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## Growing In Faith Together

Ascension Catholic Church 11292 Clairemont Mesa Blvd., San Diego 92124

## **Introduction to the Proposed Project**

Ascension Catholic Church is a vibrant, welcoming faith community that strives to fulfill its mission to live out the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. As a parish, we have grown and continue to grow. Currently, we have over 39 ministries serving the needs of the parish. Our parish church was designed to be a multipurpose building. We would like to renovate the interior of this building to make it a true church. This would unify our church campus while also extending the life of our church for future generations. Now is the time to make this dream a reality.



Church Tower Main Entrance



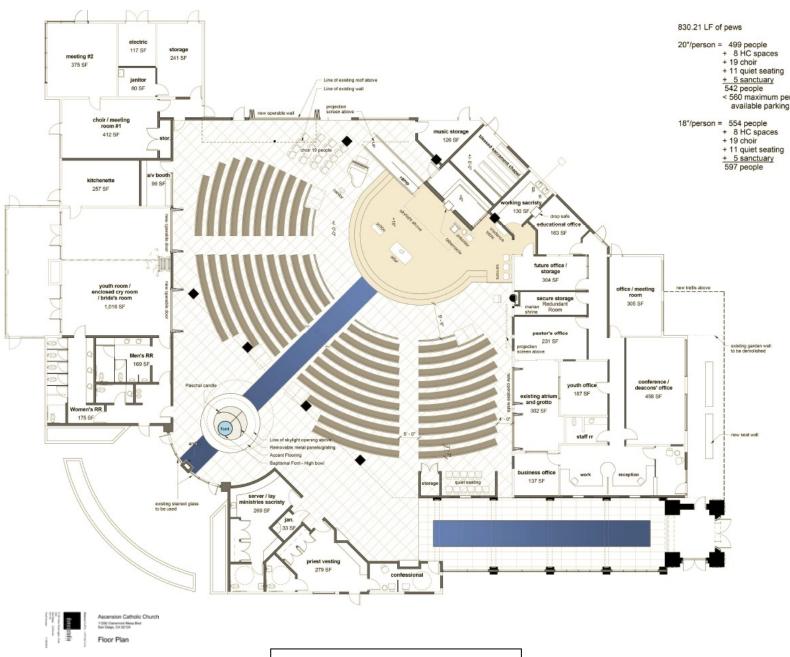
Walkway from Main Entrance to Church



View from the Baptismal Font to the Altar

### **Church Renovations**

Our worship space has served us well for over 32 years, but was originally designed to be a multi-purpose center, not a church. Our vision is to renovate the worship space so that it no longer reflects the multi-purpose design, but rather that of a parish church. While adding elements to make our worship space truly reflect a church, we will also make necessary restorations and repairs that will lengthen the life of our worship center. These changes will include a church tower in a location that will unify our parish campus, and a hallway to lead parishioners to the renovated narthex with a baptismal font; renovated altar, chapel and church ceiling; reconfigured spaces around the worship area to maximize their use for meeting rooms, youth rooms and storage rooms; new restrooms and an interior that is environmentally-friendly, allowing for more natural light and the use of solar energy.



Floor Plan of Renovated Church

#### **Project Estimated Cost and Conclusion**

The Finance Council and Building Committee have exercised good stewardship in planning for a total project cost that is estimated at \$3.5 million, roughly the same cost as our parish center. Taking into consideration our available funds, assets, and a loan from the Diocese of San Diego, our goal is to raise \$2.0 million through a Capital Campaign. Many of us would ask: "Are we able to raise these funds?". Our unity and love for our church and God will carry us to the completion of this project just as we have done for our parish center. We have been successful in our parish center project accommodating our growing thirst for our ministries, the faith formation of adults and children, and social life. We can also do this for our church which is the center of our parish life and the place where we celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

Now is the time for us to come together again to support necessary renovations to our sanctuary and unify our parish campus. The results of this study will help us determine the support of our parishioners for the proposed projects and will provide the required information to move forward together. We need your input to help us intelligently and collectively walk through this process and make decisions that are right for our parish. Please make every effort to participate in this Planning Study. Your participation and support are crucial to the future of Ascension Catholic Church as we *Grow In Faith Together*.

