



“Rebuilding St. Kevin: Our Community, Our Legacy” Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is St. Kevin leadership exploring potential donors outside of the St. Kevin Parish and Academy communities to help with this campaign?

Yes! Bishop Chappetto’s dedication and leadership to this campaign has set the momentum for this critical endeavor. The Bishop intends to personally raise a minimum of \$2,250,000 from external supporters and friends of St. Kevin, comprising approximately 45 – 55% of the overall target of \$4,000,000 - \$5,000,000. As of Easter Sunday, a generous benefactor in the community has made an extraordinary commitment of \$1,500,000 to the “Rebuilding St. Kevin: Our Community, Our Legacy” campaign. It is with deep gratitude and inspiration that we engage our parish and academy families in this endeavor, supported by this incredible community support.

2. Will Generations of Faith funds go towards these new renovations?

No. We remain deeply grateful for the generosity of the 309 families who contributed to the Generations of Faith campaign in 2014 with the Diocese of Brooklyn. St. Kevin is expected to receive \$482,670 from Generations of Faith, which have already made possible the recent renovations to the stained glass windows of the church, and will provide funds for the painting of the interior of the church, as per our case statement for Generations of Faith. A thorough assessment of our parish and academy buildings has identified exterior maintenance needs in excess of the funds the parish will receive from Generations of Faith. Therefore, Generations of Faith funds will remain for their originally intended use for church interior renovations and the exterior renovation projects will be addressed by the “Rebuilding St. Kevin: Our Community, Our Legacy” campaign.

3. When will these exterior renovations begin?

Academy building renovations are the first priority and will begin in June 2017 after the end of the school year, with the majority of the projects to be completed before the next school year begins in September. The Church renovations will begin in September 2017. The Academy renovations are to be completed first so that the majority of the work is done over the summer when students are not using the building.

4. How were the values for each project determined?

Six different bids were considered for both the Church and Academy projects. Input from parishioners and academy parents in the Feasibility and Planning Study this winter has also been very valuable throughout the planning process.

5. What was the process for determining which contractors to use?

We seriously considered several contractors to ensure that we are in good hands. The contractor selected has successfully worked with and been approved by the Diocese. They are prepared to begin on the Academy renovations immediately after classes end.

6. Can the renovation projects be spread out in stages over multiple years?

We explored this option, however the cost of keeping the scaffolding up over an extended period of time prevents this staged option from being cost-effective.

7. Why are 3-year pledges encouraged?

A multiple-year pledge allows for donors to the campaign to have a greater impact on St. Kevin by extending their pledge payments over time. The amount of total funds pledged will allow St. Kevin to take out the loan required to begin the renovations promptly, and pledge payments over the next three years will repay that loan.



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8. Can I pay my pledge electronically via credit card?

Yes! Electronic pledge payments are an option for all those who participate in the “Rebuilding St. Kevin: Our Community, Our Legacy” campaign. Please check the box on your pledge form that says “Please check here if you wish to pay your pledge electronically. You will receive an email with instructions.” Make sure to clearly provide your email on your pledge form so we can send you instructions to set up your e-giving account to make your pledge payments automatically online.

9. If I do not wish to pay my pledge online electronically, how will I make my pledge payments?

Regular pledge statements will be mailed to you, according to the payment fulfillment schedule you indicated on your pledge form. These pledge statements will include a reply slip for you to mail a check for your pledge payment to the St. Kevin rectory to be processed.

10. What if I am not ready to begin my payments just yet?

That’s okay – while an initial payment is encouraged, it is not required. On your pledge form, you may indicate a preferred starting month (within the next three years) to begin your pledge payments.

11. Is my pledge to the “Rebuilding St. Kevin: Our Community, Our Legacy” campaign tax-deductible?

Yes!

12. What if I need to change my pledge later?

We are aware that one’s circumstances can change over a three-year period. Please remember that all pledges are non-legally binding and can be altered at any time. A pledge will not be passed onto one’s family in event of death, illness or some other occurrence.

13. How can I submit my pledge form?

There are several ways to return your gift decision regarding your participation in the campaign. If you were met personally by a volunteer, you may return your completed pledge form directly to them. You may also place your pledge in a sealed envelope in the collections basket, clearly marked to the attention of Bishop Chappetto. Or, you can drop off or mail your completed pledge form to the rectory or the St. Kevin Catholic Academy Advancement Office.

14. Can I help volunteer?

Yes! It is only through the dedicated efforts of our parish and academy volunteers that we will be able to reach the entire St. Kevin community in this important initiative. Once you have made your own pledge, if you are interested in getting involved as a volunteer on one of the “Rebuilding St. Kevin: Our Community, Our Legacy” campaign committees, please reach out to the Campaign Co-Chairs, Hugh McGowan and Mike D’Annunzio for more information about the upcoming parish and academy volunteer committee meetings.

Thank you for your interest in this extraordinary undertaking for the future of St. Kevin Church and Academy! Please do not hesitate to call the Campaign Director at (718) 357 - 8888 ext. 125 if you have any additional questions.