You Are Chosen.

How many times in our lives have we hoped with all our hearts to be chosen for a team or a job or a relationship?

What if you lived in the reality that God has chosen you? What if you believed that you had a divine appointment from God to do a job? Would you accept it? That is what it means to live our mission.

Our generous response goes far beyond financial sacrifice.

The call is to give ourselves, to offer our lives as a willing sacrifice in order to receive the very life of Christ and fulfill the mission by His grace and strength at work in us.

Our financial generosity is one expression of how we are called to bear fruit for the building of God’s Kingdom. It is not a token response or one we make begrudgingly.

The Living Our Mission campaign is an invitation. You are invited to act in faith in union with tens of thousands of your spiritual sisters and brothers throughout the Diocese of Richmond.

“It was not you who chose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain…” John 15:16

The Living Our Mission campaign invites us to rally together around our common mission as God’s people. Your faith-filled generosity will be a grace to you, will assist us here at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart parish, and will advance our sacred work as the Body of Christ. Thank you for whatever you are able to contribute.

~ Msgr. Patrick D. Golden

Three Spiritual Considerations to Guide Your Generous Pledge.

Gratitude

Be motivated by gratitude to God, making a generous return to the Lord for all the blessings in your life.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. (Col 3:15)

Joy

Give freely rather than from a sense of obligation, knowing that God loves a cheerful giver and that true generosity leads to joy.

Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (2 Cor 9:7)

Love

Allow Jesus to fill your heart with His spirit of trust and selfless love for all those served by the Church’s ministry and mission.

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. (1 Cor 13:3)

Suggested Giving Levels:

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A Historic Journey.

After careful discernment and lengthy consultation, the Catholic Diocese of Richmond is stepping forward in an historic journey to raise a minimum of $65 million in its first-ever comprehensive capital and endowment campaign.

Many years of studying the pastoral and financial realities we face as a Church have resulted in this diverse case for support.

As a result of this unprecedented effort, our hope and prayer is to realize tremendous positive change in the life of the Church, while also preparing very thoughtfully for the future.

The Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Campaign Allocations

Campaign Goal: $943,000

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart
Richmond, Virginia

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Living Our Call. Living Our Faith.

Advancing Our Shared Mission: $16 Million

Distance Learning and Ministry Training Network: $2 Million
Taking advantage of the latest communications technology the Campaign will fund the creation of Distance Learning and Ministry Training sites throughout the Diocese, bringing broad access to excellent programming for Catholic school children, adult education, and ministry training for staff and volunteers serving in parishes and schools.

Emergency Parish Capital Needs Grant Fund: $2 Million
A fund will be established for assisting parishes with emergency capital projects and for providing special support to historic parishes in the Diocese.

Diocesan Capital Fund: $4 Million
A fund will be established for the management of diocesan-owned properties such as the Pastoral Center, campus ministry facilities, and Catholic schools.

Social Ministry Outreach and Mission Parish Endowment: $4 Million
A $4 million endowment fund will be established within the new Catholic Community Foundation to help secure staffing for social outreach ministries as well as helping our 45 mission parishes to carry out their ministries.

Annual Diocesan Appeal: $4 Million
The Campaign will continue to solicit the essential ministries and programs funded through the Annual Diocesan Appeal in the same year that each parish conducts its campaign.

Supporting Our Clergy: $13 Million

Seminar Education and Advanced Education Endowment: $5 Million
The Campaign will fund a $5 million endowment to support the recruiting and formation of future priests as well as create new opportunities for the continuing education of our priests and deacons so they can receive advanced degrees.

Priest Pension, Healthcare and Long Term Care: $8 Million
After devoting their life in service to the Church, it is right that we honor the sacrifices of our priests and show our appreciation for their service by helping them retire with dignity.

Developing Our Future Church: $14 Million

New Evangelization Ministry Fund: $2 Million
In order to meet this important need, a $2 million fund will be created through the campaign to spur creative new ministries that lift Catholics to enthusiastically live their faith while also inviting others to join in the mission of our Church.

Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry Endowment: $5 Million
A $5 million endowment fund will be established within the new Catholic Community Foundation to generate a permanent stream of funding to sustain these ministry opportunities throughout the Diocese.

McMahon-Parater Foundation Tuition Assistance Endowment: $7 Million
To complete the goal of building a $15 million fund within McMahon-Parater Foundation for Education, the Campaign will provide $7 million for tuition assistance endowment to Catholic School families who could not otherwise provide the blessing of a Catholic education to their children.

Parish Case

Our parish will receive one third of all the funds we receive up to our campaign goal of $943,000 and two thirds of all money raised over our goal. Here is how we intend to use our share:

Parish Share Up To Goal: $315,000

Element 1: Ministry Strengthening - $157,500
To enhance the current ministries of the parish, to meet existing needs and to fully implement Encounter the Joy of the Gospel, the parish will invest funds to enhance its programs of Family & Youth; Music; Faith Formation; and Social Justice. Implementation includes providing additional training to ministry leaders, providing for additional materials that will be required, and expanding staff to meet emerging needs.

Element 2: Foundation Funding Restoration & Repairs - $157,500
Proceeds will be designated for restoration and repair of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. The mission of the Foundation is supporting preservation and interpretation needs of the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart and the Museum of Virginia Catholic History.

• Replacing dome flashing to prevent leaks.
• Enhancing the sound system.
• Seal the tower roofs.
• Update security system for parish hall and museum.

Expenses: The staffing, marketing, and administration of the campaign are estimated at 5 to 6 cents per dollar raised, meaning that the vast majority of each dollar collected are dedicated to the capital and ministry priorities of the Diocese, as well as our parishes and schools.