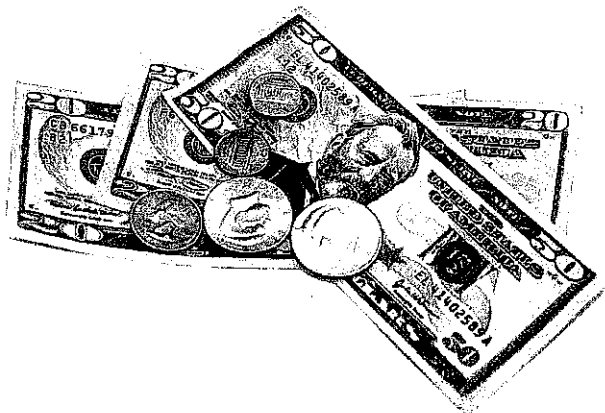


The Legacy Campaign And the Diocesan Capital Campaign

Bishop Daniel Thomas will soon announce the three phases of fund raising for the Diocesan Capital Campaign which are to follow his personal appeal to several folks around the diocese to raise the initial ten million dollars of the sixty-five-million-dollar goal.



While this important diocesan project is underway parishes have been asked to curtail in house solicitation of new pledges for current campaigns and not begin any new campaigns unless they are coordinated with the diocesan effort (what is called a “piggyback” campaign). That means we will not be seeking new donors to the Legacy Campaign at this time but hope all those who already made a pledge will continue to contribute so that the major projects underwritten by the Legacy Campaign can go forward.

When our parish pledge phase is announced we will be given the assistance of a trained and highly effective coordinator who will guide us through the pledge period. To assure full participation we’ll be looking for some volunteers to form the parish campaign committee, people who will work with the coordinator so that every household registered in the parish can be contacted to hear the message about the needs of the larger Church in Northwest Ohio and be a part of the campaign. A flyer is being assembled at the Pastoral center to outline the campaign goals which are intended to improve ministry and assure the continued operation of our Catholic schools, conserve the cathedral, and endow a number of important programs of the diocese, programs which touch all our lives.

The Legacy Campaign is an important project for our parish and while the solicitation phase is going on hold (actually, continuing since we halted asking for pledges during the Covid shutdowns), as Pastor I do hope those who have so faithfully been assisting with the campaign might continue to make their regular gifts. Our Legacy goals are focused on our magnificent old building which will soon be celebrated the centennial of its restoration after the disastrous 1920 fire. Visitors to Immaculate Conception often remark on the beauty of our worship space and how it must help us better appreciate the faith we share within its walls. Those who have labored to make the Legacy Campaign succeed want to make sure this stately building will continue to be a place of joy and celebration for years to come and are counting on the continued participation of all who pledged to the campaign.

A. Chris