

Sponsorship Program - Mission and Goal

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Both liturgical and non-liturgical items are needed for the construction of our new church. Under the overall 'Build My Church' capital campaign program, the Sponsorship Program aims at seeking sponsorship for items needed for the finish work of the New Church.

Christians respond to the immeasurable love the Lord has showered upon them, by giving monetary donations and by spending their time and talents for the Lord. We have received this beautiful tradition from our parents and grandparents. They believed that everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So when we give as a "nercha", we are simply offering him a very small portion of all the abundance he has already showered upon us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God! It comes from a heart of worship. Everything we give already belongs to him! This is not to get any fame, but to offer as a sacrifice to the Lord. According to the Bible, we give to God (1) as an act of worship, (2) as a way of participating in God's reign, (3) as an act of resistance, (4) as a way of bearing witness, and (5) as a means to grow in grace. Our sacrifice will help to fulfill the needs of the construction of our new church.

Guidelines and rules

1. The list will be published in the church for three months (July 15th – October 15th) to give the first opportunity for parish members to sponsor the items. After three months, it will be published outside of the parish.
2. The sponsor must contact Achan first. It will be granted on a first come first serve basis. Achan has the right to finalize the amount of the items (10% margin) if needed.
3. If a group of people sponsor an item, only the group name will be displayed.
4. If multiple sponsors are interested for a particular item, Achan will discuss it with all interested sponsors and make the final decision.
5. The sponsor must fill out a commitment form and deposit at least 25% of the amount of the item along with the commitment. The payments can be made in several installments. The total amount must be paid in full by December 2014.
6. If for any reason, the sponsor cannot meet the expected amount by December 2014, then the sponsor must present a commitment letter stating the amount and the expected date of payments.
7. The sponsorship amount cannot be met with pledge payments from the donor. The sponsor's names will not be published until the inauguration of the church.
8. All sponsor names along with the item(s) they are sponsoring in dedicated location in the New Church complex. The names would not be inscribed on/along with the items they are sponsoring
9. The church building committee will make all recommendations about the items and its design.
10. An Individual can sponsor multiple items.