



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
Catholic Church

Grow. Lead. Share.



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

Our Campaign...

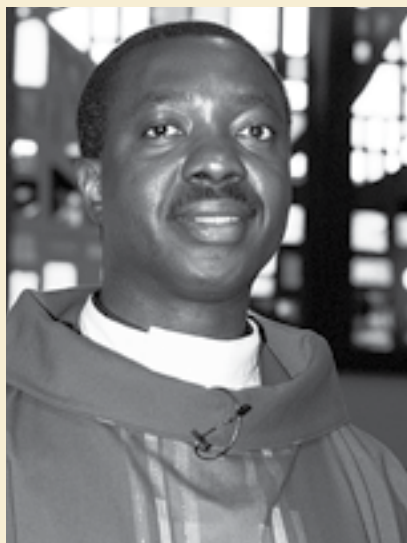
For over four decades, the faithful of our diocese have worked together to respond to the challenges facing the Church and society. Recognizing these challenges as an opportunity to renew and revitalize our mission, our diocese conducted a comprehensive planning session known as a synod. During this historic effort, Catholics throughout Central Florida – including members of our own parish – gathered to pray, to seek God's will, and to develop a solid plan of action for meeting the long term goals of our faith community.

In response to this strategic planning process, which identified a wide-range of priorities, the diocese created the *Alive in Christ* Capital Campaign. The campaign is designed to support the ongoing growth of our larger Church family while helping parishes to secure the resources they need to sustain and expand their own ministries. To date, more than 60 parishes 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.

Here at St. John the Baptist, we have already been exceptionally blessed by the vision and foresight of our families. It is now time to build on this legacy of generosity and leadership by moving forward with important projects that will help all of us to **Grow, Lead, and Share** our faith more effectively. *Alive in Christ*

will enable our parish to undertake much-needed repairs and improvements without relying on our faithfully-contributed offertory funds, which can then be reserved for the day to day operation of our parish and ministries.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, *Alive in Christ* will address our most crucial needs and ensure that our parish remains well equipped to serve God's people today and for generations to come.



Rev. Emmanuel Akalue, Pastor



Our Plan...

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 beautiful church has served us well, but the building is nearly 30 years old and requires **significant repairs and renovation** in order to meet the demands of future growth.

In addition, Christian stewardship requires that we look beyond our own needs and consider how we might share the love of God with more people. By improving our Food Pantry, we can strengthen this life-changing ministry and enhance our ability to **serve those in need**.

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

Expand our Chapel and Renovate our Church

- Expand our chapel or construct a new chapel
- Install additional pews in our chapel
- Renovate the restroom facilities
- Improve the lighting in the church
- Add new carpet and tiles
- Repair our stained glass door and windows
- Renovate our gift shop

Improve our *Helping Hands* Food Pantry

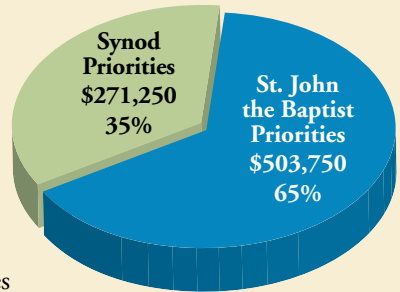
- Improving our Food Pantry will enhance our ability to nourish – physically and spiritually – those who are hungry and in need.



Our Goal...

Our *Alive in Christ* Campaign Goal is \$775,000.

Our goal of \$775,000 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, *\$503,750, or 65%, will remain with St. John the Baptist and will be used to fund our parish priorities.* 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 \$271,250, 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 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

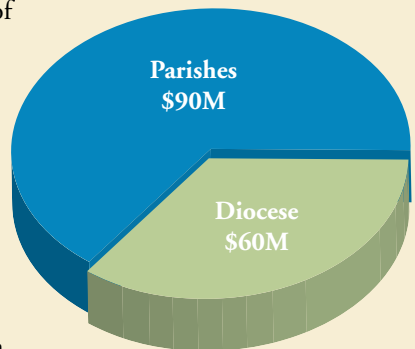
assistance, exploring new ways to recruit and train Church leaders, and expanding the wonderful work of Catholic Charities in our society. Together we will transform our Church and our communities for generations to come.

In Central Florida, our Church is Alive!

Our Diocesan Goal...

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. John the Baptist – to move forward with important projects that help all of us to **Grow, Lead & Share** our living faith.

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

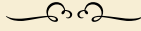
It is the policy of the Diocese of Orlando to sell all securities upon receipt to minimize the chances of having adverse market fluctuations affect the beneficial interest of your gift. Gifts in kind – real estate, insurance, closely held stock, art, and other tangibles – may be counted if they are sold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

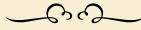
*May his example and prayers inspire the faithful
of our diocese to be more fully Alive in Christ.*

*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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