



ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST
Catholic Church

Grow. Lead. Share.



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

Our Parish...

When Archbishop Wenski was appointed Bishop of Orlando in 2004, one of his first challenges was to address the ongoing growth of the Church in Central Florida. Recognizing the need to draw upon the faith and wisdom of God's people, he convoked our first-ever Diocesan Synod in 2005. With the involvement of more than 1,000 clergy and laypeople, the Synod examined the most pressing issues facing our local Church and developed concrete strategies to address these urgent needs.

Just as the larger Church must look ahead to new opportunities for service and ministry, so too must our parish family. The Lord is now inviting us to prayerfully consider how we, the faithful of St. Mark the Evangelist, might fulfill the great promise of the Synod in our own local community.

The *Alive in Christ* Capital Campaign is designed to help meet the immediate and long-term capital needs of our diocese while nourishing the continued growth and development of our own parish. Funds from *Alive in Christ* will ensure that we have the necessary resources to effectively proclaim the Gospel and to live our shared mission:

We, the Roman Catholic Community of St. Mark the Evangelist, seek to know the heart, see the face and be the hands of Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary.

Please take a moment to reflect on the information contained in this brochure. Our journey might seem daunting in the midst of the current economic climate, but the sacrifices we make today will help others to experience the love and grace we have found in Jesus Christ.



Rev. Jerzy Maj, OSPPE, Pastor



Our Need...

Through *Alive in Christ* we have a great opportunity to **Grow**, **Lead** and **Share** our living faith as we address the most pressing needs of our parish and our Church.

The church is the heart of our parish and the center of our sacramental life. Here we encounter in the most intimate way the living God who is revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Through the grace of God and the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners, we now have a beautiful new church in which to gather, pray, and worship. **Repaying the loan from our church construction will allow us to plan for long-range goals so that we might continue to GROW our faith community.**

At St. Mark the Evangelist, a variety of ministries help us to **LEAD** more people to a new life in Christ. It is essential that we position our parish for the future by

establishing a sound financial foundation from which new and existing ministries can flourish.

We are grateful for the many faithful and dedicated families who graciously **SHARE** their blessings to ensure that we are always prepared to minister and to serve. As responsible stewards, we want to demonstrate our gratitude by caring for these gifts in the most fiscally responsible manner. **Paying down the loan on our debt will reduce our expenses and enable our faithfully contributed offertory funds to be used in service to the Lord.**



Our Plan...

Through *Alive in Christ* we plan to:

Reduce our Existing Debt

Reducing the debt on loan for the construction of our new church will:

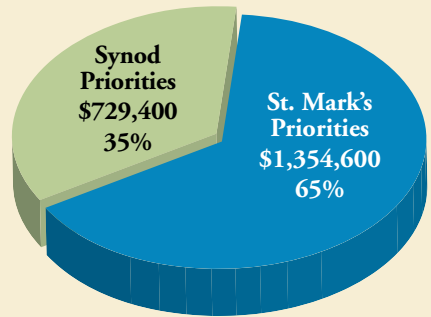
- Reduce the total interest paid on our loan
- Eliminate the need to use our parish offertory to make debt payments
- Enable offertory funds to be applied toward the day to day needs of our parish
- Enhance the financial health of our parish
- Enable us to remain responsive to future needs
- Position our parish for continued growth and development



Our Goal...

Our *Alive in Christ* Campaign Goal is \$2,084,000, payable over five years.

If we are blessed to raise this amount, *over \$1.3 million, or 65%, will be used to reduce our existing debt so that we can look to the future and meet the growing needs of our parish.* As members of the Universal Church, we will contribute the remaining \$729,400 to 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. Our ministry reaches back over 40 years, 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.

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
	Endowment	Capital
Grand Totals	\$60,000,000	Diocese
	\$90,000,000	Parishes

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

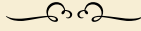
It is the policy of the Diocese of Orlando to sell all securities upon receipt to minimize the chances of having adverse market fluctuations affect the beneficial interest of your gift. Gifts in kind – real estate, insurance, closely held stock, art, and other tangibles – may be counted if they are sold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

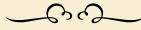
*May his example and prayers inspire the faithful
of our diocese to be more fully Alive in Christ.*

*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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