



# WISMA ST. JOSEPH

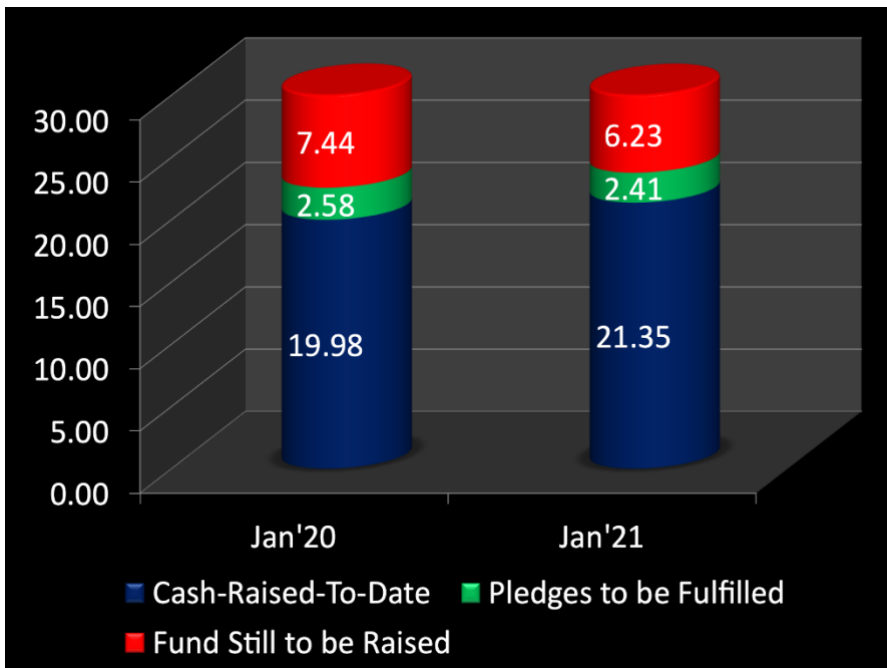
## PROGRESS UPDATES FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

*(JANUARY 2020 – JANUARY 2021)*



This brief project updates are intended to keep parishioners informed of the overall progress on the Wisma St. Joseph's project and what has been accomplished thus far. Strict and necessary implementation of Movement Control Order (MCO) and Conditional Movement Control Order (CMCO) to control the spread of Covid-19 during this reporting period has impacted all areas of Wisma St. Joseph's Project – including financial, issuance of land title, building plan approval and Easter Draw 2020.

### I. FINANCIAL (RM million)



No collections from Sunday Masses were made for 7 months from the past 12 months since our Churches stay closed. 40% of the funds raised from the last 12 months came from interest earned from fixed deposits and the remaining 60% from monthly collection from Sunday Masses and private donations. There was no new pledge received during this reporting period. Parishioners are encouraged to consider making a pledge if they have not done so. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

We would like to thank all those who continue to support the project with prayers, donations and pledges during these challenging times.

### II. SPIRITUAL

Wisma St. Joseph is our journey of faith to collaborate and build new facilities to cater for the growing community of disciples. We ask you to pray and make spiritual sacrifices for the land title of the new Cathedral land to be issued as soon as possible. Psalm 127 says "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain." Prayer for the Intercession of "St. Joseph the Worker" continue to be prayed at every Sunday online Mass.

### III. BUILDING & FACILITIES

1. New St Joseph's Cathedral.  
The issuing of the land title is taking a long time. We were assured that we are now at the final stage of this process. Meanwhile earth filling is in progress. We are down-sizing the project due to unfavorable economic conditions which will affect our fundraising in the foreseeable future. We have recently changed consultancy from Kuching to Miri based to come up with a new and scale down design to suit our limited budget.
2. Refurbishment of St. Francis of Assisi Seminary has been completed in 2019.
3. New Church in PermyJaya.  
Recently the State Government promised RM2 million for the new Permyjaya church. As such, we will NOT utilize our Wisma fund for this project slated to begin as soon as we received the grant.
4. New Bishop House in Tanjong.  
The contract has been awarded at RM1.5 million and work will begin in March 2021.

### IV. FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Our current Fund Raising Licence has been renewed until 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

Easter Draw 2020, now called Easter Draw 2021, is currently the only fundraising event for 2021. New draw date will be on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

This draw was initiated in 2020 to raise RM2 million by selling 200,000 coupons prized at RM10 per coupon. But due to the challenges caused by the pandemic, sales of coupons have been very poor.

To date, we have collected about RM 280,000 and we estimate we can raise around RM300,000 instead of the RM2 million targeted.

We appeal to you to help sell the coupons to the community outside the church circle during this last 1 month period.

May God help and bless our fundraising effort and make it a journey of faith for all of us.