

My prayerful commitment to building a sustainable future for St Francis of Assisi, Parkview

I/We _____

prayerfully commit, before God and this community, to support the following project:

Name of the project

to the amount of _____
(Amount in Rand)

If there are already sufficient funds committed to this project, I/we would like the funds directed to:

Name of alternative project

I/we wish to donate an amount to something specific for the Parish we have in mind:

Full names: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

I/We will contribute by payment that is:
(Please circle one)

Once-off Amount _____

Monthly Amount _____

Other _____



Centenary Endowment Fund

St Francis is undergoing deep-rooted changes. On the one hand we have an ageing congregation whose love for St Francis is immense and, on the other hand, younger members whose demographics, both economically and racially, more accurately reflect the make-up of South Africa.

It is precisely in this changing climate that creation of a Centenary Endowment Fund is appropriate. Such an Endowment would include the following benefits:

- Ensure that ministry costs of the Parish are met in the long-term, especially if there are periods when the country's economy is severely constrained;
- Provide a perpetual stream of income, designated for a specific purpose such as a specific outreach ministry by using either the principal amount endowed or its interest;
- Create a perpetual memorial recognising the Christian stewardship of a family or an individual associated with St Francis;
- Enable a parishioner to continue to provide support for ministry when he or she is no longer able to make a regular contribution, either monthly or annually.

More information about this Endowment will be shared with you as the Endowment committee progresses with its work.



26 November 2017, 8.30 am
90th anniversary year:
Building a sustainable future

On 1 October 2017, we celebrated the 90th anniversary of our Parish, St Francis of Assisi in Parkview. The ministry of the Parish for these 90 years depended on the prayerful deployment of financial resources by our forbears.

But what about the future?

Are our foundations sound enough to ensure that members of this Parish 90 years from now will be able to rejoice in the fact that we have planned diligently and creatively in the power of the Holy Spirit to ensure that God's work here not only continues but grows apace?

Building a sustainable future

The changing financial realities of our city and world demand fresh thinking about ways to sustain the ministry of the Parish. We have identified several existing and new programmes to ensure the sustainability of the Parish.

Harvest Festival: 26 November 2017, 8:30 am

We are designating Sunday 26 November as a Harvest Festival. In agricultural communities, this is a time when the fruits of people's labours are offered in the form of produce and brought to the altar. In the city, the fruit of our labour is most commonly the money we earn.

This year we are asking that people bring their gifts to the Harvest Festival and lay them at the foot of the Altar, at the appropriate time in the service.

Projects for your prayerful consideration Securing the Rose Window

The dominant stained glass window in the church is the Rose Window through which the rising sun shines above the altar in glorious array. The metal frame around it has eroded and needs repair. We would also like to erect a light that can illuminate the window at night.

Estimated cost: R100,000

Securing the stations of the Cross

These beautiful prints are copies of the original

woodcuts by Cecil Skotnes which hang in our Cathedral in Johannesburg. Our prints were donated by various parishioners and need to be securely fixed to the walls of the church.

Estimated cost: R7,000

Gas water heater for social concerns shower

Every Tuesday and Wednesday morning, we provide a hot water shower and clothes washing facilities to our homeless community. We have upgraded to a gas water heater using inexpensive ecologically suitable municipal gas.

Estimated cost: R14,000

Memorial recycled plastic 3-seater benches

There are several ramshackle wooden benches around the property. We wish to replace these with durable recycled plastic ones.

Estimated cost: R2,700 per bench.

Dedicated Youth Ministry room

Recent years have shown that the growth of the Parish has been significantly driven by a Youth Ministry. The Youth Ministry needs continual strengthening so that it sustains growth of the Parish. The dedicated Youth Room will be created by breaking down the wall between the Rock'nRoll room and the Social Concerns office (which we will move to another location) to create a bigger, divisible, multipurpose and adequately equipped Youth Room.

Estimated cost: R50,000

A solar energy system

The EcoGroup has initiated the installation of a "starter PV system" that will supply the office computers and lights every day and, through the batteries, get about 1,8 kWh of storage for use during an outage, around 450 W of power for four hours. The eco imperative for this is clear.

Estimated cost: R180,000

How do I/we contribute?

We contribute by:

- Prayerfully asking God for guidance;
- Filling in the form at the end of this brochure;
- Placing the form in a sealed envelope and bringing it to the Harvest Festival service at 8:30 am on Nov 26 (or by placing it in the offertory at another service, or bringing it to the Parish Office);
- Consulting Clergy or Wardens if you have any questions;
- Offering either the full amount estimated or part of thereof. *No contribution is too small.*

Please note that:

The contributions that we are asking for here are in addition to your annual DG pledge.

All donations towards a project will be acknowledged.

If more money is pledged to a project than needed, the surplus will be put into the endowment fund, or you may designate a second project you would like your contribution to go to should there be a surplus.

If there is something specific that you would particularly like to contribute towards that is not in this brochure, please speak to the Clergy or Wardens.

You may be unable to contribute now, but choose to bequest an amount in your will for our ministry. Bequest forms are available in the church foyer or from the Parish office, or from the Wardens.

A plaque, along these lines, will be evident:

"Installed in commemoration of the 90th year of the Parish of St Francis of Assisi, Parkview, as a demonstration of commitment to its future, by ..."