



NATIVITY  
*Catholic Church*

*Grow. Lead. Share.*



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

## Our Parish...

### Our History

Our parish beginnings were humble. Founded in 1960 as a mission of All Souls, our original church held only 300 people and was affectionately called “the little church in the woods.” On June 18, 1968, Nativity became a parish of the newly established Diocese of Orlando. As Central Florida’s population grew, so did the parish family of Nativity. We soon outgrew our worship space and a new church was dedicated by Bishop Thomas Grady in 1984.

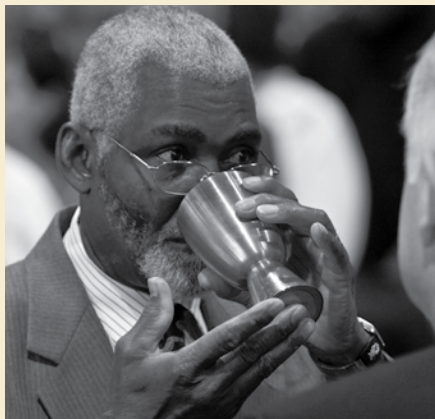
Through a combination of prayer, stewardship, and unwavering volunteer commitment, we celebrated our 25th anniversary by repaying the mortgage on our new church. The church was enlarged and rededicated in 1996, and with the creation of parish offices and the conversion of the old church into a Social Hall, our parish campus became a living reality — a gift to the Lord and future generations.



*Fr. Thomas G. Barrett, Pastor*

### Today

We have much to celebrate as a parish. We are a welcoming family of believers, empowered by the Holy Spirit and nurtured by the gift of the Eucharist. Our parish ministries continue to grow and thrive. And we respond to the call of discipleship through a genuine commitment to stewardship and compassionate service.



Nativity Catholic Church can truly claim to be a Vatican II parish. On the same day that our first church was dedicated, the Bishops came together to convene the historic council that would ultimately call God’s people to a new experience of holiness. Now the Lord is once again calling us to lead His Church into the future, with love and humility, as witnesses to hope, *Alive in Christ!*

## *Our Need...*

Christ calls us to Grow, Lead and Share our living faith. Through *Alive in Christ* we have the opportunity to answer His call by addressing our most critical parish needs.

Our church is the heart of our faith community, where we **GROW** in our living and loving relationship with Christ through the Eucharist. Thirteen years have passed since we last renovated our church, and much of our worship space is in need of refurbishment. In a spirit of thankfulness to the Lord for His many blessings, it is fitting that we maintain this sacred building. A new altar, porcelain tiling, and reupholstered pews will enhance our worship and give greater glory to God.

The spiritual formation of our young people is central to our mission as a parish. Through the grace of God, our youth program is booming! Unfortunately, the only space we have to offer to our youth is the back side of a maintenance shed. Renovating our Youth Room will provide our young people with the resources they need to **LEAD** others to a new life in Christ.



Our Parish Center has served us well throughout the years by providing a home for ministry meetings, shared meals, and social gatherings. Now the interior of the Parish Center is showing signs of wear, and much of our kitchen equipment is outdated or no longer operational. As we **SHARE** God's abiding love, we will update our social hall and modernize our kitchen, creating new opportunities for fellowship and social outreach.

## *Our Plan...*

Through *Alive in Christ* we will:

### **Renovate Our Worship Space**

- New altar, altar furnishings, and ambo
- Porcelain tiling in the sanctuary and aisles
- New tabernacle
- Reupholstered pews
- New altar and ambo in our Daily Mass Chapel
- New carpeting and reupholstered chairs in our Daily Mass Chapel



### **Enhance our Youth Room**

- Revitalized space for our youth to gather
- Resources for youth activities

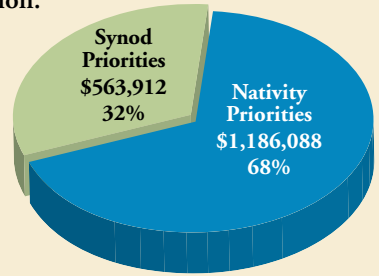
### **Update our Parish Center and Kitchen**

- Fresh paint in our social hall
- Modern kitchen with commercial grade equipment

## Our Goal...

Our *Alive in Christ* Campaign Goal is \$1.75 million.

If we are blessed to reach our goal, **\$1,186,088**, or 68%, *will be used to renovate our worship space, enhance our youth room, and update our social hall kitchen.* As members of the Universal Church, we will share the remaining \$563,912 with our larger Church family to help fund the bold and exciting new projects taking place throughout the nine counties of our Diocese.



*Alive in Christ* provides an important 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...

This is an exciting time for the Diocese of Orlando. Last year marked our 40th year of mission and ministry, and we have much to celebrate. We are blessed with people of faith and vision – people who embrace and celebrate Catholic truth, transform communities and make known the love of Christ throughout Central Florida.

We are also blessed with a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse population, allowing the Gospel message to reach more people in more ways than ever before. With this extraordinary growth come new challenges and new opportunities.

Throughout the 18-month synod planning process, 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 living faith that we have received from the Apostles and those who have gone before us. *Alive in Christ* will enable the Diocese of Orlando to live up to these commitments in a way that will transform our Church and our communities for generations to come.

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

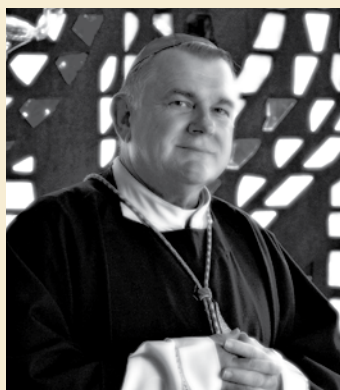
# Called to Grow, Lead and Share...

We have heard the call issued by the Lord in the Great Commission:

**“Go make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” (Mt. 28:19)**

And we have responded with a renewed commitment to GROW, LEAD and SHARE the living faith that we have received.

- *Grow* as spiritual beings through our prayers for the success of *Alive in Christ*.
- *Lead* by offering our time and talent in the service of our Church throughout this effort.
- *Share* by prayerfully considering a gift.



*Most Reverend Thomas G. Wenski  
Bishop of Orlando*

## 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>Endowment</b>	<b>Capital</b>
<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

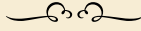
It is the policy of the Diocese of Orlando to sell all securities upon receipt to minimize the chances of having adverse market fluctuations affect the beneficial interest of your gift. Gifts in kind—real estate, insurance, closely held stock, art, and other tangibles—may be counted if they are sold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



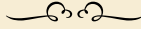
*Gracious God, as we begin this endeavor,  
awake us to Your presence within and among us.*

*We come together from different places and circumstances,  
with varying expectations and with different concerns,  
yet of one belief in You.*

*Gracious God, send us Your Spirit:  
to guide us during our time together;  
to provide wisdom as we continue to build Your Kingdom;  
to challenge us to be selfless stewards of our time, talent and treasure;  
and to inspire us to be fully Alive in Christ each day!*

*Let us mark ourselves with the sign of our redemption:  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

*Amen.*



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