



BUILDING TOGETHER

In Faith

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**In Support Of Our Plans To
Construct a New Worship Space**

*St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Grovetown, GA*

INTRODUCTION

St. Teresa of Avila is a vibrant faith community that dates back to 1968. For over forty years, our church has been ministering to the needs of our community. And while facilities and faces have changed over the years, one thing remains the same...our commitment to Christ, to one another, and to the betterment of our community.

Our church today is an active community comprised of over 1700 households. Led by a dedicated pastor and strong corps of lay leaders and volunteers, there is an increasing number of ways that people of all ages can participate in the spiritual, educational, social and service ministries of our church.

Yet, despite our strong heritage of activity and accomplishment, some significant challenges still remain.



OUR NEEDS

Over the last several years, St. Teresa of Avila has experienced a steady growth in membership. It was due to this continued growth that a Long Range Planning Committee was established in 1999. While various options were discussed, it was decided that St. Teresa of Avila would ultimately relocate to a forty four acre property located on Columbia Road which afforded a great deal of space on which to plan for future growth. In 2002, the Building and Capital Campaign Committees were formed. These committees ultimately proposed plans for the new campus to be done in three phases. First, we would build our Parish Life Center which would temporarily serve as our Sanctuary as well as our social hall. It would also include a commercial kitchen, our parish offices and separate building for education and the rectory. The second phase would then focus on building a permanent worship space. The third phase would conclude with the building of our Youth Ministry facility.

Our yearning for a permanent worship space is not solely defined by our growing membership. It is also defined by our desire to have an appropriate space, worthy of being called the House of God that is reflective of our community and our communal rituals and practices – a place that reminds people of what it means to be and worship as Catholics.

OUR NEEDS

MORE AMPLE AND APPROPRIATE WORSHIP SPACE

Our current worship space was originally designed to be utilized as a multi-purpose building which is a large part of the reason that we experience many of the challenges that we face today.

- Our current worship space -- which is roughly 15,000 square feet -- provides seating for approximately 950 people.
- And because our Sanctuary was originally designed as a multi-purpose building, it has the capability to be set-up for both liturgical services and social events. This poses challenges when events are held because everything must be torn down immediately so that the room can be set-up for Mass which can take quite a bit of time.
- And because we worship in a place designed for multi-use purposes, we are unable to enjoy some of the more traditional aspects of a church which include pews with kneelers, confessionals, a permanent baptismal font, stained glass windows and a marble altar to name a few. Ultimately, we need a place of worship that will enable us to regain a sense of sacredness for our place of worship and the space that we have available to us cannot always accommodate this quest.
- And while it is through confession that we as Catholics are absolved of sins, our current confessionals do not provide the level of privacy needed to receive the full benefits of what the Sacrament of Reconciliation can provide. At the present time, we utilize two small offices as our confessionals.
- Because our existing baptismal font was a temporary solution until we moved into the new church, it is not constructed of materials to harmonize with the dignity and beauty of the altar that we will have in the new church.
- Many members have also expressed a desire for pews and kneelers in the new church. While standing is a posture of respect, kneeling is a sign that we're humbling ourselves before God. It is the ultimate posture of submission and surrender and many members of our parish feel that kneeling is an integral part of our Catholic spirituality. Furthermore, the lack of pews prevents us from storing things like hymn books and missalettes which have to be collected after each Mass every weekend and stored which takes up a lot of time and storage space.
- Currently, we have to use the Sanctuary for daily Masses, smaller weddings and memorial services because we do not have a smaller worship space such as a chapel. This is not a very intimate environment and also causes us to have to cool and heat our worship space for these purposes which is not financially or energy efficient. There are also a good number of people who would like to have access to a secure and private place to pray, 24 hours a day.
- The current sanctuary also offers little room for our choir and musicians. We do not have a separate choir rehearsal and assembly area which means that choir members are practicing in the Sanctuary as parishioners are entering the church for Mass which is an unwelcomed distraction when entering the house of the Lord.
- Our priest's sacristy is also inadequate. It becomes very congested when lay ministers are preparing for Mass set-up in the same small place as the priest and deacon are vesting for Mass.
- We also lack dedicated space for a bridal or family room. We currently utilize offices for this purpose, but office space was clearly not designed for this use.

“God calls us to care for and cultivate all that He has given us...not to be complacent, but rather to constantly strive to be better, to build on and improve what we have...always trying to realize our God-given potential.”



OUR PLANS

*Just as our
forefathers and
mothers sacrificed
to make our
church better, we
are called to do
likewise for those
who will follow.*

To address these needs we have an ambitious plan. It calls for the construction of a new, more ample and appropriate worship space. We also plan to convert the existing church into its originally intended purpose as a large group, multi-use Parish Life Center. Our new worship space will serve as a suitable reminder to all those who approach our new church of the reverence and respect that we should all have for God's Home.

NEW CHURCH

- Our new church will be located where the white house currently stands. It will be a traditional cruciform design and energy efficient to minimize short-term and long-term maintenance. No one room will have a single function. The entrance of the church will face the Parish Life Center. The new space will be approximately 30,000 sq. feet. This will enable us to comfortably seat 1,200 members at one time. The addition of a Day chapel will also increase our seating capacity by another 100 seats and will be an ideal place not only for daily Mass, but also, for adoration, smaller weddings, funerals and memorial services.
- By including stained glass windows, a sanctuary lamp, statues, Stations of the Cross, pews with kneelers and a marble altar to our new worship space, we will finally be able to enjoy the more traditional aspects of our church. Although our church will be traditional by design, we will have state-of-the-art technology in terms of lighting, sound insulation and projection technology which will enhance our worship experience tremendously.
- With the addition of our new worship space, we will now be able to utilize the Parish Life Center as a multi-use building as it was originally intended. This will give us the flexibility to utilize this space for guest speakers, Vacation Bible School and larger events like wedding receptions. Plus, we will finally have a true social hall with six additional meeting rooms.
- Our members will now be able to receive the full benefits of what the Sacrament of Reconciliation can provide. The design calls for secure access by the priest and it will be accessible from the main body of the church for those receiving the sacrament.
- Our Baptismal Font will now be a permanent basin that will be in the main body of the church. The exact location will be determined by Canon Law and will not be in the center aisle. The word *font* implies "living water" and our Baptismal Fonts will have running water to represent this. Now, when we celebrate Baptisms during Mass we will be able to gather around the font in communal celebration of this special, initial sacrament which welcomes us into our faith. The baptismal font in our existing Sanctuary will be moved and used in our new chapel.
- The addition of pews and kneelers will enable us to partake in an integral part of Catholic spirituality and will also give a more traditional look and feel to the church. The pews will also allow more room for seating as well as provide space to store our hymn books.
- The Day Chapel will benefit our members in several ways. We will now be able to dedicate space for Eucharistic adoration and we will also be able to provide a more intimate setting for our smaller weddings, memorial services, prayer groups and for our children's liturgy. The Day Chapel will house some of the items from the old sanctuary like the Stations of the Cross, the baptismal font, the altar, ambo, tabernacle, and possibly the crucifix. There will be pews and kneelers in the chapel as well.
- The plans call for relocating the choir to the balcony in the back of the church. Moving the choir to the back of the church would be in line with that of a traditional church. It will seat approximately 50 people with 20-25 instruments. The choir will also have a sound-proof practice area and storage nearby. The choir loft will afford an unobstructed view of the altar and it will be accessible by a stairwell as well as an elevator to aide in moving the choir to the main body of the church as efficiently as possible.

- There will be a separate priest's sacristy that will allow for expanded robing by larger groups of priests. The sacristy will have a meditation area. It will also be accessible to the confessional and the area where vessels and altar linens are stored. There will be a separate room for altar servers as well as our Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (EME's) as they prepare for Mass.
- And with the addition of a bridal and family room, we will be able to provide a more intimate and appropriate space for bridal parties and for families gathering for funerals.
- Our new church will also have meeting and storage space in the lower level of the church. This will enable us to have dedicated storage space for items like seasonal decorations and cleaning equipment. The lower level will include a multi-purpose area.
- Additional parking will be added in relation to the building capacity. We anticipate adding anywhere from 80-100 parking spaces.

Ultimately, our new church will enable us to regain a sense of sacredness for our place of worship and will help us to continue the ministry of Christ.

OUR CAMPAIGN

Goals

\$4,500,000
Minimum
Goal

\$5,500,000
Challenge
Goal

\$9,000,000
Miracle
Goal

To address our needs and plans we are initiating an intensive fundraising effort titled the *“Building Together in Faith”* campaign. Our aim with this important effort is to raise the funds required to build an appropriate worship space, worthy of being called the House of God that is reflective of our community and our communal rituals and practices – a place that reminds people of what it means to be and worship as Catholics.

The total cost for addressing these needs is estimated to be approximately \$9 million. Our minimum goal is \$4,500,000, which is what the Diocese requires us to have combined between pledges and cash-in-hand in order to move forward with our project. A challenge goal of \$5,500,000 has been set which, if met, will enable us to minimize the debt that we would incur from the construction of our new church. Finally, a miracle goal of \$9 million has also been set which, if met, will enable us to construct a new, more ample and appropriate worship space that will address our needs of today and the needs of our members in the years to come with little to no debt.

LEVELS OF SUPPORT NEEDED TO SUCCEED

In order to reach our financial objectives, we will need both a substantial number of givers and a few, fairly substantial gifts.

Size of Gift	Number Needed	Minimum Need
\$ 500,000 or more	1	\$ 500,000
\$ 250,000 - 499,999	2	\$ 500,000
\$ 100,000 - 224,999	4	\$ 400,000
\$ 50,000 - 99,999	8	\$ 400,000
\$ 25,000 - 49,999	16	\$ 400,000
\$ 10,000 - 24,999	40	\$ 400,000
\$ 5,000 - 9,999	80	\$ 400,000
\$ 4,999 or less	444	\$1,500,000
Total	595	\$4,500,000



GIFT OPTIONS & OPPORTUNITIES

All members are asked to consider gifts above and beyond what they give in their regular offerings and other contributions. And there is a variety of ways that gifts can be made.

- Long-term subscriptions, or pledges payable over (3) years, are easier for most and essential to meeting our goal, since it would be impractical, if not impossible, to reach our objectives with one-time, out-of-pocket gifts. Gifts may be made in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments at the donor's discretion. A 10% initial investment toward your total pledge is requested.
- Non-cash gifts are an additional or alternative way you can support our cause. You may, for example, wish to consider gifts "in kind" such as labor and materials; gifts of securities such as stocks and bonds; gifts of real estate or even personal property such as artwork, automobiles, jewelry and antiques.
- And finally, in addition to your pledge, you can also choose to support our efforts through deferred gifts. These are gifts that can be given or arranged for now, but will not be received until later, and include gifts through a person's will by bequest, gifts of life insurance policies or annuities, and gifts in trust.

GIFT OPPORTUNITIES

There are also a number of very special gift opportunities available to donors of qualifying gift amounts. These opportunities allow people the unique chance to designate their gifts to a particular part of the project and dedicate them in honor or memory of those they choose.

Building Gift Opportunities

Worship and Welcome Center	\$ 1,000,000
Day Chapel	\$ 500,000

Special Sections and Selections

Narthex/Gathering Space	\$ 250,000	Priests Chair	\$ 25,000
Main Altar & Back Altar	\$ 200,000	Custom Doorways (4)	\$ 25,000 ea
Altar Platform	\$ 125,000	Statues (10)	\$ 20,000 ea
Baptistery and Baptismal Font	\$ 125,000	Lighting	\$ 20,000
Choir Balcony	\$ 100,000	Sound Insulation	\$ 20,000
Side Altar (2)	\$ 80,000 ea	Control Sound Board	\$ 20,000
Priest's Sacristy	\$ 75,000	Projection Technology	\$ 20,000
Reconciliation Area (2)	\$ 75,000 ea	Stations of the Cross (14)	\$ 15,000 ea
Elevator	\$ 75,000	Alter Server Area	\$ 15,000
Church Marque	\$ 60,000	EME Area	\$ 15,000
Ambo	\$ 50,000	Mechanical Room	\$ 15,000
Bridal Room/Family Room	\$ 50,000	Stained Glass Medallions (12)	\$ 10,000 ea
Multi-Use Space	\$ 50,000	Sanctuary Lamp	\$ 10,000
Covered Walkways (3)	\$ 40,000 ea	Storage	\$ 10,000
Stained Glass Windows (12)	\$ 40,000 ea	Parking Spaces (80)	\$ 5,000 ea
Choir Practice Room	\$ 30,000	Pews (100)	\$ 5,000 ea
Courtyard Fountain	\$ 30,000		

Prices of the stated items are not necessarily reflective of the component's cost. Rather they are based on the prominence of the item, our needs, and hopefully, the gift abilities of our community. Although payments for these gifts may be made over the entire pledge period, recognition will not be received until the gift is paid in full.

"Recognize that all you have and are, are gifts from God and respond appropriately by sharing what you have in a loving and lasting way with those who seek to do God's will and work. This is the essence of what it means to be a sound steward, to emulate the example, and to become a disciple of the ultimate steward — Jesus Christ."

PLEDGE PLANS

(THREE-YEAR PLEDGES)

Gift Level	Total Gift	(10%) Initial Investment	Daily *	Weekly *	Payment Plans			
					(36) Monthly	(12) Quarterly	(6) Semi- Annually	(3) Annually
Pacesetter	\$1,000,000	100,000	822	5,769	25,000	75,000	150,000	300,000
	750,000	75,000	616	4,327	18,750	56,250	112,500	225,000
	500,000	50,000	411	2,885	12,500	37,500	75,000	150,000
	250,000	25,000	206	1,442	6,250	18,750	37,500	75,000
	100,000	10,000	82	577	2,500	7,500	15,000	30,000
	75,000	7,500	62	433	1,875	5,625	11,250	22,500
	50,000	5,000	41	288	1,250	3,750	7,500	15,000
	40,000	4,000	33	231	1,000	3,000	6,000	12,000
	30,000	3,000	25	173	750	2,250	4,500	9,000
	25,000	2,500	21	144	625	1,875	3,750	7,500
Advanced	20,000	2,000	16.44	115	500	1,500	3,000	6,000
	15,000	1,500	12.33	87	375	1,125	2,250	4,500
	10,000	1,000	8.22	58	250	750	1,500	3,000
	5,000	500	4.11	29	125	375	750	1,500
Community	4,000	400	3.29	23	100	300	600	1,200
	3,000	300	2.47	17	75	225	450	900
	2,000	200	1.64	12	50	150	300	600

* These figures are provided for illustration purposes only. To minimize costs, suggested payment plans include monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments.

*“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”*

1 Peter 4:10