



WISMA ST. JOSEPH

PROGRESS UPDATES FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

(JANUARY 2022 – JUNE 2023)



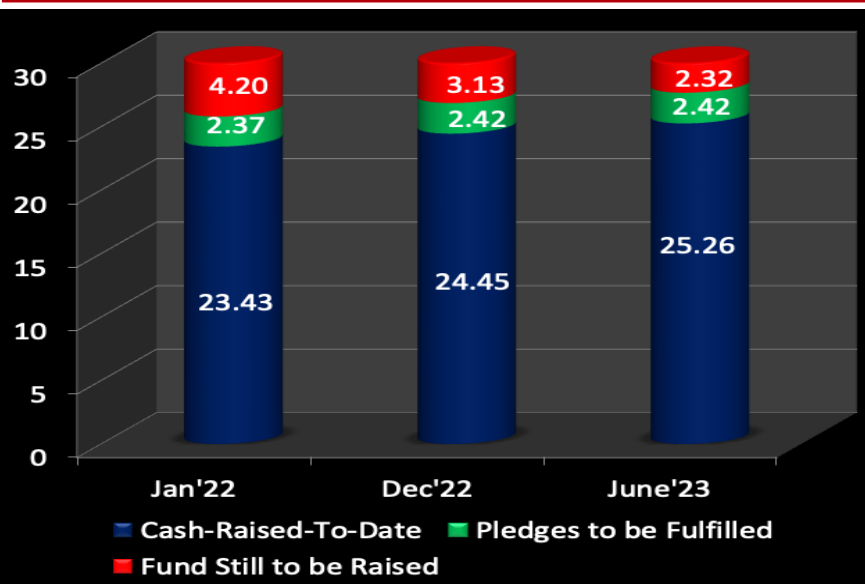
These brief project updates are intended to keep parishioners informed of the overall progress on the Wisma St. Joseph's project and what has been accomplished thus far.

Covid-19 situations in 2020, 2021 and 2022 have impacted all areas of Wisma St. Joseph's Project – from financial, issuance of land title, building plan approval, to fundraising activities.

Despite these challenges we have made some progress in the second half of 2022 - 2023 period as highlighted in these progress updates.

To find out more, continue to read on and look at the pictures on the next pages.

I. FINANCIAL (RM million)

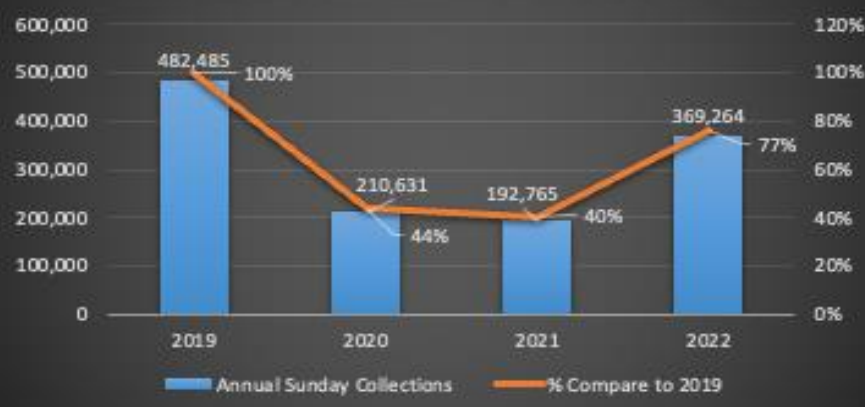


Primary sources of funds raised in 2021-2023 were from:

1. Interest earned from fixed deposits
2. Sunday Mass collections from all parishes in the diocese
3. Individuals and groups donations

Sunday Mass collections from all parishes in the diocese was picking up in second half of 2022 & 2023 but were still below that of pre-Covid19 year

ANNUAL SUNDAY COLLECTIONS



II. SPIRITUAL

Prayer for the Intercession of “St. Joseph the Worker” continue to be prayed at every Sunday Mass. We ask you to continue to pray and make spiritual sacrifices for the project. Psalm 127 tells us “Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain.”

III. BUILDING & FACILITIES

• New St. Joseph's Cathedral

A land title has been issued. Earth filling work has been completed. The land was filled to around 9ft above its original level and cost RM1 million. New architectural plans have gone through several reviews and amendments. We are waiting for Drainage and Irrigation Department (DID) to study and approve the storm water disposal of the new Cathedral. DID's approval is mandatory before we can go to Miri City Council, Bomba and Land and Survey for approval. Construction will start once the approval is obtained. *(See the next page for the location of the new Cathedral)*

• New Church in Permyjaya.

The building plans have been approved, and tenders have been awarded. Construction has started. *(See the next page for pictures on the progress)*. Due to insufficient funds at the moment, the project will be carried out in two phases. The first phase include the infrastructure and the main church, and the multipurpose halls and other amenities.

• New Bishop Residence

The construction of Bishop's new residence has been progressing well and is expected to be completed toward the end of 2023. Instead of refurbishing the old house it was decided to demolish the old house and build a new one. The only part of the old house that is preserved is the adjoining chapel. *(See the next page for current status)*

IV. FUNDRAISING

- The fundraising Licence was renewed for another year until 18th October 2023. No specific fundraising events were organized in 2022 & in 2023 so far.
- We are deeply grateful to all who made pledges and fulfilled them fully or partly in our fundraising journey, especially in the financially tough last three years. Your unwavering support strengthened us!
- To those who paused their pledges due to circumstances, we understand. When possible, we encourage you to resume your contributions. Every gesture, big or small, makes a difference.
- And we encourage everyone to generously contribute to the Sunday Collections and continue to give individual and groups donation. Let's be united and make a positive impact together!

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THE LOCATION & CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL



THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BISHOP HOUSE



THE CONSTRUCTION THE NEW CHURCH IN PERMYJAYA

