

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK



DORIS & HENRY BUCKLES

The *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign came at a perfect time for Sacred Heart Parish in Paris. With significant growth of new homes in the community, the Parish identified a pressing need to build a Parish Centre – something the Parish had never had in its long history. The community responded, generously pledging dollars far in excess of the Parish's baseline goal.

However, even with a great deal of Parish savings being put toward the build, the costs of such a significant project required additional funding – which is where the Buckles Family came in. When the family of the late **Henry and Doris Buckles**, long-time parishioners of Sacred Heart, heard of the project and the funding shortfall, they **generously answered the call**.

The Buckles family moved to Paris in 1967 and from that time Henry and Doris and their five children Jeff, George, Mary Jo, Brenda and Anna were all very involved in the Parish. In addition to being part of the finance committee, Doris was an active member of the CWL for over 50 years! "From the moment we spoke to Father Joe about the Parish Centre we were all excited to help out on behalf of our parents," said George Buckles.



In the Fall of 2022, the Parish announced that the family had made a \$150,000 pledge to the Parish Centre in memory of Henry and Doris Buckles. Now, with the combination of funds from *One Heart, One Soul*, Parish savings, Diocesan funding and some additional Parish fundraising, the project is well underway – and slated to be in use by this summer. What an incredible legacy to leave to the Parish so loved by their parents – and what a profound answer to the psalmist's question in Psalm 116: **"What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?"**



"Recently my parish received a sizeable estate gift and it couldn't have come at a better time. As priests, we diligently steward the gifts we are given, however, with older buildings and over time, we often struggle to pay the bills that come with maintaining a church: church hall, office spaces, rectory for our staff, and various liturgical and outreach ministries.

So when we received a recent estate gift our staff, volunteers, and parishioners rejoiced! We felt **so blessed** because we could continue to operate and do some much needed repairs that all help to maintain the structure necessary to gather in prayer, and provide so much support for those who are less fortunate.

If not for these kinds of gifts we would have to scale back all of our activities and could not afford to keep the buildings and property safe and in good repair. Our hearts are filled with gratitude whenever legacy giving leads to such magnanimous donations. Our staff often pray for donations and the donors behind them because we know first hand **the difference they make** when choosing to leave their legacy in this way. Whether it is an estate gift or some other form of assistance, please consider this kind of giving if you are able; it brings so many people together and maintains the structures necessary for us all to grow in relationship with Christ and put his teachings into action." - **Fr. Toby Collins**



Winter 2023

Once again, we are excited to share with you the ongoing results of the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign. The campaign now totals **just over \$37 million pledged**, a profound testament to the generosity of the faithful in our Diocese and the love they have for their Parish communities.

The vision of *One Heart, One Soul* was to create more vibrant, thriving faith communities where more people could encounter Christ more closely. The point of the campaign was not to simply be something forgotten once complete, but rather to be a catalyst toward greater evangelization, missionary outreach, and parish renewal. That is why in this newsletter, we have decided to share not only *One Heart, One Soul* updates and stories, but also some other examples of inspiring generosity across the Diocese – particularly through legacy gifts and bequests.

The inspiration for this came from one particular donor who died in the Spring of 2021. After a lifetime of generosity to her Parish community, the Diocese was made aware that the donor had left a significant gift to the Church through

her estate. Her intention was to support Parishes within the area she lived as well as those charities the Bishop knew had particular need (what the Diocese terms "the Bishop's Charities.")

When the Diocese received this news in the spring of 2021, the timing was truly Providential. With churches having been closed, economic uncertainty everywhere, and the ongoing negativity of the news, this was an incredibly hard time on our Parishes and other charities – as it was for everyone. Then like a **light in the darkness**, this incredibly generous estate gift provided a profound lift. This multi-million dollar gift will provide much-needed funds to local Parishes and charities over the next ten years, increasing their impact on the communities they serve. What a profound legacy of faith this donor has left – and what a profound impact she will have on the Church in the Diocese of Hamilton!

If you have ever considered an estate gift to the Church in your Will and would like more information, please call 905-528-7988 ext. 2251 or email give@hamiltondiocese.com.



"Our *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign has allowed our parish to continue to develop the our vision of church 'Outside the Walls'. Because of the generosity of our parishioners and friends, we now have funds that allow us to be present to the poor and marginalized in new ways. God has blessed us with seeds of 'vibrant new life' possibilities! We hold a grateful heart and spirit!"
- **Fr. Tony O'Dell, St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton**

PARISH RESULTS

From All Parishes

Note: Figures are as of December 31, 2022. Parishes in **blue** reached their baseline goal and/or achieved 40% participation.

	BASELINE GOAL	TOTAL PLEDGED	PERCENT OF GOAL	AMOUNT PAID	PARISH PARTICIPATION
All Souls, Hamilton	\$140,000	\$97,555	70%	\$72,458	28%
Annunciation, Hamilton	\$439,408	\$236,377	54%	\$171,927	20%
Assumption, Stoney Creek	\$383,000	\$374,626	98%	\$267,965	36%
Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph	\$709,583	\$964,003	136%	\$751,813	46%
Blessed Sacrament, Burford	\$175,000	\$241,700	138%	\$229,984	66%
Blessed Sacrament , Hamilton	\$210,009	\$268,961	128%	\$261,736	36%
Blessed Sacrament , Kitchener	\$460,168	\$419,980	91%	\$400,138	45%
Canadian Martyrs, Hamilton	\$100,000	\$359,424	359%	\$324,895	66%
Cathedral Basilica, Hamilton	\$483,000	\$864,671	179%	\$827,271	29%
Holy Cross, Hamilton	\$472,610	\$666,605	141%	\$545,937	55%
Holy Cross , Georgetown	\$675,000	\$486,614	72%	\$333,049	22%
Holy Family, Hanover	\$262,269	\$404,414	154%	\$296,847	26%
Holy Family, Kitchener	\$105,316	\$63,066	60%	\$49,191	26%
Holy Family, New Hamburg	\$190,000	\$212,126	112%	\$146,054	51%
Holy Family, Hamilton	\$35,000	\$10,868	31%	\$10,788	16%
Holy Rosary, Guelph	\$430,000	\$1,114,781	259%	\$884,182	52%
Holy Rosary, Burlington	\$433,474	\$496,320	114%	\$457,341	44%
Holy Rosary, Milton	\$743,000	\$305,100	41%	\$201,015	15%
Holy Trinity, Oakville	\$448,000	\$175,600	39%	\$126,710	19%
Imm. Heart of Mary, Stoney Creek	\$307,000	\$330,846	108%	\$300,809	21%
Immaculate Conception, Formosa	\$121,867	\$60,846	50%	\$46,309	20%
Incarnation, Hamilton	\$163,500	\$33,080	20%	\$21,190	7%
Mary Mother of God, Oakville	\$653,000	\$478,812	73%	\$288,008	17%
Mount Carmel, Freelon	\$155,709	\$88,395	57%	\$62,655	28%
Notre Dame , Hamilton	\$88,357	\$117,110	133%	\$101,410	30%
Our Lady of Fatima, Cambridge	\$140,000	\$105,557	75%	\$84,186	58%
Our Lady of Fatima, Kitchener	\$80,000	\$37,051	46%	\$31,211	33%
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kitchener	\$100,000	\$220,768	221%	\$157,641	83%
Our Lady of Lourdes, Waterloo	\$494,403	\$555,563	112%	\$528,128	34%
Our Lady of Mercy, Hamilton	\$59,847	\$76,120	127%	\$75,420	29%
Our Lady of Vietnam, Hamilton	\$86,000	\$139,744	162%	\$115,067	35%
Queen of Peace Croatian, Norval	\$500,000	\$190,246	38%	\$144,208	8%
Regina Mundi, Hamilton	\$389,138	\$469,700	121%	\$442,185	36%
Sacre Coeur, Georgetown	\$70,000	\$51,590	74%	\$50,190	34%
Sacred Heart, Paris	\$199,000	\$483,234	243%	\$346,517	31%
Sacred Heart, Mildmay	\$105,000	\$105,500	100%	\$88,875	75%
Sacred Heart, Teeswater	\$74,000	\$133,940	181%	\$117,115	35%
Sacred Heart, Walkerton	\$300,989	\$130,900	43%	\$103,100	12%
Sacred Heart, Kitchener	\$313,416	\$165,433	53%	\$147,356	18%
Sacred Heart, Guelph	\$224,773	\$236,383	105%	\$193,013	40%
Sacred Heart, Kenilworth	\$60,000	\$123,350	206%	\$107,369	71%
Sacred Heart, Rockwood	\$91,136	\$300,070	329%	\$258,045	33%
Sacred Heart, Hamilton	\$128,288	\$182,100	142%	\$179,025	51%
St. Peter Yu, Hamilton	\$110,000	\$83,576	76%	\$40,933	23%
St. Agatha, St. Agatha	\$171,365	\$170,631	100%	\$152,501	50%
St. Agnes, Waterloo	\$338,762	\$356,437	105%	\$294,477	56%
St. Aloysius , Kitchener	\$365,239	\$169,131	46%	\$140,846	25%
St. Ambrose, Cambridge	\$299,616	\$158,796	53%	\$111,201	24%
St. Andrew, Oakville	\$620,000	\$1,389,534	224%	\$920,835	30%
St. Ann, Hamilton	\$153,000	\$207,538	136%	\$170,367	44%
St. Ann, Ancaster	\$658,777	\$810,127	123%	\$774,435	37%
St. Anne, Kitchener	\$185,892	\$267,766	144%	\$158,157	44%
St. Anthony, Oakville	\$109,165	\$17,485	16%	\$12,670	7%
St. Anthony , Kincardine	\$186,995	\$192,480	103%	\$184,689	43%
St. Anthony Daniel, Scotland	\$30,000	\$37,350	125%	\$34,190	72%
St. Anthony Daniel , Kitchener	\$551,415	\$378,962	69%	\$368,492	42%
St. Anthony of Padua , Hamilton	\$176,828	\$505,402	286%	\$479,622	48%
St. Augustine , Dundas	\$267,879	\$291,211	109%	\$273,393	49%
St. Basil, Brantford	\$258,040	\$283,091	110%	\$248,742	30%
St. Boniface, Maryhill	\$167,000	\$61,366	37%	\$44,996	16%
St. Brigid Mission, Ayr	\$41,303	\$57,184	138%	\$57,184	49%

PARISH	BASELINE GOAL	TOTAL PLEDGED	PERCENT OF GOAL	AMOUNT PAID	PARISH PARTICIPATION
St. Catherine of Siena, Hamilton	\$600,000	\$726,614	121%	\$670,786	45%
St. Charles, Hamilton	\$162,966	\$118,825	73%	\$90,540	41%
St. Clement, Cambridge	\$549,117	\$521,944	95%	\$357,722	33%
St. Clement and Missions, St. Clements	\$187,000	\$170,560	91%	\$151,515	35%
St. Dominic, Oakville	\$400,000	\$427,247	107%	\$383,351	37%
St. Eugene , Hamilton	\$243,451	\$106,102	44%	\$94,809	21%
St. Francis of Assisi , Kitchener	\$300,000	\$349,914	117%	\$257,455	46%
St. Francis Xavier, Carlsruhe	\$32,000	\$23,100	72%	\$20,875	28%
St. Francis Xavier, Stoney Creek	\$542,000	\$388,859	72%	\$304,735	26%
St. Gabriel, Burlington	\$358,010	\$312,754	87%	\$288,944	42%
St. Gregory the Great, Hamilton	\$199,465	\$145,620	73%	\$136,440	36%
St. Gregory the Great, Cambridge	\$179,345	\$185,757	104%	\$177,196	38%
St. James, Oakville	\$299,000	\$307,133	103%	\$248,526	41%
St. John, Kitchener	\$97,384	\$147,264	151%	\$131,312	62%
St. John & Mary Immaculate, Arthur	\$90,000	\$107,049	119%	\$90,674	35%
St. John de Brebeuf, Erin	\$80,437	\$42,500	53%	\$34,870	14%
St. John the Baptist, Burlington	\$352,142	\$445,874	127%	\$332,588	42%
St. John the Baptist, Guelph	\$275,000	\$286,419	104%	\$228,799	49%
St. John the Baptist , Hamilton	\$178,712	\$154,225	86%	\$153,375	27%
St. John the Evangelist, Dundalk	\$63,047	\$82,641	131%	\$65,331	59%
St. Joseph, Brantford	\$155,000	\$102,960	66%	\$88,590	22%
St. Joseph, Acton	\$153,080	\$69,360	45%	\$63,175	26%
St. Joseph, Oakville	\$128,000	\$129,211	101%	\$121,551	11%
St. Joseph, Hamilton	\$300,000	\$303,487	101%	\$199,587	24%
St. Joseph, Kitchener	\$140,000	\$83,059	59%	\$62,559	37%
St. Joseph, Fergus	\$300,000	\$368,253	123%	\$259,598	53%
St. Joseph, Guelph	\$578,909	\$576,413	100%	\$484,776	47%
St. Joseph , Port Elgin	\$213,250	\$376,657	177%	\$368,702	44%
St. Lawrence, Hamilton	\$99,378	\$120,071	121%	\$74,137	49%
St. Louis, Waterloo	\$389,357	\$372,221	96%	\$303,352	46%
St. Luke, Hamilton	\$271,407	\$271,851	100%	\$196,351	43%
St. Margaret Mary, Hamilton	\$376,971	\$342,694	91%	\$330,574	30%
St. Mark , Kitchener	\$294,456	\$356,546	121%	\$339,884	51%
St. Martin of Tours, Drayton	\$39,660	\$44,925	113%	\$40,023	71%
St. Mary, Brantford	\$213,000	\$236,480	111%	\$230,260	25%
St. Mary, Owen Sound	\$567,000	\$629,289	111%	\$574,495	31%
St. Mary, Hamilton	\$291,262	\$152,128	52%	\$120,598	18%
St. Mary, Kitchener	\$362,000	\$483,725	134%	\$442,405	41%
St. Mary , Mount Forest	\$183,337	\$192,690	105%	\$188,188	29%
St. Mary Immaculate, Chepstow	\$156,379	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
St. Mary Immaculate, Elora	\$147,616	\$163,118	111%	\$134,849	53%
St. Mary of the Visitation, Cambridge	\$367,000	\$147,678	40%	\$119,823	22%
St. Mary Queen of Heaven, Linwood	\$37,468	\$3,650	10%	\$3,650	13%
St. Matthew, Oakville	\$833,000	\$557,768	67%	\$442,706	19%
St. Michael, Oakville	\$342,000	\$366,142	107%	\$256,703	26%
St. Michael, Waterloo	\$390,000	\$349,094	90%	\$246,984	29%
St. Patrick, Hamilton	\$500,000	\$662,720	133%	\$377,356	42%
St. Patrick, Cambridge	\$280,000	\$286,521	102%	\$227,806	42%
St. Patrick , Burlington	\$390,000	\$351,132	90%	\$267,276	22%
St. Paul, Burlington	\$728,000	\$533,688	73%	\$369,434	28%
St. Paul Chung , Kitchener	\$80,414	\$84,731	105%	\$77,931	64%
St. Peter, Oustic	\$29,000	\$3,100	11%	\$3,100	15%
St. Peter, Durham	\$194,908	\$164,013	84%	\$140,715	31%
St. Peter , Ayton	\$30,000	\$7,160	24%	\$6,947	8%
St. Philippe, Burlington	\$70,500	\$75,364	107%	\$64,658	25%
St. Pius X , Brantford	\$433,363	\$383,800	89%	\$371,395	49%
St. Raphael , Burlington	\$387,569	\$598,023	154%	\$560,263	37%
St. Stanislaus, Hamilton	\$400,000	\$313,921	78%	\$263,459	13%
St. Stephen, Hamilton	\$81,000	\$92,280	114%	\$87,440	13%
St. Teresa, Kitchener	\$129,257	\$183,244	142%	\$158,461	52%
St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira	\$239,513	\$259,561	108%	\$208,264	29%
St. Thomas, Harriston	\$12,000	\$9,000	75%	\$6,750	43%
St. Thomas , Waterdown	\$489,000	\$482,115	99%	\$391,533	18%
Sts. Martyrs Canadiens, Cambridge	\$33,000	\$18,018	55%	\$16,968	29%
Sts. Peter and Paul, Hamilton	\$279,000	\$110,400	40%	\$84,730	18%
Vietnamese Martyrs, Kitchener	\$40,000	\$61,800	155%	\$44,300	38%
Combined parish totals	\$33,836,666	\$34,547,663	102%		
Unrestricted funds		\$2,644,806			
TOTAL		\$37,192,469			