

PROVIDING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA



The background of the entire page is a large, multi-colored stained glass window. It features several religious figures, including a man with a halo (likely Jesus or a saint) at the top, and other figures in various poses and colors (red, blue, green, gold) below. The design is intricate and typical of traditional church architecture.

## DIOCESAN SEGMENT • \$1,000,000

A portion of the funds raised through this inaugural effort will be used for the diocese to attend to some of its facility responsibilities. While there are many projects in need of attention at the diocesan level, two specific issues will be addressed.

The building that houses the diocesan offices, also known as the chancery, has a history all its own. More than 50 years ago, it was built to serve as Magister Noster Latin High School for seminarians. Since 1974, it has been home to the office of the bishop, the diocesan newspaper and the numerous business offices needed to keep a diocese and its parishes running smoothly.

In an effort to be good stewards, it has been decided that the best use of a portion of the funds returned would go to installing new energy efficient windows in the diocesan offices building. The current windows are the original windows installed in 1963 and are light years from the energy efficiency of today's windows. The heating and cooling costs of the entire building would be significantly reduced with new efficient windows. Additionally it would afford the staff a more environmentally friendly work space. The atmosphere would be more conducive to a constant temperature inside throughout all four seasons outside. The project is estimated at \$500,000.

The other \$500,000 of the diocesan portion of the funds would go towards the renovation project for St. Benedict Cathedral. The Cathedral is known as the seat of the diocese, or the parish of the bishop of a diocese. Along with the parish, it is the responsibility of all in a diocese. Therefore, a portion of the raised diocesan funds would contribute to the work being done on our Cathedral. In this way all in the diocese can celebrate and share the responsibility of our Cathedral project, which is home to a wide-variety of diocesan events.

## PARISH SHARE • \$11,000,000

*Unless a parish has all its facilities and programming fully endowed – a parish has needs.*

During the study completed in winter of 2015-16, Bishop Thompson received important feedback from pastors and parishioners about the challenges parishes face. To that end pastors and parish leadership have, in the interim, prudently performed needs assessments to determine the most suitable projects for the parish to address with the funds raised. These plans are shared and itemized in the front pocket of this booklet.

To garner the greatest success, it was decided parishes will have goals equal to the total of their weekly offertory from 2014-15. The funds will be raised via gifts and pledges over the three-year life of the capital campaign. Unless otherwise specified by the donor, parishes will receive a 50/50 (parish/diocese) split of all donations up to 100% of their goal, 80/20 (parish/diocese) split of all donations from 101% to 125% of their goal, and 100% of all donations above 125% of their goal.



# Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



## GREETINGS IN THE LORD!

The roots of our remarkable faith community that is our diocese today, started more than 180 years ago. Did the founders envision at that time the diverse and dynamic diocese we have become? Probably not. But they united in prayer and did what was necessary to celebrate our Faith: acquiring land, building, welcoming, teaching, serving and worshipping. Today, thousands, including parishioners and those whom we serve, benefit from the early vision and stewardship of these founding families, priests and bishops.

With this letter, we embark together for the greater good of our parishes – our diocese. We are many parts, but one body in Christ. It is with great joy and anticipation that we launch the inaugural **Stewards of God's Grace** Capital Campaign, a shared parish/diocesan effort. We are coming together to address the current needs of our parishes, and bolster the work and ministries of our diocese. At this time, I invite every household of our diocesan-wide faith family to support a common goal – raising the funds that are crucial to create stronger parishes, which will serve to build a stronger diocese and help us grow as good stewards. Ultimately, rooted in a personal relationship with our Savior, it is all about carrying out the mission of the Church as entrusted to us by Jesus Christ.

As your shepherd, I invite you to join with me and do what is essential for our parishes and diocese today, and for those who will come after us. We have been preparing for this project for years. We continue to utilize our facilities across the diocese to house our ministries, the lifeblood of our parishes – and they serve us well. The growth of faith formation at all levels and the growing number of the faithful and ministries in service over the years warrants our attention. Indeed, the heart of our worship and the heart of parish life is the Eucharist. But the pulse beats in the programs and facilities of our campuses, which are in need of our care to adequately accommodate the diverse needs of our Catholic faith family.

Over the last year or so, we have questioned, surveyed, assessed and consulted. Now the time has come to move forward! Please join me in making our capital campaign a successful reality. I ask you to prayerfully consider your financial support, according to your means, to this three-year pledging opportunity. Through God's grace and your generosity, we will be better positioned in both parish and diocesan ministries to meet our future head-on in service of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

This booklet offers the details of what we have set out to accomplish. My prayer is that every family will pledge something toward this noble effort. It should not be how little can we give, but how much will we give back to our Lord for all the blessings he has bestowed on us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Charles C. Thompson*

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson, D.D., JCL  
**Bishop of Evansville**

## WHERE WE WERE

It is hard to imagine that there was ever a time when the diocese that served our 12 counties included **all** of Indiana **and** the eastern third of Illinois – including Chicago! Back in 1834, that was our geographic Church, known as the Diocese of Vincennes. Fast forward 110 years to 1944, and we were formed into a 12-county diocese with the city of Evansville as our administrative base or See City for the Catholic Church of southwestern Indiana. Add another 70-75 years to bring us to our current Diocese of Evansville with both rural and urban locales totaling 29,030 registered parishioner households worshipping in 46 parishes across southwestern Indiana.

Over these many years, the Church's core principles/focus has not changed. As a faith family, we still seek the commemorations of life as Catholics from womb to tomb, and everything in between. Our Sacramental life is core to who we are. Living our lives as good Christian stewards challenges us to make the Gospel come alive for our families, our neighbors and ourselves. The noise of today's world can challenge us to hear Christ's call. Many would say it needs to be heard more so today than ever before. Those who sojourned before us have brought us to where we are today. We need to continue to be Christ for one another.

## WHERE WE ARE NOW

Our shared responsibility as Catholics calls us to be Christ to our family, friends and neighbors, both near and far. One way we answer Christ's call is through our parish life. Strong parishes make for a strong diocese. The choices before us, our parishes and our diocese are challenging. Our parish is home to our faith family. Just as we care for our own home, we are called to care for our spiritual home as well. In order to continue parish life in the future, we must maintain and enhance the programs and facilities built by those who came before us.

- How do we encourage more people to join the priesthood and religious life?
- How do we take good care of our priests who have served and continue to serve?
- It is a proven fact that Catholic schools nurture the seed for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. How can we better assist those hardworking families caught in the middle who consider Catholic school tuition out of reach and a luxury they cannot afford? They are neither wealthy enough to pay tuition out-of-pocket nor do they qualify for School Choice Scholarships.
- How can we deepen our spiritual life and pass on our faith? Lifelong formation as Catholics is more than the Sacraments and Mass. We are called to constantly improve our understanding of the Church's teachings.
- Not only are youth and young adults part of the Church now, they are also the future of the Catholic Church. Are we secure in their formation? What steps can we take now to ensure they will thirst for the Gospel as Catholic adults?
- Due to changes in social and economic environments, the number of families suffering in poverty and from family dysfunction continues to grow. What programs can be offered to promote building a functional family and acquiring the skills needed to obtain paid employment?
- Our diocesan offices were built in the early 1960's. They too are home to us and in need of some attention.
- Without our diocesan connection, we are independent churches of faith. What makes us one with the Universal Church is that we are many parishes but one diocese connected to other dioceses and together one body in Christ.

## WHERE WE ARE GOING

Together we are embarking on an inaugural journey on behalf of the future of the Catholic Diocese of Evansville. This shared parish/diocesan campaign effort is for the greater good of all who call our diocese home. This is about building upon the many great things in our diocese. ***It is about ...***



*Together we can  
bring the Gospel  
alive by our  
very choices.*

# CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES

PARISH SHARE • \$11 million | \$11 million – Address local parish needs

SEMINARIANS  
& PRIESTS  
\$3 million

\$2 million – *Endowed funds* for seminarian education

\$1 million – *Endowed funds* for priests:

- Retired priests fund
- Continuing education for priests
- Priest sabbatical fund
- Priest aid fund

CATHOLIC EDUCATION &  
FAITH FORMATION  
\$3 million

\$1.5 million – Catholic school tuition scholarship fund, SGO or similar assistance (\$1 million *endowed funds*, \$500,000 immediate use) *Endowed funds*:

- \$500,000 – Teacher development and student recruitment
- \$500,000 – Catechesis and faith formation
- \$500,000 – Youth and young adult ministry

SOCIAL OUTREACH  
\$3 million

\$800,000 – *Endowed funds* to enhance Catholic Charities programming to those in need.

\$2.2 million – Develop the social enterprise program, which includes the facility (all options to be considered) to support the endeavor.

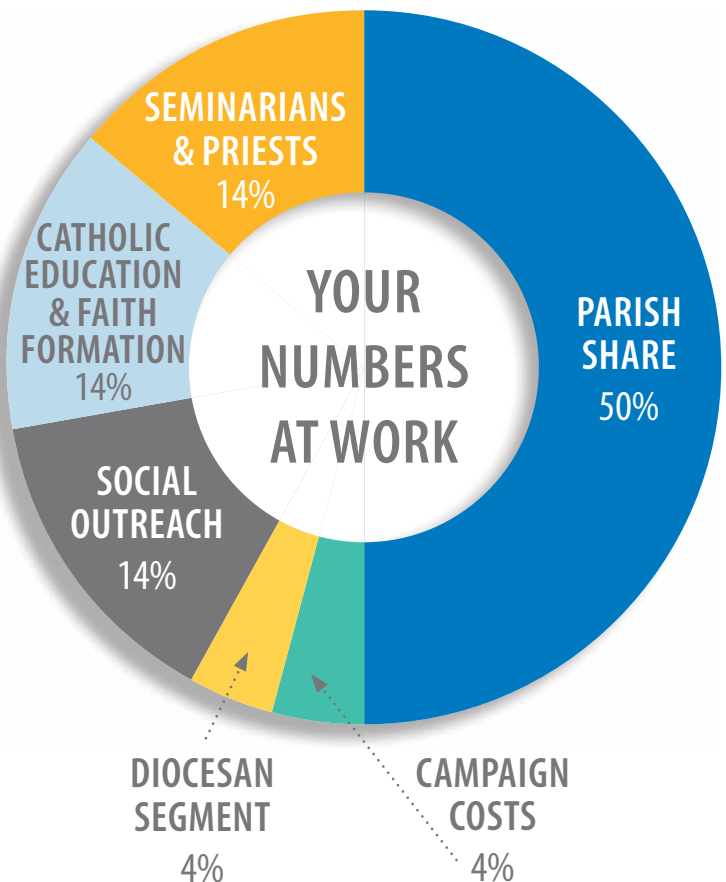
DIOCESAN  
SEGMENT  
\$1 million

Facility improvements:

- \$500,000 – Energy efficient windows for chancery offices
- \$500,000 – Funds for Cathedral renovation

CAMPAIGN  
COSTS  
\$1 million

Printing, postage and events; professional services include but are not limited to the design of all marketing material, grant writing, web design, travel, meals and project management.



The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana oversees the endowments and protects the funds from any use other than those for which they are intended. Through the annual appeal (CPC), parishes support a portion but not all of the above.

Almost 60% of funds raised to address these ministry needs of the diocese will be endowed.





**67**

**Total number of  
Diocesan priests  
(active, retired, on leave)**

**55**

**Average age of active  
priests in the Diocese**

**\$1,300**

**Monthly benefit  
paid to retired priests**

**\$1,600**

**Monthly health care  
expense for retired priests**

Take a moment and reflect on how our priests have impacted your life, your faith and your family. Our priests spend their lives in service to us. For many of us, every Sacrament we have received has been through the blessing of a priest. As Catholics, we are called to support the work to increase priestly vocations, care for our retired priests who have served us well for decades and enrich the knowledge of our priests through ongoing education and retreats.

## **SEMINARIANS & PRIESTS · \$3,000,000**

### **GROW ENDOWMENT TO SUPPORT SEMINARIANS · \$2,000,000**

Our diocese is fortunate to have a strong influx of men who have heard the call to be ordained in service to Christ and His Church. With more priests, we have the ability to meet the growing needs of our parishes and our faith life. However, for the 13 men in formation, their seminary education is funded primarily by the diocese through your generous support. By the time seminarians are ordained we, as a diocese, have covered \$200,000 in tuition expenses for each seminarian, funded through the annual Catholic Parishes Campaign (CPC) (90 %) and endowments (10%).

Our goal in this capital campaign is to strengthen these endowment funds so that they may continue to provide funding for our seminarians as they study and prepare for the priesthood. Additionally, we would be able to maintain the same level of

assistance to those who have yet to answer the Lord's call to ministry, without increasing the financial obligations of our parishes.

This campaign will give a generous enhancement to our seminarian endowments. Raising \$2 million for these funds would bring us closer to our long-term goal of \$6 million in endowed funds. Once fully funded, the endowments would provide a permanent and sustainable source of funds for seminarian education. The men giving their lives to Christ and to us will know we support them, and our children and grandchildren will benefit from their ministry. We as a diocese, God willing, will have enough priests to continue to provide for the spiritual needs of the Catholics in the Diocese of Evansville for years to come.

## SEMINARIANS & PRIESTS · \$3,000,000

### GROW ENDOWMENTS FOR PRIESTS · \$1,000,000



#### Retired Priests:

Currently, 33% of active priests are 65 or older. In addition, in the next 10 years, another 25 percent of all active priests in the diocese will reach age 65. Through your generous support, the diocese funds a dignified retirement for the priests who have dedicated their lives in service to God and the Church. They are funded through the Retired Priests Trust Fund. However, in order to provide for our current and future priests, additional funds are needed, especially for items such as assisted-living expenses, home health care and other needed help. As a responsible diocese of good stewards, we are taking proactive steps to meet our ongoing obligation by creating a perpetual fund to care for clergy in their retirement years. The endowment principal (corpus) will remain untouched and less vulnerable to economic uncertainties.

Parishes currently provide \$180,000 per year for this fund. With our priests living longer, rising health care costs and fluctuations in the market, a fully funded endowment of \$3.6 million could ensure that the care of our retired priests would be more secure. Potentially, it could eliminate our current parish assessments.

While priests now pay into Social Security, this was not always the case. Older priests were not afforded this option, and therefore have limited resources to address their retirement needs.



#### Continuing Education for Priests:

Only a small portion of CPC addresses the need of ongoing education for our priests. Currently, the cost is approximately \$50,000/per year. Through this capital campaign, the hope is to set aside funds to address this critical element for our priests. Once seminary is completed, the need to have continuing education for our priests is of great importance. It bolsters their knowledge and capability, and enables them to serve our diversified faith family. It would take approximately \$1 million to fund this endowment completely.

#### Priest Sabbatical Fund:

A priest experiences more emotional highs and lows than most other vocations. In addition, priests are on 24-hour call. Most priests do not have an “off” switch. They go to sleep with the knowledge they could be awakened by a phone call at any time. As a result, there are limited opportunities for our priests to experience a paid leave for rest, rejuvenation and deeper study. In order to provide them with an opportunity to experience this, the diocese will create an endowment to fund these opportunities. Currently this area does not have a funding source.

#### Clergy Aid Fund:

Currently, there is not a clergy aid fund. This type of fund would support a priest who has a great financial need due to extenuating circumstances of health, medical or other misfortune. An endowment of \$500,000 could garner \$25,000/per year to address these unfortunate situations that have come up in our diocese for our priests. Currently, when these circumstances have arisen, the diocese has had limited, if any, resources to address these issues.







## CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION • \$3,000,000

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS • \$2,000,000

## CURRENT *Statistics*

**26 Schools**  
(Elementary 22,  
High School 4)

**7,294**  
Students

**539**  
Teachers

**90**  
Education Assistants

**28**  
Administrators

(school year 2015-16)

### Tuition Scholarships • Estimated Cost: \$1,500,000

#### *\$1,000,000 endowed funds and \$500,000 immediate use*

As neighborhood demographics have shifted and the costs of education have skyrocketed, Catholic school systems across the country have felt the strain. With smaller families, higher staffing expenses and increasing demands of aging facilities, many of our parish schools face challenges that are beyond their means. As tuition climbs, families make heroic sacrifices to send their children to Catholic schools. Despite the great strides made recently in Indiana with the School Choice Scholarships, families continue to struggle with the cost of Catholic education.

To support all families whose children attend Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Evansville, we look to bolster The Catholic School Tuition Endowment. The endowment bridges the gap between the full cost of education and the currently available tuition assistance programs. Broad based support to keep tuition manageable will give more families the option to choose Catholic schools.

The Catholic School Tuition Endowment will allow the income generated from the fund to provide tuition assistance to qualified families so their children can attend a Catholic school. Furthermore, the Diocese of Evansville projects that the Catholic School Tuition Endowment will:

- Provide tuition assistance to middle-income families who miss the cutoffs from other already established scholarships.
- Assist in keeping Catholic education affordable.
- Encourage diversity in the schools.
- Increase student enrollment and bolster financial stability of our schools.
- Assist more parents in forming their children in the Catholic faith by attending a Catholic school.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
DIOCESE OF EVANSVILLE  
Educate. Inspire. Proclaim.





## Create a Marketing Endowment to Promote “All Students are Welcome” and Teacher Development • \$500,000

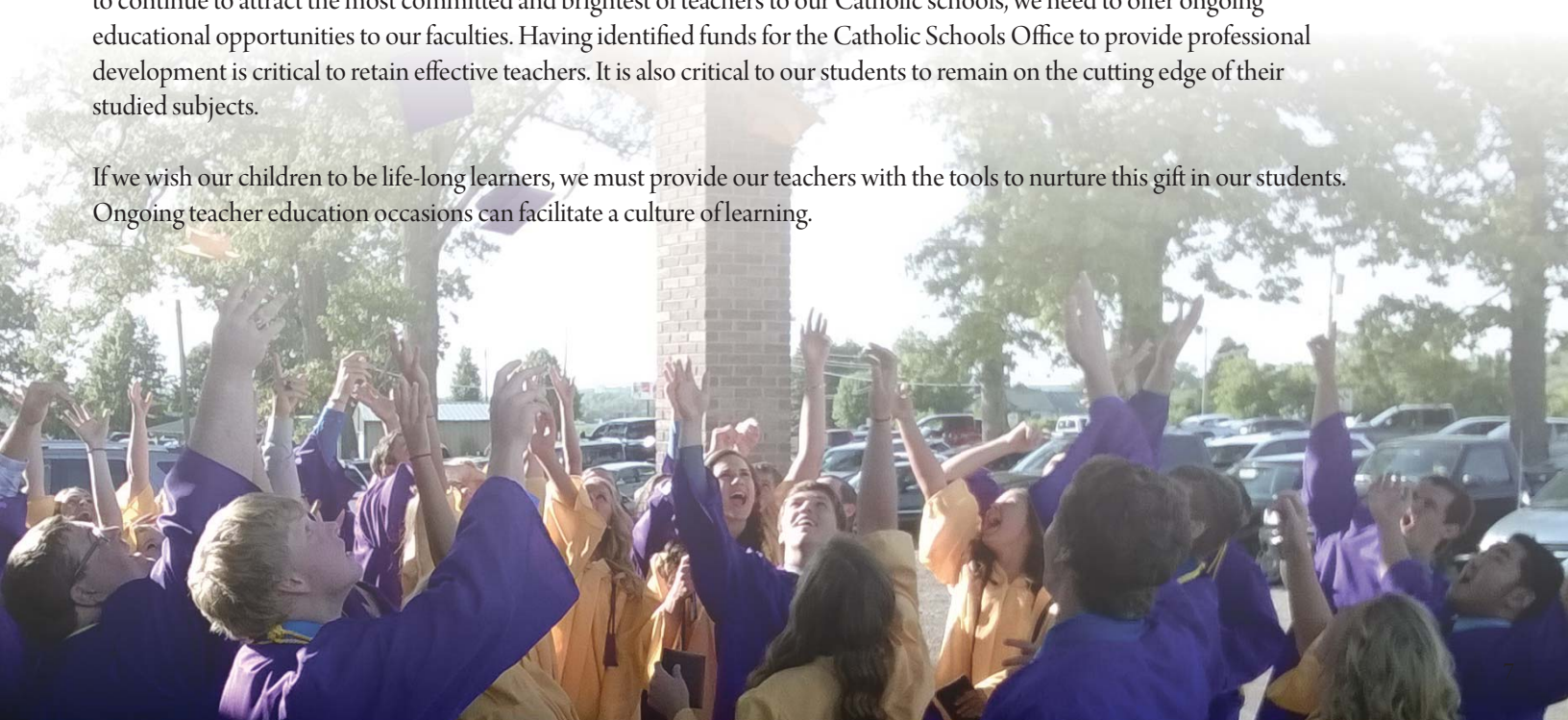
To make a Catholic education available to more children, we need to promote the benefits of Catholic schools and create understanding of financial aid that makes our schools affordable. Our Catholic schools have an amazing story to tell. By establishing The Catholic School Marketing Endowment, we will increase the overall awareness of Catholic schools in our diocese. Promotion of our schools will in turn generate a stronger enrollment and a more diverse student population.

The Catholic School Marketing Endowment will provide an annual funding stream to assist in:

- Designing and implementing a professional marketing plan including template materials that each school can customize to fit its own needs.
- Expanding the diocesan-wide Catholic school open houses.
- Expanding our presence on social media platforms while also marketing to our targeted demographics.
- Articulating to parents the application process, financial scholarship availability, and benefits of attending a Catholic school.
- Promoting Catholic schools to diverse populations within the diocese and removing roadblocks preventing them from enrolling.

One constant in education is that it is an ever-changing field of learning, growing and expanding horizons. In order to continue to attract the most committed and brightest of teachers to our Catholic schools, we need to offer ongoing educational opportunities to our faculties. Having identified funds for the Catholic Schools Office to provide professional development is critical to retain effective teachers. It is also critical to our students to remain on the cutting edge of their studied subjects.

If we wish our children to be life-long learners, we must provide our teachers with the tools to nurture this gift in our students. Ongoing teacher education occasions can facilitate a culture of learning.







## CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION • \$3,000,000

### FAITH FORMATION • \$500,000



To ensure quality religious education and formation in parishes and schools, the church relies on qualified teachers and leaders who share this rich Catholic heritage authentically. We will establish a fund to support the training of those who teach children, youth and adults in every parish and school in the diocese. The funds will provide scholarship assistance for Catholic school teachers and parish leaders of faith-formation programs seeking advanced degrees and/or certificates in theology, religious studies and religious education. Competent and skilled lay leadership will assist pastors and priests in their ministry to evangelize and form the faithful.

Interest from the Catechist Formation Endowment will support:

- Specialized training for Hispanic Ministries, Special Needs and RCIA – online training is available to obtain certificates of specialization.
- Advanced degree programs for religion instructors and directors of religious education.
- Development of an online diocesan training program for those who teach religion at all levels.
- Diocesan-wide Faith Formation Day.

We are called by virtue of our baptism to live our faith and bear witness to the Gospel. Formation in the faith is a lifelong process of opening our hearts to spiritual transformation through a relationship with Jesus Christ. At all stages of faith development, we will provide opportunities to strengthen and deepen faith by investing in lifelong religious education and formation.







## CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION • \$3,000,000

### YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT • \$500,000

Young people are the Church today, and they will be the standard bearers for the future. Youth involvement produces vibrant and exciting faith communities that result in stronger parishes, schools and ministries throughout our diocese. Youth ministries are crucial in preparing youth to form rich faith communities, strengthen conscience, embrace social justice, facilitate personal development and cultivate leadership in the Church – today and for the future. Growing and enhancing our broad range of youth ministries requires renewable resources.

#### By establishing a \$400,000 endowment fund, interest from the fund would be used for:

- Expanding staff with the position of Associate Director. The salary would be partially underwritten by the endowment. The Associate Director would enhance parish-level support for youth programming and assist in the greater implementation of the Bishop's vision for youth and young adult ministry. The addition of an Associate Director also provides continuity and support during times of change and growth as ministries are developed and reviewed.

#### By establishing a \$50,000 endowment fund, interest from the fund would be used for:

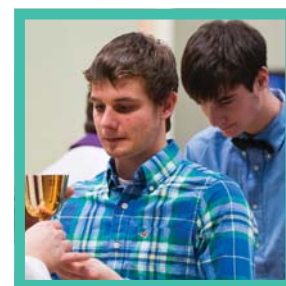
- The design of youth ministry curricula specific to our diocese, thus allowing parishes to reduce their individual expenditures for youth-ministry programming. These curricula would provide home-grown youth ministries that reflect the values of local parishes, rather than external programming written by those unfamiliar with the needs of our local communities.

Nearly 80% of students attending the University of Southern Indiana, University of Evansville and Vincennes University will make the Diocese of Evansville home after graduation; therefore, a commitment to Campus Ministry is a commitment to the future of our Faith in Southwest Indiana.

#### Raising \$50,000 would fund capital improvements at campus ministry sites across our Diocese for:

- Upgrades to the current Newman Center serving the University of Evansville. Due to its age and long-term usage, this Center is in need of major renovations. These repairs could attract more students to consider rental of the unit, thus enhancing the local community. Base renovations would cost \$25,000.
- The University of Southern Indiana will lease a 2-room apartment to the Newman Center that can be utilized for gathered ministry, thus providing a sense of ownership and belonging for Catholic Students on the campus. The 3-year cost for these facilities would be \$25,000.

*These investments in our youth produce lifelong involvement in our parishes, increased vocational discernment and greater financial support for the mission of the Church.*



## GROW SOCIAL OUTREACH • \$3,000,000



During its 80 years of service, Catholic Charities has offered hope of a better life to thousands of poor and vulnerable residents living in southwestern Indiana. However, due to changes in social and economic environments, the number of families suffering in poverty and from family dysfunction continues to grow.

Catholic Charities' experienced and educated staff members employ mentoring, mental-health counseling, and family and life skills education programs to assist families in distress. These services are proven to strengthen families and break the cycle of poverty. The agency is now well positioned to grow and assist individuals to become self-sustaining via a work-training enterprise. To launch this program and continue to serve a growing client-base, we need adequate space for both programs and administration.

### Create Life-Changing Programs and a Permanent Home for Catholic Charities • \$2,200,000

The most sustainable pathway out of poverty for many clients involves building a functional family and acquiring the skills needed to obtain paid employment. We will develop a work-training enterprise program to provide on-the-job training experiences for unemployed workers with few skills. With appropriately designed space, we can better serve our current clients and develop new programs focusing on the job skills needed to secure employment in southwest Indiana. A broad menu of proven programs and services will move families from poverty and dysfunction to self-sufficiency resulting in a more vibrant and stable community.

A well-defined and functional permanent home will allow staff members to more effectively offer services to families in need. It will include space for administrative offices, classrooms for life-skills education and group meetings, and the work-training business. The facility will be accessible to clients and be a visible part of the local landscape.



### Secure Sustainable Services • \$800,000

Clients are best served with well-trained, professional staff persons in a welcoming environment. Programs that offer a client the dignity of becoming self-sustaining are resource intensive and respond to the invitation of our Catholic Social Teaching. Sustaining strong programs and services such as a work-training business, mental-health counseling, and family-life education in a location that is accessible to clients and volunteers requires ongoing financial support. An endowment will be established that will offer a strong foundation of financial support for Catholic Charities' efforts in perpetuity.



Here are some of the *frequently asked questions* that have surfaced regarding our campaign effort. Keep in mind, our diocese serves the young and young at heart with Sacramental preparation, Eucharistic celebrations, faith formation and outreach to those in need. As good stewards, we are asked to be men and women with and for others, to serve the greater good.

### How will the progress of this campaign be communicated to me?

Updates will be provided via parish pulpit and bulletin announcements and on the website located at [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org).

### My singular gift doesn't matter to a project of this size, does it?

Yes, your gift matters – each and every gift matters. The campaign goals of this effort are far reaching across our diocese and as close as our local parish. With every parish family coming together on behalf of the greater good, we can accomplish all that we set out to do. Everyone's gift matters!

### Why are parishioners being asked to consider a specific dollar amount? How was that amount determined?

All parishioners are being challenged to consider a sacrificial stretch gift for this important campaign. Your specific request amount was determined by a number of factors, including:

- Your past support of the parish and diocese;
- Feedback received during the Feasibility Study;
- A general perception of what level of donation you may be able to give to the campaign; and
- The need to challenge parishioners to sacrifice so that our important goals can be met. Remember, the amount that you are asked to consider will be spread out over three years.

The specific request amounts you are asked to prayerfully consider are not intended to embarrass or offend anyone. If the request amount is too much, please consider an amount that would be meaningful to you and more appropriate for your household. If you can afford to give more than what is asked, we humbly and graciously welcome such generosity. Your sacrifice, in any amount, will help make the difference in this campaign and be a blessing to your parish and the Diocese.

### How do I know an investment in this campaign will be used specifically for these goals?

All gifts to the campaign will be used solely for the restricted purposes of the campaign and for no other purposes. The restricted purposes have been detailed in this case statement. The majority of the funds will be used for endowments. These endowments are maintained by The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana, an independent corporation with a separate Board of Directors, comprised of lay persons and clergy.

### Is my pledge legally binding? Will it be confidential?

A pledge is not legally binding; it is simply your best-faith intention. A pledge is a gift, one you consider to be meaningful to you. All we ask is that you do your best and advise the Diocese of Evansville of any financial changes that will impact your pledge. All pledges will be kept as confidential as possible. Only the people responsible for maintaining the records will have access to your pledge amount.

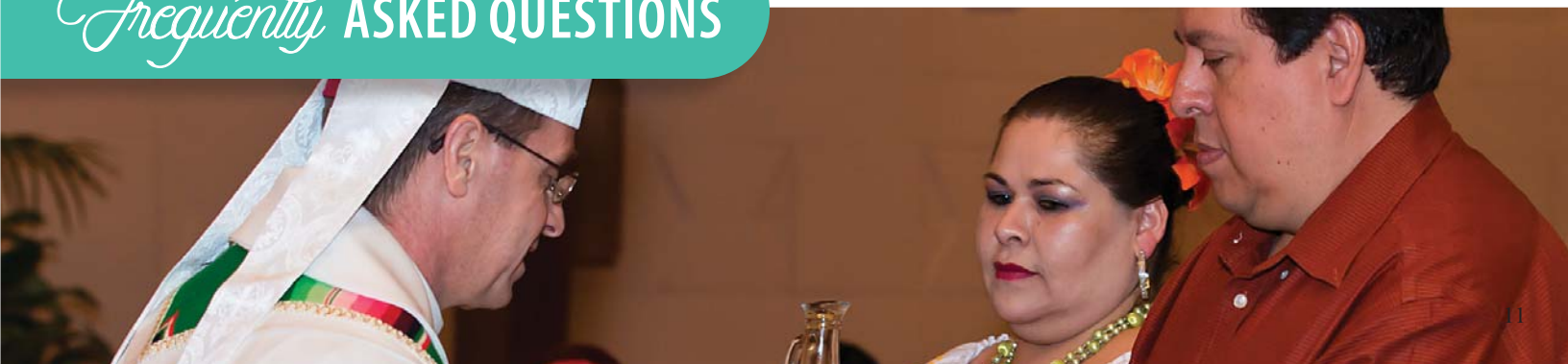
### How much will my parish get back of the pledges and gifts that we give?

Of the funds that a parish raises there will be a 50/50 split. The parish will receive 50% to address immediate local parish needs as outlined in this case statement. The other 50% will be allocated to the additional outlined areas of need listed in this case statement.

### How is this capital campaign different from the annual CPC?

While some of the areas of support are similar, the CPC is the annual fund or operational budget of the diocese and its many ministries serving the parishes and people. These annual core funds keep the programs running within their annual budget. This capital campaign is to address ministry needs of the diocese over and above annual funding. Almost 60% of the funds raised in this capital effort will be committed as endowed funds on behalf of the many diocesan ministry areas (seminarian education, continuing education and certification for faculty, staff and volunteers).

## Frequently ASKED QUESTIONS





## WHAT CAN I DO

... PAUSE ... PRAY ... ASK what God may be calling you to give on behalf of this effort to serve our parish family and diocesan community through this capital campaign. Then, as a good steward, you will step out in faith and you will know what your generous gift will be. Please note that contributions to the campaign are tax-deductible as provided by law.



## Cash/Check/Credit Card

We encourage donors to consider a 10 to 20 percent initial payment to begin your pledge commitment. Gifts of cash are the most common and will allow addressing immediate needs. Donating is as simple as writing a check, authorizing a charge on your credit card or automatic withdrawals. Checks should be made payable to **Stewards of God's Grace** and please note **capital campaign** in the memo section of the check. To initiate your recurring installment, you may log onto our diocesan website at [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org). Click on the **Stewards of God's Grace** Icon on the home page. This will redirect you to a secure giving page. Please follow the instructions to make your gift and/or pledge via your bank/financial institution or your credit card.

## Corporate Matching Gifts

A matching gift program provided through your employer may allow you to increase the value of your gift at no cost to you. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members. Check with your company's human resource department for the proper form, then contact the Diocesan Treasurer's Department at 812-424-5536.

## Charitable Gifts of Securities

Stocks, bonds or mutual funds – that have been held for at least one year and have appreciated offer special tax advantages. You will receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift but you will not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount. Contact the Diocesan Treasurer's Department at 812-424-5536.

## Life Insurance

You may donate to the campaign by making the Catholic Diocese of Evansville or your parish the owner and beneficiary of your insurance policy.

## Planned Gifts

Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals.

**Planned gifts can be made in the following ways:**

- Bequests by will or living trust
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts
- Charitable Lead Trusts
- Beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions, or financial accounts

*All Gifts Matter!*

## YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

3 Year Pledge	Annually	Semi-Annually	Quarterly	Monthly
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,667
\$50,000	\$16,667	\$8,334	\$4,167	\$1,389
\$30,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$833
\$25,000	\$8,334	\$4,167	\$2,084	\$695
\$20,000	\$6,667	\$3,334	\$1,667	\$555
\$18,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500
\$9,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250
\$3,600	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100
\$1,800	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$50



#### GENERAL CHAIRS

Teri M. Hollander Albin  
Tricia M. Hollander Henning  
Ron Hollander  
Jim & Mary Kay Muehlbauer  
Bernie Niehaus  
Mike Schwenk

#### HONORARY CHAIR

Pat Koch

#### CABINET

Alan & Dana Hoffman  
Jeff Wilmes

#### CAMPAIGN COUNSEL

Diane Keller  
*Steier Group*



## CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Gracious and merciful Father, You love us into being and call us into mission.

Jesus, our Savior, taught us that the lamp of discipleship must be visible rather than hidden, that the measure with which we measure will be measured out to us, that what we do or fail to do for others we do or fail to do for Him.

Bless the Diocese of Evansville, united throughout its twelve counties in southwest Indiana. May we seek to know and embrace Your will in all things, striving to be who and what we claim to be as the Church, the Body of Christ.

Grant us courage, humility and generosity to be more effective witnesses of mercy, justice and peace.

Renew in us the missionary spirit entrusted to the Church to be stewards of Your grace and blessings through time, talent and treasure.

May Your Holy Spirit guide and strengthen us as intentional disciples of Your Son through Word, Sacrament and Service.

We ask this of You through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

*Amen*

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!



**PROVIDING FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN SOUTHWESTERN INDIANA**

4200 N. Kentucky Ave • Evansville, IN 47711 • (812) 424-5536 • [www.evdio.org](http://www.evdio.org)