



## ST. GERARD MISSION

*Grow. Lead. Share.*



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

## Our Campaign...



*Rev. Glenn D. Parker, C.S.S.R., Pastor*

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we know that we must always remain alert to the challenges that face our Church and society. Like those who came before us, we have the responsibility to provide future generations with a faith community that is financially healthy, spiritually strong, and socially responsive.

To achieve these long-term goals, our diocese conducted a comprehensive planning session in 2005. During this historic diocesan synod, Catholics throughout Central Florida – including clergy and laity from across Volusia County – gathered to examine the most pressing issues facing our local Church. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our

synod identified a wide range of priorities and developed solid strategies that will help all of us to better serve the Lord and one another.

God's people are now making these dreams a reality through *Alive in Christ*, our first diocesan-wide capital campaign. *Alive in Christ* is designed to support the ongoing growth of the entire Catholic Church in Central Florida, while also funding important projects right here at St. Gerard. To date, more than 60 parishes and missions have participated in the *Alive in Christ* Campaign, and together they have raised over \$110 million to sustain and strengthen the important work of our Church.

After carefully assessing our own needs, we are now ready to play our role in the success of *Alive in Christ*. The state of the economy is still uncertain, but we are empowered by our knowledge that the gospel does not change. At all times and in all places, we are called to preach the good news of Jesus Christ. The decisions we make today will shape the future of St. Gerard Mission and ensure that we remain well equipped to further the life-changing work of our ministries.

## Our Plan...

Through the *Alive in Christ* Campaign, we have an opportunity to plan for the future of St. Gerard Mission by addressing our most critical needs:

Our church is truly the house of God and the center of our sacramental life. Here we come face to face with the Word made flesh, and we are given the grace to **Grow, Lead** and **Share** our living faith. **Our existing church building was constructed approximately ten years ago, and significant repairs are long overdue.** With its metal structure, our church is particularly vulnerable to damage from saltwater. As good stewards of the Lord's blessings, it is our responsibility to keep our church safe, comfortable and well maintained until we are able to construct a more permanent worship space.

**With funds from *Alive in Christ*, we plan to:**

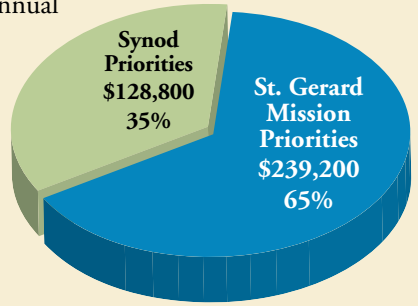
- **Remove and Replace the Siding on our Church**
- **Make Much-Needed Repairs to our Church Roof**



# Our Goal...

Our *Alive in Christ* Campaign Goal is \$368,000.

Our goal of \$368,000 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, *\$239,200, or 65%, will support the renovation and repair of our church.* The pie chart to the right illustrates the percentage of *Alive in Christ* funds that will remain with St. Gerard Mission.



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 \$128,800, or 35%, to our diocese to help fund new projects that will benefit people and parishes across Central Florida. Please see *Our Diocesan Priorities* 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 Mission to help fund our current priorities as well as future needs.**

*Alive in Christ* provides a special moment in the life of our Mission 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.

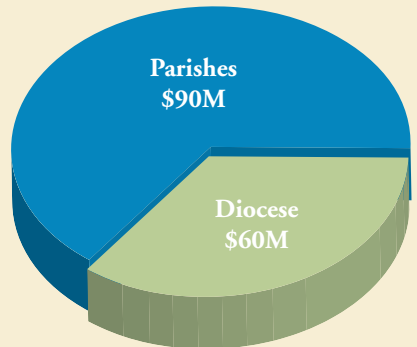
Central to this vision is a renewed commitment to **Grow, Lead and Share** the treasure of our living faith. *Alive in Christ* will enable the Diocese of Orlando to live up to these commitments by building new parishes and schools, increasing the availability of tuition assistance, exploring new ways 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...

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 St. Gerard – 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

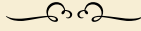
It is the policy of the Diocese of Orlando to sell all securities upon receipt to minimize the chances of having adverse market fluctuations affect the beneficial interest of your gift. Gifts in kind – real estate, insurance, closely held stock, art, and other tangibles – may be counted if they are sold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

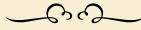
*May his example and prayers inspire the faithful  
of our diocese to be more fully Alive in Christ.*

*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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