



## FROM THE DESKS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

### IT'S OUR CHURCH, IT'S OUR FUTURE CAMPAIGN REACHES ALL THE PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE

The *It's Our Church, It's Our Future* Diocesan-wide Capital Campaign has now reached all the Parishes in the Diocese of Ogdensburg .

The 19 Parishes in Block 1 began collecting gifts back in April. They have been wrapping up their final stages of the active phase, having raised \$2.8 million in gifts and pledges to date.

Another 40 Parishes from Block 2 participated in the summer months and they are presently following up with parishioners who are still prayerfully considering a gift. At this point Block 2 Parishes have generated over \$4.2 million in gifts and pledges.

Another 35 Parishes in Block 3 are presently kicking off this Fall. Receptions have begun and will be followed by bulletin announcements, a video showing, and pulpit announcements to inform Block 3 parishioners on the Campaign. Parishioners from Block 3 will also receive a letter from Bishop LaValley regarding the Capital Campaign and its efforts to meet the needs of the Church.

The overall Diocesan goal is to

raise \$16.3 million over the next four years, which will include \$1.3 million for the 2018 Bishop's Fund Appeal. The goal is comprised of 94 individual Parish Campaigns.

Of the funds raised, 75% will remain at the Parish for their direct needs such as parish programs, ministries and capital improvements. Each Parish has developed its own case statement outlining how funds raised will address their specific Parish needs. The remaining 25% supports the Parishes indirect needs such as Our Retired Priests, Our Seminarians, Camp Guggenheim and Our Cathedral.

If you are prayerfully considering your gift to the Capital Campaign, please remember that the Bishop's Fund Appeal will return in September 2019 and your continued support to your parish offertory, and other special collections, remain vital to your parish.

The consulting firm Guidance in Giving has been assisting the Diocese with this Campaign.

### PLEDGES AN OPTION FOR CAPITAL CAMPAIGN GIFTS

A pledge allows parishioners who wish to make a larger gift the option of making smaller installments over a period of 1-4 years. Pledge installments can be set up monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

For your convenience, automatic recurring payments can be made by debit or credit card.

To complete your pledge card, simply do the following:

- Complete contact information.
- Designate your parish.
- Check the frequency of your pledge: monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.
- Check the number of years you wish to pledge.
- Indicate your total pledge amount and the amount you are now paying.
- If you wish to pay by credit card complete the information on the back of the card.
- If you wish to participate in automatic recurring payments, check the box on the back of the card with the amount you wish your payments to be.

The Development Office appreciates parishioner filling out their pledge card completely. Once your pledge is recorded, the Development Office will provide parishioners with pledge reminder cards and return envelopes. When making a pledge payment, please use the pledge reminder card and envelope to assist the office in recording payments in an efficient and accurate manner.

Should you have any questions on the pledge process, please call the Development Office at 315-393-2920.

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## IT'S OUR CHURCH, IT'S OUR FUTURE GAINING MOMENTUM

The *It's Our Church, It's Our Future Capital Campaign* is gaining momentum as all 94 Parishes have been or are being introduced to their Parish direct and indirect needs.

With 75% going back to their case statement and the other 25% benefiting not only their Parish but the entire Diocese, parishioners have been showing strong support of the Church of the North Country .

"The generosity of the people of the North Country supporting the Church is absolutely tremendous," said Diocesan Executive Director of

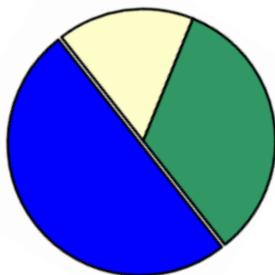
Development Scott Lalone. "And it's not only full time residents, seasonal parishioners see the needs of the Diocese of Ogdensburg and are making gifts as well."

Gifts have come in a variety of ways such as outright cash one-time gifts, pledges, gifts of securities and IRA contributions.

If you need any help setting up one of these gifts or have any questions on methods of giving, contact the Development Office (315-393-2920).



### Capital Campaign Progress



#### Capital Campaign Totals as of September 20, 2018

Goal: \$16,300,000

□ Gifts Received To Date:	\$ 2,669,157.09
■ Unpaid Pledges:	<u>5,304,466.75</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,973,623.84</u></b>

Donors: 3,357

■ Amount Remaining To Goal: \$ 8,326,376.16



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