



Catholic Charities of Louisville Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why do you need a new building if you are serving the poor?

A: Catholic Charities offers case management, classroom training, and advocacy for those in need throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville. Our staff includes over 80 employees and a host of volunteers. We need space to organize and collaborate; we need space for team meetings and briefings; we need space to conduct classes and to gather and interface with clients and the community. As Pope Francis notes, *“Catholic Charities is the engine of the Church that organizes love – Caritas – for all believers to work together and respond.”* Our current facilities are woefully inadequate to meet these needs.

Q: Why can't you refurbish the existing buildings?

A: For many years we have used re-purposed buildings, former convents and schools to house our staff and programs. While they have served us well, recently, the age and condition of the buildings is severely limiting our ability to serve our clients. The buildings require extensive repair and maintenance and utility costs are excessive – combined these challenges can cost us nearly \$100K annually. The buildings are not ADA compliant, limiting our ability to work with handicapped volunteers and clients. The HVAC systems are old and inefficient: staff and clients need to wear coats and gloves in our offices in the winter and put up with very warm offices in the summer. And we lack space for quality childcare, for current programming (much less expansion), and for storage (we store our mother-infant care supplies in former confessionals in the re-purposed convent). We conducted an extensive facility study to see if current facilities could be brought up to today's standards: the architect's recommendation was to build a new building.

Q: Will the Sister Visitor Center move?

A: No. The Sister Visitor Center serves the West End and will stay in its current building on 23rd and Market Street. The Sister Visitor Center was renovated in the fairly recent past due to generous support from Paul Hornung, and its facilities are in better shape than other Catholic Charities buildings.

Q: What will be the benefits of the new Catholic Charities Center?

A: The new Catholic Charities Center will allow us to bring most of our program staff into one building increasing staff efficiency and collaboration. The gathering spaces and restrooms will be handicapped accessible, something we've needed for quite some time. We will be able to offer additional night classes, aided by enhanced lighting and security. We will have additional space for quality child care, a critical need as we offer family support programming. And we'll have additional parking with easy access to the building. A new, energy-efficient building will enhance Catholic Charities' stewardship of the generosity of our supporters. With dramatically reduced maintenance costs and lower energy consumption, we can direct more of our unrestricted income into programming and thereby make better use of the resources entrusted to us.

Q: Who is the architect for the new building?

A: Mark Trier, A.I.A., of JRA Architects designed the new Catholic Charities Center. He has extensive experience around the region and has completed many projects for the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Q: Why was the 4th Street location selected?

A: The neighborhood surrounding the existing Holy Name parish campus is undergoing a renaissance with expansion of the University of Louisville and continuous upgrades to Churchill Downs. The site is centrally located with transportation access for many of our clients. The visibility of the Fourth Street location, the connection with an active parish, and the proximity to the University of Louisville will make a bold statement for the archdiocesan ministry of charity and magnify the presence of the Church in this transitioning neighborhood.

Q: What will happen with the Holy Name campus? Where will people work if the buildings are being torn down?

A: Holy Name remains an active parish, and no changes will be made to the church or rectory – although the parking lot will be improved. The new building will replace the deteriorating, long closed Holy Name School and gym, as well as the convent in which Catholic Charities currently operates. The old school and gym will be demolished when construction begins on the new

Catholic Charities Center. When it is complete, staff will move from their offices in the Holy Name convent and the St. Anthony campus. The Holy Name convent will then be razed.

Q: What will happen with St. Anthony Campus?

A: The Archdiocese of Louisville is the owner of the St. Anthony Campus and will decide its future.

Q: Will the new Catholic Charities Center allow for program expansion?

A: With the location and enhanced functionality of a new Catholic Charities Center, we can engage the surrounding neighborhood and consider expanded future programming. This may include an expansion of our *Mother-Infant Care Program* supported by much better childcare, the possibility of evening ESL or other classes with better safety and security, and the opportunity to expand our program offerings to serve the surrounding community.

Q: How will the new Catholic Charities Center enable better support of parishes outside of metro Louisville?

A: The Catholic Charities Center also will provide a resource hub to support CCL programming in all locations and better engage the 110 parishes in the Archdiocese of Louisville. The potential for distance learning, webinars, and podcasts will strengthen our outreach to parishes, especially those outside Metro Louisville, and will serve as a catalyst for enhanced local social ministry throughout the Archdiocese.

Q: When will the new Catholic Charities Center be built?

A: We are targeting to begin plans in the Fall of 2019 with the possibility of beginning construction by the end of the year. We hope to open the new Catholic Charities Center in late 2020 or early 2021.

Q: What is the cost of the project?

A: The projected cost of the project is \$7.5 Million. This includes demolition of existing structures, building the new Catholic Charities Center, and furnishing the new building, including technology to enable enhanced communication with parishes throughout all 24 counties of the Archdiocese.

Q: Has the Board of Catholic Charities supported this project?

A: Early on the CCL Board of Directors gave unanimous approval to the effort to address barriers to quality program execution. 100% of the Board has contributed to the Building a Brighter Future Campaign; cumulative Board contributions have totaled over \$545,000.

Q: Has the Archdiocese of Louisville contributed to this project?

A: Yes. We've worked closely with the Archdiocese during every phase of the project. The Archdiocese of Louisville has provided the land and the architectural services for the site prep, design and zoning of the new building. In addition, they have made a significant leadership gift to the Building a Brighter Future Campaign.

Q: What are the current programs of Catholic Charities of Louisville?

A: For more than 75 years, Catholic Charities has been serving many in need throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville. We welcome, strengthen and empower families and individuals to change the world for good. We advocate for the voiceless and vulnerable. We support all 110 parishes in the Archdiocese to allow our people to put their faith into action. (See tri-fold for specific programs)

Q: I thought I gave to Catholic Charities as part of the annual CSA collection? Where does that money go?

A: CCL does receive substantial operating funds from the annual CSA collection. The Building a Brighter Future Campaign is a capital campaign to build facilities that will serve the Archdiocese for years into the future. It is separate from the CSA operating funds.

Q: What is the relationship between Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Louisville? Could any of the Building a Brighter Future funds be used to settle debts incurred as part of the Clergy Abuse Scandal?

A: Catholic Charities of Louisville is a separately incorporated 501(c)(3) entity. While we receive some operating funds from the Archdiocese, funds donated to the Building a Brighter Future Capital Campaign will be restricted funds for use only by Catholic Charities of Louisville. They would not be accessible for any future Clergy abuse settlement.