

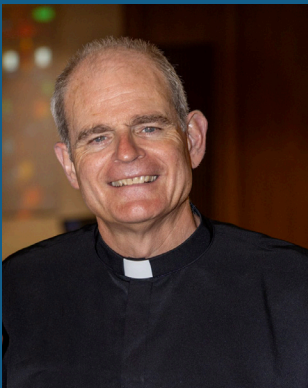
# A Bold Vision for the Future

## *Building for faith and education*



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### A Message from Fr. Brendan McGuire, Pastor



Seventy years ago, our founding families planted seeds of faith on an apricot orchard in Los Altos. Gathering outdoors, they dreamed of the church and school that would someday rise here. From those humble beginnings grew the vibrant St. Simon community we cherish today.

As we honor that legacy, we find ourselves at another moment of grace. Across our Diocese, Bishop Cantú has invited us into a season of renewal through the pastoral plan and *Sowing Seeds of Faith* campaign. At St. Simon, we have embraced this journey with a commitment to Catholic education, revitalized liturgies, thriving retreats, growing ministries, and a deepened hunger for spiritual formation. Our people are hungry to be fed and eager to grow and bear fruit.

Now it is our turn to build for the future. We are called to create spaces that support education, prayer, formation, and community, that bring parish and school together as one family and allow faith to flourish. Central to this vision is our new Education & Spirituality Center, a place that will provide vital classrooms and dedicated areas for after-school activities, parish staff, spiritual direction, parish retreats, faith formation, as well as ministry and outreach gatherings.

This is not simply a building project. It is a commitment to who we are, rooted in the pioneering spirit of those who came before us, a parish united in mission, confident in faith, and generous in spirit.

I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might help plant the next seeds of faith here at St. Simon. Together, let us build a future worthy of past generations and those who will follow after us.

*Fr. Brendan*

# Education & Spirituality Center

*Now is our moment to act*

A generous family, who believes deeply in our vision, has pledged an anchor gift of \$5M towards our \$14M goal for our new Education & Spirituality Center, Diocesan *Sowing Seeds of Faith* campaign and the 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA).

## By the Numbers

**553**

students enrolled in St. Simon Parish School

**1738**

registered and active parish families at St. Simon

**111**

students in Sunday Faith Formation classes

**40+**

active parish ministries competing for limited space

**300**

parishioners attending Parish Retreats

## Our Community's Growing Needs

For years, St. Simon has stretched every inch of its campus to serve a thriving parish and school. We have reached the point where our facilities can no longer sustain the academic excellence, ministries, and formation programs our community deserves. The strain is felt everywhere.

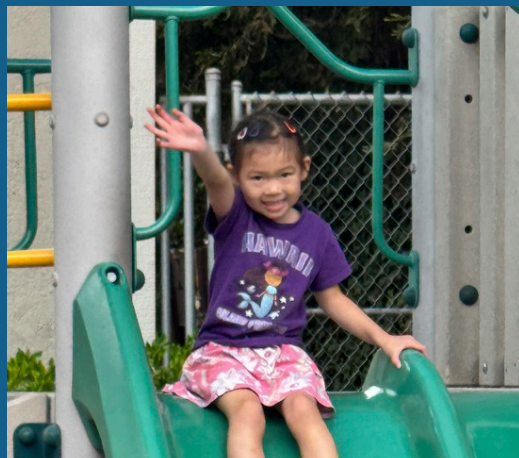
School elective classes such as Spanish meet in Spooner Hall (primarily a lunchroom and event meeting space) and the Simon Room (a parish meeting space that is also used for after-school extended care). Middle School Math classes, serving all 210 students in grades 6–8, sometimes struggle to find space. The number of students we can serve with resource support is currently limited due to a shortage of available space.

Our spiritual life faces the same constraints. Ministry meetings compete daily for spaces tied up by school classes. Small faith sharing groups, spiritual exercises and outreach groups lack dedicated rooms for meeting, prayer, discussion and fellowship.

Parish retreats of 300 people lack room for breakout sessions and extended formation. Our Sunday Faith Formation is scattered across campus — parents in the art room, children in classrooms, Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) meetings in the rectory. Our outreach programs want to grow but have nowhere to organize.

We have parish staff currently scattered across campus and working out of the rectory, and some school staff without dedicated offices/workspaces.

The need is clear. The moment is now.





## A Purpose-Built Home for Learning

The Education & Spirituality Center will be a 12,000 sq. ft. (approx.), mission-driven facility designed around the real needs of our parish and school — shaped by years of listening, planning, and discernment. It will provide our community with the dedicated spaces needed to learn, pray, and grow.

### The Center will include:

- **School classrooms** — bringing Spanish, math, and other programs into real learning environments, relieving overcrowding for our students and teachers
- **Ministry and collaboration spaces** — a true home for our 40+ ministries, outreach programs, and pastoral staff to meet, plan, and serve
- **Spiritual direction rooms** — supporting Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Living (SEEL), prayer, discernment, and one-on-one support for parishioners on their faith journey, which can also be used for resource learning and counseling spaces for students during the school day
- **Retreat and formation rooms** — for parish missions, OCIA meetings, ministry trainings, and small-group prayer, giving our growing faith community room to gather
- **Parish offices** — uniting our team in one building and restoring the rectory as a proper private residence for our clergy and ministerial guests

This is the campus our mission deserves. This is the space our community needs.

*For 70 years, St. Simon Parish has been a spiritual home where faith takes root and bears fruit.  
For 65 years, our Parish School has educated and formed young hearts in the Catholic tradition.  
Let us come together as one family — school and parish united — to plant the seeds of faith for tomorrow.  
Now is the time to build.*



# Vision that is already taking shape...

*This summer, we continue what our founding families began: building for our current community, young and old, and for children not yet born and families not yet arrived. The Community Gathering Plaza and ADA Ramp are fully funded. Our Little Saints Preschool Expansion has been partially funded and is underway with generous support already committed.*



## Community Gathering Plaza

A welcoming outdoor space connecting our Church and Parish Center. Extends hospitality around school events, Mass, and parish ministries. Creates additional outdoor space for outdoor learning and parish gatherings.

## ADA Ramp to Schram Field

Ensuring our campus is safe and accessible for everyone.



## Little Saints Preschool Expansion

New building with classroom, reception area, and office. Improves safety with new crosswalk and parking. Strengthens our Catholic education pathway and space for Sunday faith formation classes.

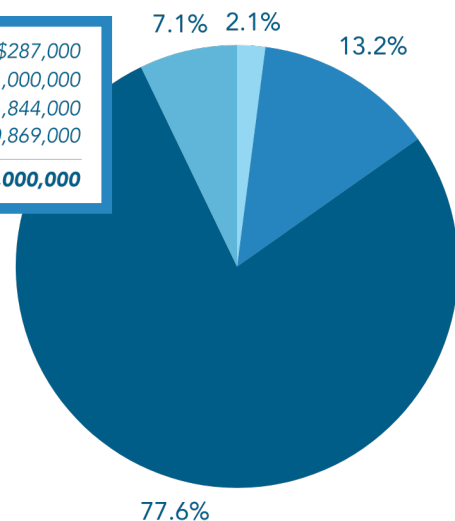
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Our Bold Vision campaign is part of something larger. Through the Diocese of San José's *Sowing Seeds of Faith* campaign, all parishes are participating to support ministries, schools, clergy, and lay leaders. A portion of our campaign goal supports these essential diocesan-wide efforts.

Our campaign also fully satisfies our 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal goal, eliminating the need for a separate appeal this year while ensuring these vital ministries continue to flourish. When our diocese thrives, St. Simon thrives. Together, we are planting seeds of faith — here on Grant Road and across Silicon Valley.

Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) 2026	\$287,000
Preschool Expansion	\$1,000,000
DSJ Sowing Seeds of Faith Campaign	\$1,844,000
Education & Spirituality Center	\$10,869,000
<b>Our Goal</b>	<b>\$14,000,000</b>

*\*Please note, approximately 50% of the funds raised for the DSJ Sowing Seeds of Faith campaign will come back to the parish to fund and support programs outlined in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan.*



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