



## OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

*Grow. Lead. Share.*



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

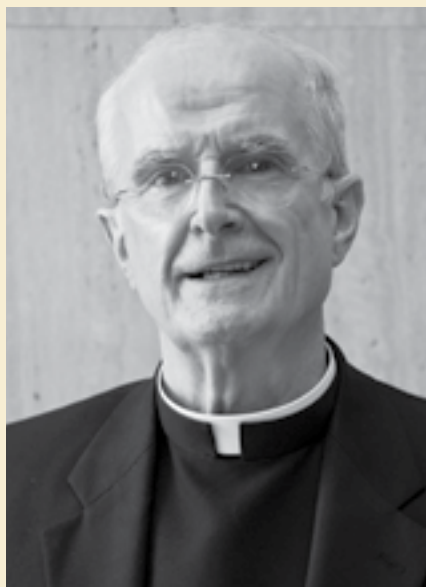
## Our Campaign...

As our world continues to grow and change, we know that our parish and our larger Church must remain open to new opportunities to share God's grace with a world in need. To better define our long-term goals, our diocese conducted a comprehensive planning session known as a synod. During this historic effort, Catholics throughout Central Florida gathered to explore the many ways that we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, can better serve the Lord and one another.

Across the nine counties of our diocese, God's people are working together 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 Our Lady Star of the Sea, we have been abundantly blessed. Christ's faithful have given generously to provide us with this spiritual home, and the material needs of our parish are few. This dedication to Christian stewardship has enabled us to reach beyond the walls of our parish to embrace all of God's people with love and compassion. While we have an outstanding history of providing support to local outreach programs, we are particularly proud of the great work taking place through our own Human Service Ministry.

Looking ahead, it is vital that we continue to minister to the poor, the elderly and the vulnerable in our community. In these difficult economic times, *Alive in Christ* will ensure that we have the resources to provide a sustained, compassionate, and Catholic response to the needs of today – and tomorrow.



*Rev. John S. Murray, Pastor*



## Our Plan...

For over 25 years, our parish's Human Service Ministry has worked tirelessly to offer assistance to the people in our area who are in need. For many people living in Southern Volusia County, this ministry provides the only consistent source of help available. As a parish community, we see in this form of outreach a practical way of expressing our Faith – a way of translating into action the Good News of the Gospel message.

**As the economic recession continues to linger, more people are struggling, particularly families with children.** Statistics indicate that approximately 25% of all children in Volusia County are living in poverty, and as many as 2,000 children in Volusia County are homeless. We want to continue this life-changing mission well into the future, but our resources are inadequate to meet the growing needs in our area.

The *Alive in Christ* Campaign presents us with an opportunity to carry out the healing work of Christ by raising the necessary funds to:

### Maintain and Expand our Human Service Ministry

The assistance provided by this vital ministry includes:

- Food and food vouchers
- Medication
- Rent
- Utilities
- Other basic necessities

By strengthening our Human Services Ministry, we will enhance our ability to nourish – physically and spiritually – those who are hungry and in need.



## *Our Goal...*

**Our *Alive in Christ* Campaign Goal is \$500,000.**

In a spirit of Christian stewardship, we will strive to raise \$500,000 over a five year pledge period. If we are blessed to raise this amount, *25% will remain here at our parish and will be used to maintain and expand our Human Service Ministry.*

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 the remainder of our proceeds to our diocese to help fund new projects that will benefit people, parishes, and Catholic schools across Central Florida.

**For every dollar we raise over and above our campaign goal, 75% will remain with our parish to help fund the current and future needs of our Human Service Ministry.**

*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. As the Body of Christ in Central Florida, God's people are building His Kingdom in extraordinary ways. Together we are...

- Assisting parishes in economically disadvantaged communities
- Providing more young people with access to a Catholic education
- Recruiting and training Church leaders, and
- Expanding the life-changing work of Catholic Charities

Please see [Our Diocesan Priorities](#) on the next page for a full list of these bold initiatives which emerged from our diocesan synod.

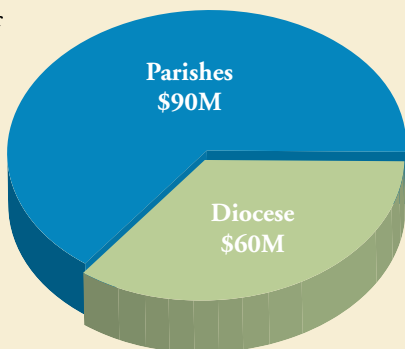
**In Central Florida, our Church is Alive!**



## Our Diocesan Goal...

All 92 parishes and missions in the Diocese of Orlando are participating in *Alive in Christ*, with a total campaign goal of \$150 million. While these funds will make possible many priorities that surfaced during the diocesan synod, **the majority of campaign proceeds will remain at the local level**, enabling parishes and missions – including Our Lady Star of the Sea – to move forward with important projects that help all of us to **Grow, Lead & Share** our faith more fully.

**Total Goal: \$150 Million**



# *Our Diocesan Priorities...*

## **New Parishes and Missions**

**\$5,000,000 endowment**

An endowment will be created to provide outright grants to new and existing mission parishes that are economically disadvantaged throughout our nine counties.

## **New Schools**

**\$4,000,000 capital**

A unique blended funding strategy will enable the fiscally responsible expansion of Catholic schools.

## **Tuition Assistance**

**\$11,000,000 endowment**

Permanent endowments are needed to provide a steady and secure source of ongoing tuition assistance for Catholic school children.

## **San Pedro Retreat Center**

**\$5,000,000 capital / \$1,000,000 endowment**

Staffed by Franciscan friars, San Pedro Retreat Center provides resources, spiritual direction, and a peaceful environment to God's people. The new master plan will improve camp facilities, the dining hall, conference space and sleeping rooms.

## **Cathedral of St. James**

**\$3,000,000 capital / \$1,000,000 endowment**

Restoration of our Cathedral will preserve this historic and sacred building for future generations.

## **Catholic Campus Ministry Center**

**\$5,000,000 cap. / \$1,000,000 end.**

An exciting vision has been developed to build a dynamic new Campus Ministry Center at UCF that will continue to enhance and nurture the spiritual life of students while serving as the central headquarters for campus ministry throughout our diocese.

## **Recruiting and Forming Clergy and Lay Leaders**

**\$4,000,000 endowment**

Endowed funding will provide opportunities to address the well-being of our priests and resources for the education of all clergy, staff, and lay leaders of our Church.

## **Catholic Charities of Central Florida**

**\$8,000,000 cap. / \$4,000,000 end.**

Catholic Charities will establish comprehensive centers of care and service throughout the diocese to assist those who are in the greatest need, including (but not limited to) women, infants, children, the elderly, and migrant workers.

## **The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, Inc.**

**\$8,000,000 endowment**

The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida will advance the Church's mission to encourage selfless stewardship; safeguard and promote accountability of gifts entrusted to its care; and engage donors to support the needs of our faith community.

## 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

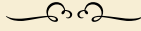
It is the policy of the Diocese of Orlando to sell all securities upon receipt to minimize the chances of having adverse market fluctuations affect the beneficial interest of your gift. Gifts in kind – real estate, insurance, closely held stock, art, and other tangibles – may be counted if they are sold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

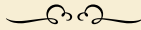
*May his example and prayers inspire the faithful  
of our diocese to be more fully Alive in Christ.*

*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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