

## **Hearing Loop FAQ**

### **What is a hearing loop?**

A hearing loop, also called an induction loop system, is an assistive listening technology for individuals with reduced ranges of hearing.

Watch this [2 minute video](#) showing how hearing loops work.

Watch this [30 second video](#) showing the hearing difficulties people face with hearing aids in busy environments.

[See here for more information.](#)

### **Who will benefit?**

This project is being undertaken to address difficulties, raised by our seniors, in hearing the services and understanding the sermons in the church. Put simply, this project is to primarily help the seniors and other members of our community that experience hearing difficulties.

### **How do we know the system will work at Holy Apostles?**

The vendor, Thunder Systems, was brought in to perform a demonstration during a Bible Study. Approximately 15 seniors experienced the technology first-hand and all attested the system greatly improved their ability to hear and understand.

### **What other churches are using this technology?**

Both Assumption and Sts. Peter and Paul have the technology installed on premises.

Assumption has been running a hearing loop for several years with an installation both in the main church and St. Katherine's chapel. Sts. Peter and Paul completed their installation this past fall. Inquiry to both Fr. Apostolos and Fr. Rick indicate they have had no issues with the system installed by the vendor, Thunder Hearing.

Fr. Apostolos attested that his mother is a beneficiary of the technology, and that the investment was well received.

### **Who is the vendor that is proposed to be used?**

[Thunder Hearing](#)—this is the same vendor that performed the installation at Assumption and Sts. Peter and Paul. Additionally, Sts. Peter and Paul went through a multi-bid process and Thunder Hearing proved to be the lowest. This vendor is also familiar to the metropolis BPA committee.

Given these observations of no issues with the vendor and being vetted through a multi-bid process at a sister parish, it is proposed Holy Apostles uses the same.

### **How will the project be funded?**

Funds for the project will be collected via fundraising. A small fundraising team led by Jim Sotirakos, Bill Leider. Fundraising is progressing based on approval to start at the December parish council meeting. The goal of the fundraising will be \$30,000.

### **How will the system be installed?**

In the main church, the grout lines will be sawn out with the loop wire placed beneath. Matching grout will be applied on top of the wire, so it is completely hidden. This approach has been verified by Steve Savas from a buildings and grounds perspective. In the multi-purpose room, the leading solution is for the loop to be run along the ceiling, hidden as best possible.

### **Do hearing loops affect pacemakers?**

Per follow up with Thunder Hearing and confirmation via information from the largest manufacturer of hearing loops (Ampetronic), the answer is “No”. See more info at <https://www.ampetronic.com/faqs/>.

### **Can the hearing loop be used without hearing aids?**

Yes. Sound can be received from the hearing loop via a [special headset](#). Additionally, sound can be received via [special earbuds with an iPhone application](#).