members of our faith family ... into this future that God has laid before us.

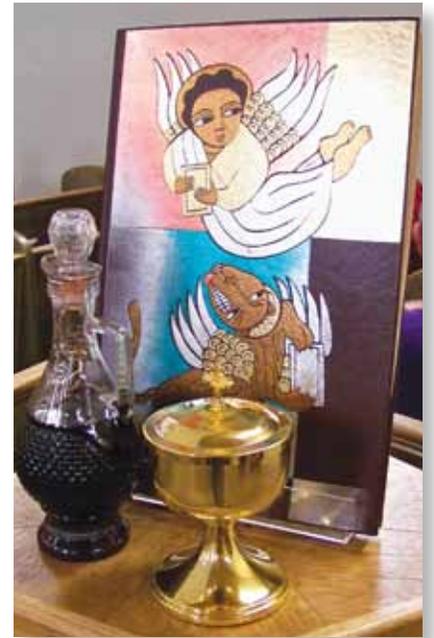


OUR ANNUAL APPEAL

Investing in our **present** community

At the center of our ANNUAL APPEAL is to provide ministries and programs that help each of us to grow into faith, hope and love. The Annual Appeal also allows us to reach out into the wider community and extends a helping hand to those in need.

Prayer is one of our vibrant ministries. MQPP has a growing number of prayer groups that meet throughout the week. Each one has a specific prayer focus and is making a positive impact on our members lives and on the larger community. For example, the *Cornerstone Prayer Group* specifically prays and fasts for our new church. In 2016, this prayer group coordinated three grace-filled prayer gatherings at the new church property.



Your Commitment to the One-Year Annual Appeal

Striving to be good stewards and recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God, we encourage parishioners to honor the biblical call to tithe, traditionally understood as 10 percent. In the spirit of tithing, MQPP encourages each of us to prayerfully consider giving up to 5 percent of their income to MQPP's Annual Appeal. The other 5 percent could go to the Capital Appeal and other needs within the broader community.

Knowing this represents a big sacrifice for many. We are asking you to consider increasing your current level of giving by just one-half of one percent of household income with the intent of eventually arriving at 5 percent over the next few years. If you are new to contributing to MQPP, consider committing just one-half of one percent to the parish this first year.

Make this a family decision by talking with your entire family and asking for their involvement.

Household impact of
1/2% annual-appeal increase:

Total Household Income	1/2% Annual Contribution Increase	1/2% Monthly Increase	Eventual Annual Household Goal of 5%
\$10,000	\$50	\$4	\$500
\$20,000	\$100	\$8	\$1,000
\$30,000	\$150	\$13	\$1,500
\$50,000	\$250	\$21	\$2,500
\$75,000	\$375	\$31	\$3,750
\$100,000	\$500	\$42	\$5,000
\$125,000	\$625	\$52	\$6,250
\$150,000	\$750	\$63	\$7,500

How MQPP's Ministries & Programs Are Supported

MQPP has multiple streams of income. The parish's largest income stream is the offertory at Mass. Other sources of income include subsidies from the Diocese, our parish fundraising activities/events, church rental income and the stipends and stole fees collected throughout the fiscal year.

Each year our parish finance council composes a budget that runs from July 1 to June 30. The information below represents the current 2016-2017 fiscal year budget.

General Offertory (66%).....	\$255,000
Rent of Holy Rosary & OLG (10%)	\$37,700
Grants (9%)	\$36,500
Fundraising Efforts (9%).....	\$34,200
Misc. (4%)	\$16,600
Needy Collection (2%)	\$9,000
Total General Income.....	\$389,000

Your support of our
ANNUAL APPEAL
will help us continue to:

- Serve the nearly 2,000 people who call MQPP our spiritual home and faith family
- Nourish our members with the Word of God, Sacraments, and the love and support of our community
- Form our members in their faith, young, and old alike
- Reach out to those in need in our community and in our world



The goal of the **ANNUAL APPEAL** is to have every parish household return its commitment card to the parish, so that we know you have considered our requests.

2016-2017 Budget Shortfall: \$69,000

Each year we project a budget surplus or a shortfall which requires us to predict as accurately as possible the expected income. Calculating the impact of selling Holy Rosary Church and Our Lady of Guadalupe has been challenging. We will lose rental income but we will also reduce the cost of heating, maintaining, and insuring the two churches. After the sale of the buildings, we will realize a net gain in the budget of approximately \$10,000.

The current budget shortfall is being addressed with parish savings. In 2015-2016, we had a shortfall of \$36,000. Efforts in recent years have been made to trim budget expenses wherever possible. Parish staff are asked to provide extra volunteer time each week to avoid hiring additional part-time employees. By conducting an Annual Appeal, we anticipate being able to compose a more accurate annual budget for the coming year.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Parishes generally devote a large majority of their budget to salaries, benefits and payroll taxes. MQPP commits only 51 percent of its budget to those items. **Total costs below include the cost of staff involvement in each of the areas (salaries, benefits, and employer taxes).**

Church Administration Office & Personnel

\$142,409 (31 percent)

MQPP has two full-time employees in this area. Our parish staff is involved in dozens of parish activities that sustain the parish and support all its programs and ministries. They include managing the facilities, budget, and working closely with the parish council, finance council and facilities committee. The staff maintains office space in the Little Flower School and are readily available to our pastor and parishioners.

Church Administration Facilities

\$118,661 (26 percent)

Although we have fewer parishioners compared with other Catholic parishes in the city, administering our church facilities is very much on par with parishes across town. We have two part-time maintenance people who take care of our facilities. Our facility operations reflect expenses in facility equipment repairs and servicing, facility property/liability insurance, property tax assessments, facility grounds maintenance, and facility utility costs (electric, gas, water & sewer).

Worship & Pastoral Care

\$88,031 (19 percent)

Our worship services offer beautiful liturgies, insightful homilies, and the Holy Eucharist. Our music ministries include traditional, Spanish, and contemporary offerings. We have one full-time employee and one half-time. Pastoral care includes visiting the sick and consoling those who are suffering.

School Subsidy

\$43,404 (10 percent)

The School subsidy are monies that are dedicated by each Catholic parish in Billings to the Billings Catholic Schools annually. The amount each parish pays towards the Catholic Schools is based upon a formula that considers each parish's general revenue.

Diocesan Assessment

\$36,411 (8 percent)

This budget category involves the Cathedralium or Diocesan Assessment. Under the Cathedralium, MQPP is expected to pay an annual sum to the Diocese for the support of Diocesan programs, operations, and ministries. These monies are used by the Diocese to further the mission of the larger Catholic Church in Montana and are entrusted to the Diocese to pay for the expenses of the diocesan offices, staff, and ministries. These include Eucharistic ministry training, Catholic Charities, school office, office of human resources, priest formation, and retirement, and many additional services that MQPP utilizes.

Youth & Christian Education

\$20,362 (4 percent)

We provide one of the most dynamic and growing parish religious education programs in Montana. Students are instructed in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which encourages faith-centered experiential learning. We have one half-time employee in this area.

Community Outreach

\$9,000 (2 percent)

Our parish is an integral member of our city-wide Catholic community. In recent years, efforts have increased to make a greater difference in the lives of individuals and families on the Southside of town.

Expenses associated with our charitable outreach and giving (homeless shelters, St. Vincent de Paul Society, women's assistance, etc.) are included in this ministry area. This doesn't include the hundreds of volunteer hours our parishioners provide to organizations around Billings.

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SPECIAL NOTE: Since we are conducting an Annual Appeal each year, we will eliminate the second collections at each of the weekend Masses unless they are designated for a specific purpose like priests' retirement, or for the needy in our community.

OUR CAPITAL APPEAL

Investing in our **emerging** community

Mary Queen of Peace Parish is ready to step into the future. The results of the recent campaign feasibility study indicated that 77 percent of parishioners support moving forward with plans to build our new church, and 70 percent support conducting the **CAPITAL APPEAL** to raise the needed funds. We are currently spending approximately \$150,000 of campaign funds to prepare the land on South 27th for construction of our new church.

Phase I of the construction of our parish includes building our church and foyer, along with restrooms and parking lots. When funds become available, we will launch the final phase, which includes constructing a parish hall, classrooms, café, day chapel, and offices.

We are moving forward to provide a spiritual home for Catholics on the Southside to both accommodate our aging members and adapt to the growing demographics of the Southside.

Your Commitment to the Three-Year Capital Appeal

Every household is asked to make an equal sacrifice for the Capital Appeal. While there is no set amount, we ask that each household prayerfully consider committing 3 percent of its annual income each year for the three years of the Capital Appeal.

For those on limited incomes are asked to consider the donation of non-cash gifts such as stocks, bonds, mutual fund, and personal property like cars, land, etc.

If you are new to giving to MQPP, we encourage you to prayerfully consider committing \$5 or \$10 a week (the cost of a couple of cups of coffee) or more to the Capital Appeal over three years.

The chart shown here will assist you in determining how much to consider.

3% GIVING CHART

Annual Income	Weekly Pledge	Monthly Pledge	Annual Pledge	Total 3-Year Pledge
\$10,000	\$6	\$25	\$300	\$900
\$20,000	\$12	\$50	\$600	\$1,800
\$30,000	\$17	\$75	\$900	\$2,700
\$50,000	\$29	\$125	\$1,500	\$4,500
\$75,000	\$43	\$188	\$2,250	\$6,750
\$100,000	\$58	\$250	\$3,000	\$9,000
\$125,000	\$72	\$313	\$3,750	\$11,250
\$150,000	\$87	\$375	\$4,500	\$13,500



8 **NOW IS THE TIME** to step out in faith in support of our faith family. You are invited to participate financially in these exciting times.

After much prayer and discernment, the Campaign Steering Committee has set a **CAPITAL APPEAL** goal of \$275,000 for the entire parish.

COSTS (ESTIMATED)

- Phase I..... \$3,100,000
(Includes church, foyer, restrooms & parking lot)
- Phase II \$1,400,000
(Includes parish hall, classrooms, offices, café & day chapel)
- TOTAL COST..... \$4,500,000**

HOW WE'LL PAY (PHASE 1)

- Campaign funds, less land prep & campaign expenses \$200,000
- Grant requests by office staff* \$300,000
- Sale of Holy Rosary \$1,250,000

Available cash..... \$1,750,000

Anticipated money (Estimated):

- Sale of Guadalupe Church..... \$335,000
- Sale of Little Flower Church..... \$350,000

Value of two churches..... \$685,000

TOTAL AVAILABLE..... \$2,435,000

AMOUNT NEEDED (PHASE 1)

- Cost of Phase I..... \$3,100,000
- Less money available..... \$2,435,000
- Still to be raised..... \$665,000**

The value of Little Flower School is estimated at \$400,000. It can't be sold until after Phase II is completed because MQPP needs the school for religious education classrooms and offices.

** Parish staff continues to seek grant funding for our church. To date, they have secured \$300,000 in outside grants.*



PHASE I includes the church, foyer, restrooms & parking lot.

PHASE II will include the parish hall, classrooms, offices, café and day chapel.



Please keep in mind that your contributions to the Capital Appeal are in addition to your contributions to the Annual Appeal.

We can't afford the Annual Appeal to be adversely impacted by the Capital Appeal. Therefore, please don't divert your regular tithing money to the Capital Appeal.

YOUR DECISION TO GIVE

Our parish family needs your participation in this very important effort. Please take time to reflect on the following as you consider the level of your investment in your spiritual home and its future.

Recall how God has blessed you – and pray to discern how God wants you to use your blessing to build His Kingdom on earth.

MQPP needs each parishioner to do his/her part.

Every gift will be important to this effort – regardless of its size.

Discuss your family's level of commitment to the Annual and Capital Appeals – and the ways the entire family can participate in this effort – with all members of your family.

Remember all who have served in this campaign – and those who have contributed to building and maintaining this spiritual home and community over the years – in your prayers.



THE BENEFITS of participating in the **Together Toward Tomorrow** campaign

The campaign provides an opportunity to ask, *"How does God want to use me and my resources to build Christ's church in Billings and God's Kingdom in the world?"*

Participation in the campaign gives you an opportunity to be part of a total parish effort.

Participants will feel a great sense of accomplishment when you begin to see the fruits of your efforts – expanded parish ministries and a parish home that better accommodates our current members and future ones.



Commitment Weekend May 20-21, 2017

Bring your completed commitment cards to Mass that weekend.

When should we make our commitments?

May 20-21, 2017, is Commitment Weekend. We ask that you bring the enclosed commitment card to Mass on that weekend. If you will not be attending Mass, then please mail your commitment card prior to May 20.

How long will we have to fulfill our commitments, and what happens if we need to change our level of commitment?

Starting May 20, 2017, you will have three years to fulfill your commitment. If you need to adjust your commitment, all you do is contact Celest Kessler in the parish office and let her know what you want to do.

May we contribute non-cash gifts to the campaign?

Yes. You may consider donating cars, crops, land, or other items of value. Contributing stocks, bonds, and mutual Funds that have been held for at least a year and have appreciated provide special tax advantages. Donors will receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift, but you will not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. If you sell depreciated stock and contribute the proceeds to the parish, you will receive both a tax deduction for the gift and a deduction for the capital loss. Please consult your tax advisor or accountant to determine the best way to make a donation and take advantage of your tax savings.



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In appreciation

As a sign of MQPP's appreciation for the sacrifices parishioners are making for the parish, we will erect two plaques in the foyer of our present church. One plaque will list all those who have fulfilled their pledge to the first campaign and a second for those who fulfill their commitment to the second campaign. They will be moved to the new church upon its completion.

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