



Growing Inside Out

The Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross

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Calendar of Events

Enrichment Gatherings
March and April

All Church Bible Study
March 6 with
Marc Rieke

Sunday School Stewardship Day
March 6

Prayer Vigil
April 22 and April 23

Advance Commitments Event
May 7

All-Church Banquet & Childrens Parties
May 14

Commitment Sunday
May 15

Celebration Sunday
June 5 with
Bishop Rickel

Our Campaign Begins

It's official. Our Capital Stewardship Campaign has begun. With this campaign we've named *Growing Inside Out*, we continue our expansion of the fellowship, ministry and community spaces of Holy Cross.

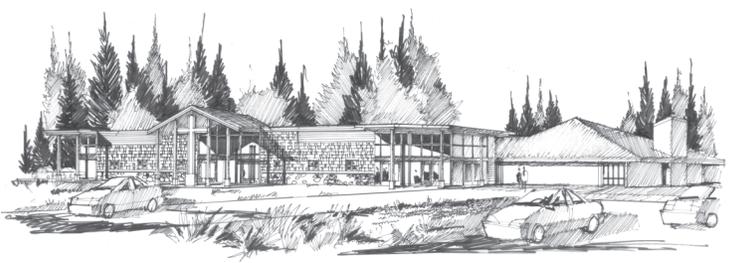
Since building our own church on the present site in 1981, we've added an education building and later doubled its size; moved our church from mission to self-supporting parish status; launched a thriving pre-school; acquired two acres next door; and put into place the infrastructure for continued growth.

With the help of a professional consulting firm, The Enrichment Group, our next step is to complete the work begun in our *Raising the Roof* campaign – to expand our existing sanctuary and enlarge our kitchen and community space.

Growth in and of itself is not our goal. Rather, we expand our physical plant in order to enrich our fellowship, develop our thriving ministries and sustain our greater community.

During the next three months, we hope every member of our congregation will participate in one or more Campaign activities: the All Church Bible Study, informational Enrichment Gatherings, a Prayer Vigil, and an All Church Banquet. We'll all benefit from your participation, and together we'll grow – from the inside out.

To participate, or for more information about the campaign, please contact the church office at 425.885.5822 or office@holycrossredmond.org



I have found that among its other benefits . . .

Sacrificial Gifts

You may have heard the phrase, “*Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice,*” but what does that mean? The first part of the phrase means that there will be disparity between the dollar amounts our members contribute to our *Growing Inside Out* campaign, however, no comparisons will be made between the amount each of us is willing and able to give.

But what about sacrifice? Sacrificial giving is the act of making sacred or setting apart our financial resources for God. It means that we dedicate that which is precious to us for that which we value deeply – in this case, the future of our congregation and its ministries. In His teachings, Jesus chose as models for Christian stewardship those who gave sacrificially.

The Scriptures make it clear that God measures our gifts not in relationship to those of others, but in relationship to the degree of individual sacrifice based on how one has been blessed. St. Paul said, “*For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has.*” (2 Corinthians 8:12). And Jesus said, “*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.*” (Luke 12:48).

As a church, we are called to pray in these crucial weeks of stewardship emphasis. Each of us must seek God’s guidance, confident that He will lead us in discerning how we can give sacrificially. As you make your commitments to our *Growing Inside Out* campaign, give thanks, for as St. Paul said, “*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God!*” (2 Corinthians 9:11).

Our Gifts at Work

These are some of the many activities we enjoy here at Holy Cross, as we’ve found creative ways to use our existing space. Our sacrifice to our *Growing Inside Out* campaign – during which we’ll develop and expand our sanctuary, kitchen and community space – will be a blessing to this congregation many times over.



Christmas Pageant



St. Francis Day



Holy Cross Day Picnic

giving liberates the soul of the giver. – Maya Angelou

These are just three of the many leadership positions that give our campaign its structure. It truly takes a village to Grow Inside Out. We'll introduce you to our other leaders in future issues.



*David Hutchinson
Campaign Chair*

David Hutchinson is the campaign chair for *Growing Inside Out*. He is a lifetime Episcopalian, born and raised in Seattle and on Vashon Island. David and his wife Robyn Hutchinson joined Holy Cross in 2006. David is a Certified Financial Planner™ and a registered representative with AXA Advisors, LLC in Bellevue.



*The Rev. Jane Rohrer
All Church Bible Study Chair*

The Rev. Jane Rohrer recently joined the staff of Holy Cross. She graduated from Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, Illinois in 2005 and served at Trinity, Reno, Nevada before coming to Redmond. Prior to that, her last position was as professor and administrator at Sierra Nevada College at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, where she was vice-president of academic affairs.



*Shirley Bourdeau
Enrichment Gatherings Director*

Shirley Bourdeau and her family have attended Holy Cross since 2008, when she and her husband Jay and daughter Oceanna returned to the Eastside from Vancouver Island. Shirley has the distinction of having attended St. Mary's in Lakewood during the time Jim Eichner served there. Shirley and Jay also have four grown children and three (soon to be four) grandchildren.

All Church Bible Study - March 6

On Sunday, March 6, our thoughtful and experienced consultant, Marc Rieke, will lead an All Church Bible Study during both worship services. Using Scripture as a foundation, Marc will guide us in considering how a deeper understanding of our role as

Christian stewards leads to enhanced spiritual growth.

During Lent, Scriptural passages related to stewardship and faith development will be integrated into the current study of several already-established Bible study and educational groups.

“We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.”

– 1 Thes. 1:2

Growing Inside Out - Learn All About It!

During this, the informational phase of our campaign, we ask only for your time and attention. To that end, we invite you to attend an Enrichment Gathering (or information meeting) in the home of one of your neighbors or at church. We've scheduled nearly 20 meeting dates between March 13 and April 13, in Redmond, Woodinville, Bothell, Snohomish and Carnation. We'd like you to attend one, to learn all about this next step for Holy Cross.

Please sign up in the Parish Hall after church, or contact Shirley Bordeau at sbourdeau@msn.com or 425.629.3238. Many thanks to our Enrichment Gathering coordinators, recruiters hosts, callers and leaders.



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