



Bishop Leo T. Maher founded Ascension Catholic Church almost forty years ago in the burgeoning community of Tierrasanta in the Diocese of San Diego. Today Ascension has approximately 1,000 parishioners, many of whom are founding members. While a dynamic environment for worship, the parish continues to work towards providing a welcoming and community-oriented space with a functional layout for its active ministries and expanding population.

In 2009, then Pastor Father Anthony Saroki embarked on the “Building Our Future Together” campaign to fund the John Paul II Parish Center. Thanks to the generosity and dedication of parishioners, the campaign was a huge success. However the John Paul II Parish Center was Phase I of a larger two-phase project. This June, our parish solicited input on Phase II plans to gauge interest and to test the feasibility of completing our projects with a capital campaign. It was clear that transforming our church to be an inviting and inspiring worship space was still a priority for parishioners. Indeed, 78% of in-person interviewees had a positive impression of the proposed project.

Encouraged by these results, under the leadership of Father Edwin Tutor, the parish will endeavor to complete its master plan. It affords us the opportunity to centralize the campus and rejuvenate the church entrance, reconfigure the current offices and update the interior of the Church. The plan for Phase II is comprehensive, detailed, and represents a substantial undertaking for our parish.

The current estimated cost to complete the final phase of our master plan is \$3.5 million. With humble hearts we are embarking on a campaign to raise \$1.5 million with the remaining \$2 million to be covered by the sale of an asset as well as a loan from the Diocese of San Diego.

May this stage in our journey as a parish community be a time of renewal in our faith in God and May God’s blessing overflow in the hearts of all who generously respond to His call.