



DIVINE MERCY  
*Catholic Church*

*Grow. Lead. Share.*



*"I live, no longer I,  
but it is Christ who lives in me."  
— Galatians 2:20*

## Our Campaign...



Rev. Michael A. Farrell, Pastor

As our world continues to grow and change, we know that our parish and our larger Church must remain open to new opportunities to continue Christ's work in the world. To help define our long-term goals, our diocese conducted a comprehensive planning session known as a synod. During this historic effort, Catholics throughout Central Florida – including clergy and laity from across Brevard County – gathered to explore the many ways that we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, can better serve the Lord and one another.

This ambitious undertaking identified nine major projects that will change lives and transform communities for many years to come. Now, God's people, in all 92 of our parishes and missions, are working to

make these dreams a reality through *Alive in Christ*, our first diocesan-wide capital campaign. *Alive in Christ* will support the spiritual, educational and social needs that were identified by our synod while helping individual parishes to move forward with their own important projects.

Here at Divine Mercy, the Lord is inviting us to embrace our role in His vision for the Catholic Church in Central Florida. *Alive in Christ* offers a timely opportunity to build up the resources of our community so that this vision can continue to grow and bear fruit in His name. After carefully and prayerfully assessing our greatest needs, we are ready to take the next step in planning for the future of Divine Mercy and our larger diocesan family. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we will continue to witness to the presence of Christ in our world, as together we answer His call to **Grow**, **Lead** and **Share** the treasure of our living faith.



## Our Need...

Divine Mercy is truly a gift from our Lord, and we are blessed to call this beautiful parish our spiritual home. Here we come together as a family to minister, to serve, and to experience the joy that is found in the presence of Christ. As we continue to **Grow**, it is vital that we **maintain and enhance our facilities** for the benefit of future generations. Much-needed repairs and fresh paint will help to restore our church's distinctive golden roof. In addition, our parking lot needs to be resurfaced, striped, and marked for further repairs.



Our plans for the future also reflect our continued commitment to the lifelong formation of God's people. At our parish school, we equip young people with the vision to **Lead** and the desire to serve.

Through our parish religious education programs, we help people of all ages to **Share** their Catholic faith with confidence and conviction.

Recognizing that education is central to our mission as Catholics, we want to keep these opportunities available to all parish families regardless of their economic situation. Funds from *Alive in Christ* will not only provide **long-term support for both our parish and school** but will also ensure that our ministries remain vibrant and truthful expressions of Catholic teaching.



## *Our Plan...*

In response to our Lord's call, we will:

### **Improve our Parish Facilities**

We plan to:

- Repair and repaint our church's distinctive golden roof
- Resurface and stripe our parking lot

### **Support Catholic Education within our Parish and School**

Our support will:

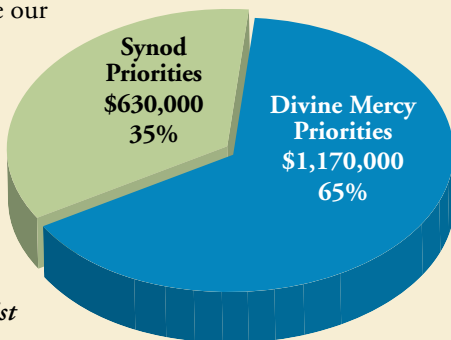
- Provide steady, long-term funding for Catholic education and faith formation throughout our parish and our school
- Ensure that educational opportunities remain available to all parish families regardless of their economic situation
- Enable more families to experience the lifelong benefits of a Catholic education
- Strengthen our existing faith formation programs while helping to sponsor new opportunities



## Our Goal...

Our *Alive in Christ* Campaign Goal is \$1,800,000.

Our goal of \$1.8 million is equal to twice our annual offertory and is consistent with the formula applied in other parishes and missions throughout our diocese. If we are blessed to raise this amount, *\$1,170,000, or 65%, will be used to repair our parish facilities and support Catholic education in our parish and school.* The pie chart to the right illustrates the percentage of *Alive in Christ* funds that will remain with our parish.



In addition to funding our own projects, the campaign also enables us to assist our entire diocese in responding to the challenges of the modern secular world. As members of the Universal Church, we will contribute \$630,000, or 35%, to our diocese to help fund new projects that will benefit people, parishes and

Catholic schools across Central Florida. Please see [Our Diocesan Goal](#) on the next page for a list of these bold initiatives which emerged from our diocesan synod.



**For every dollar we raise over and above our campaign goal, 90% will remain with our parish to help fund our current priorities as well as future needs.**

*Alive in Christ* provides a special moment in the life of our parish family and in the larger diocesan family to which we belong. Guided by the Holy Spirit, *Alive in Christ* is an important step in building a strong and vital Church for the future.

## Our Diocese...

Throughout our landmark diocesan synod, more than 1,000 of Christ's faithful, both lay and clergy, gathered together to explore opportunities and to define a bold new vision for the Diocese of Orlando.

Central to this vision is a renewed commitment to **Grow, Lead** and **Share** the treasure of our living faith. *Alive in Christ* will enable the Diocese of Orlando to live up to these commitments by...

- Building new parishes and schools
- Increasing the availability of tuition assistance
- Exploring new ways to recruit and train Church leaders, and
- Expanding the wonderful work of Catholic Charities in our society.

Together we will transform our Church and our communities for generations to come.

**In Central Florida, our Church is Alive!**

## Our Diocesan Goal...

**Total Goal: \$150 Million**

| Called to GROW...                       | Endowment           | Capital         |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| New Parishes and Missions               | \$ 5,000,000        | —               |
| New Schools                             | —                   | \$ 4,000,000    |
| Tuition Assistance                      | \$ 11,000,000       | —               |
| San Pedro Retreat Center                | \$ 1,000,000        | \$ 5,000,000    |
| Cathedral of St. James                  | \$ 1,000,000        | \$ 3,000,000    |
| Called to LEAD...                       | Endowment           | Capital         |
| Catholic Campus Ministry Center         | \$ 1,000,000        | \$ 5,000,000    |
| Recruiting & Forming Clergy/Lay Leaders | \$ 4,000,000        | —               |
| Called to SHARE...                      | Endowment           | Capital         |
| Catholic Charities of Central Florida   | \$ 4,000,000        | \$ 8,000,000    |
| Catholic Foundation of Central Florida  | \$ 8,000,000        | —               |
| Subtotals                               | \$ 35,000,000       | \$ 25,000,000   |
| <b>Grand Totals</b>                     | <b>\$60,000,000</b> | <b>Diocese</b>  |
|   | <b>\$90,000,000</b> | <b>Parishes</b> |

## Ways to Give...

### Making a Pledge

Pledge payments can be scheduled at the discretion of the donor, to be paid on a monthly, quarterly, or yearly basis beginning at any time, throughout a 3-5 year period.

All pledges, outright gifts of capital, Charitable Gift Annuities, Charitable Lead Trusts and other irrevocable planned gifts made to *Alive in Christ*, from the Fall of 2007 through the end of the campaign, will be counted in the final campaign total.



### Gifts of Securities

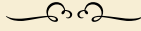
It is the policy of the Diocese of Orlando to sell all securities upon receipt to minimize the chances of having adverse market fluctuations affect the beneficial interest of your gift. Gifts in kind – real estate, insurance, closely held stock, art, and other tangibles – may be counted if they are sold and the proceeds revert to the diocese.

### Bequests, Charitable Remainder Trusts, and Revocable Planned Gifts

While we will commemorate and record bequests, Charitable Remainder Trusts and other revocable planned gifts made to the diocese, they cannot be included in the campaign total precisely because of their revocable nature. Unrestricted bequests received during the course of the campaign may be counted towards the campaign at the diocese's discretion.

## Gift Plans...

| Total Commitment | 5 Annual Payments | 36 Monthly Payments | 60 Monthly Payments |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| \$50,000         | \$10,000          | \$1,389             | \$833               |
| \$25,000         | \$5,000           | \$694               | \$417               |
| \$20,000         | \$4,000           | \$556               | \$333               |
| \$15,000         | \$3,000           | \$417               | \$250               |
| \$10,000         | \$2,000           | \$278               | \$167               |
| \$5,000          | \$1,000           | \$139               | \$83                |
| \$2,400          | \$480             | \$67                | \$40                |
| \$1,800          | \$360             | \$50                | \$30                |



*Lord God, you appointed Paul your apostle to preach  
the good news of salvation to the nations.*

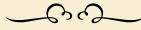
*May his example and prayers inspire the faithful  
of our diocese to be more fully Alive in Christ.*

*Fill our hearts with the spirit of your charity  
so that we may please you in our thoughts, words and deeds  
and be witnesses to the hope that does not disappoint.*

*You have given each of us different gifts and made us your stewards  
to generously share on earth the blessings we have received  
through your goodness so that the world may believe.*

*May the prayers of St. Paul and all the saints be our  
constant encouragement so that we may walk worthily  
as disciples of your Son.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



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