

St. Mary's Assumption Parish Durand




Inspired **BY THE SPIRIT**
DIOCESE of LA CROSSE

An invitation
FROM BISHOP CALLAHAN

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

May the Lord give you peace.

With a sense of joy and optimism, I write to share with you our plans for the **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign. The recent years have certainly been filled with some difficult and challenging times for each of us personally and socially.

Yet, this time has provided me the opportunity to pray and reflect on the future of our beloved Diocese. I reflected upon the period after the resurrection of our Lord and the uncertainty, fear, and anxiety the Apostles must have felt during those days that led them to hide in the Upper Room.

This time has also provided me the chance to see how the Apostles responded to the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. How they went into the world to challenge others to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and they did so boldly, without hesitation because they were inspired by the Holy Spirit.

These recent times may have caused us great anxiety, but we are called by God to boldly proclaim our love for Him, to long for His saving grace, and to invite others to join His mission of salvation. As we look forward to the future of the Church of La Crosse, we should look forward with hope and opportunity, to go boldly into the world, to prepare our parish communities for a vibrant and usable future. Therefore, I call upon the Holy Spirit to intercede as we embark on the **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign effort.

This campaign offers all parishioners an opportunity to invest in the future of their local community and the overall Church of La Crosse. It is an occasion to come together, talk about the future, prepare for it, and invite others to participate. For each parish, this may mean something different; some parishes may be "Inspired to Renovate," others may be "Inspired to Build," while others still may be "Inspired to Evangelize" utilizing the funds raised to invest in evangelization ministry programs.

We also wish to continue investing in our vocation programs, our Regency and Journey programs, our support for continued education for our Priests through our Diocesan Annual Appeal as well as caring for the needs of our Diocesan Center. Also, funding the newly established Catholic Foundation will be an historic development that will provide for our parishes, schools, and ministries for decades to come.

As Catholics, our Lord calls us to boldly proclaim His Gospel, to live a life of service, and to invite others to His promise of Salvation. He has bestowed upon us the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower us, to inspire us to move forward, and to do so without fear and anxiety but with energy, enthusiasm, and life.

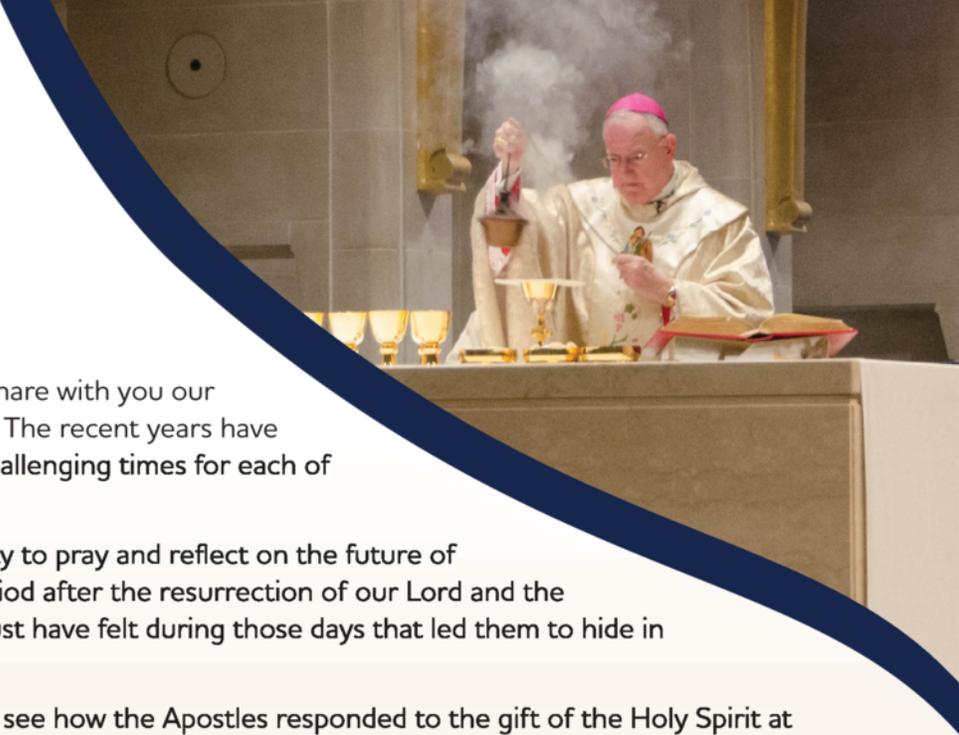
Today, I invite you to join this important endeavor and for all of us to be **"Inspired by the Spirit!"** I humbly, and sincerely ask for your leadership and participation. In conclusion, I encourage you to please pray for the success of this campaign. God be with you.

Very truly, in the Hearts of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I am

+ *William Patrick Callahan*

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Bishop of La Crosse

Inspired BY THE SPIRIT





TRI-PARISH CENTRAL OFFICE



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that I share with you the vision of the “**Inspired by the Spirit**” Campaign. This capital campaign is an invitation to all parishioners of our Diocese and in particular, our parish to invest in the future of the larger Church and more importantly, make a lasting impact on our St. Mary’s Parish.

The main focus of this campaign is the strengthening of our parish in an effort to provide a bright future for generations to come. The Diocesan wide goal for the campaign is \$40 million with \$26 million reserved for parish projects.

The remaining \$14 million will benefit the critical ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse, fulfilling each parish’s 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal, funding the newly formed Catholic Foundation which will help fund the ministries of parishes and schools now and in the future, and much needed improvements to our Diocesan Center building, most especially Christ the King Chapel.

Together with the faithful from all 157 parishes within our Diocese who are also pledging their commitment, we will restore, grow, and energize our Church now and for generations to come.

Here at home, St. Mary’s parish will directly benefit from the **Inspired by the Spirit** Campaign. Our Diocesan set campaign goal is \$405,000, 65% or \$263,250 will be returned to our parish. What will we use those funds for? We will use a portion of these funds for updates to our church dining hall and kitchen. Funds will also be used for the church boiler and air conditioning units that are estimated to need replacing within the next ten years. A fund will be created to assist in maintaining our Assumption Catholic School Durand campus building as a new heating system and roof will need attention and or replacement in the not-so-distant future. When we achieve and exceed our goal, our parish portion of funds raised will increase to 80%! What a future we can build! Our parish exists and has thrived since 1860 because of the generosity of those who came before us. Now it is our turn to continue the generosity. This campaign gives each one of us the opportunity to leave St. Mary’s of Durand in a stronger position for the immediate and for those who come after us. As your pastor, I remain inspired by your deep faith and dedication to work together to always meet our parish needs.

The **Inspired by the Spirit** Campaign gives us the opportunity to expand our work and unite with our Sisters and Brothers. We are members of the Diocesan faith community which is more than 123,850 Catholics strong spanning across 19 counties. Joining as one provides a great opportunity to energize our church now and for generations to come.

I personally invite you to join with me in this endeavor. Please take a moment to review this brochure and share in the vision for the future of our Church. Your prayerful discernment of a sacrificial pledge commitment is greatly appreciated. Let us all open our hearts so that we may be **Inspired by the Spirit!**

Yours in Christ,

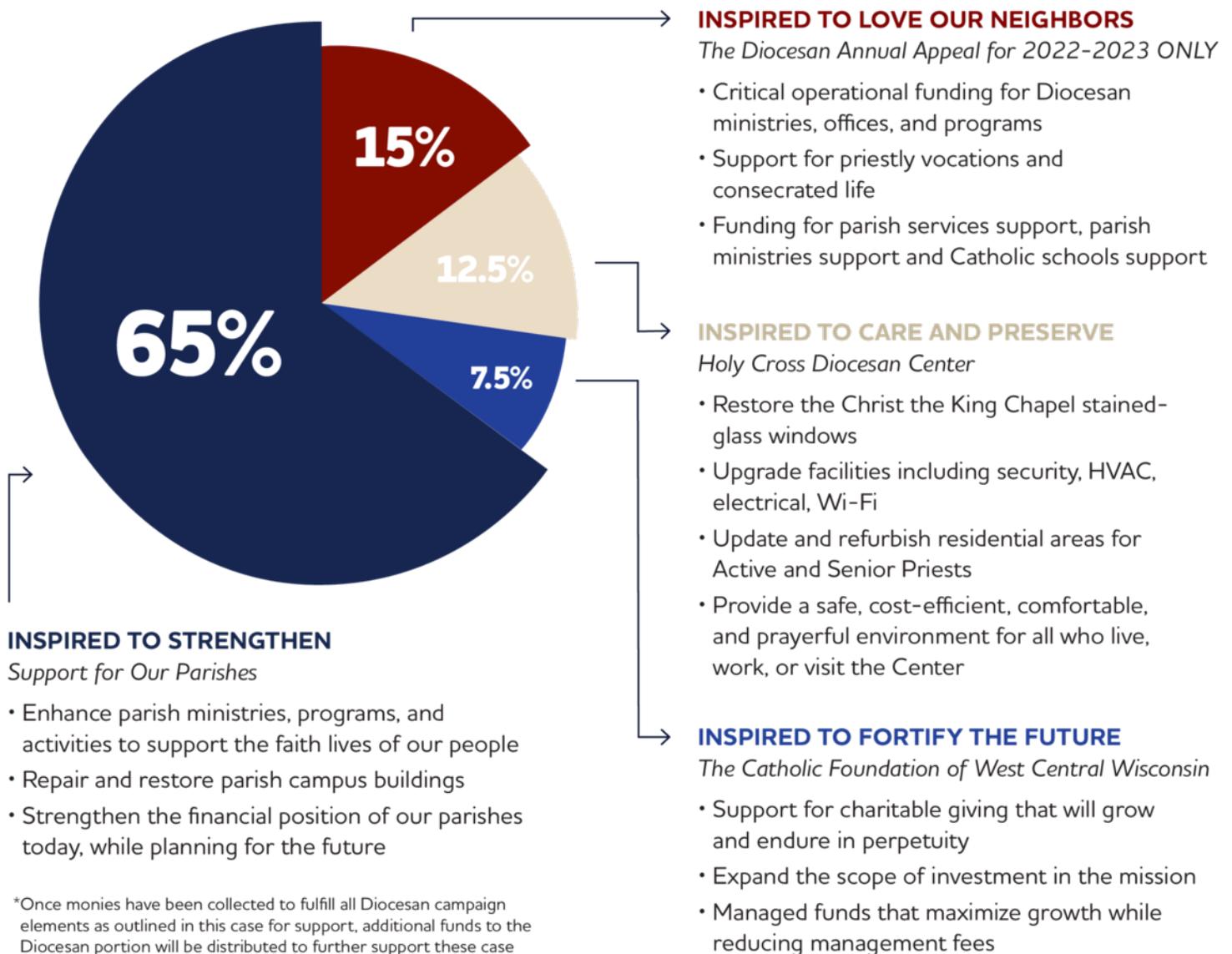
Rev. Emmanuel Asamoah-Bekoe
Pastor

Case for Support

In 2018, we celebrated 150 years of faith, service, Catholic education, and ministry in the Diocese of La Crosse. Today, as we look forward to the next 150 years, we are called to prepare our Churches, Schools, Vocations and Ministry programs for the future. Our **Inspired by the Spirit** campaign invites parishioners to invest in their parishes, schools and ministry programs while caring for our Diocesan vocation programs, senior priests, and Diocesan Center. Much like the responsible manner in which we care for our families' present and future needs, we must prepare for our family of faith, as well. We are called now, as good stewards, to fortify our parishes and Diocese so we may continue our faith-filled service to the people of the Diocese of La Crosse in the present and for future generations.

This historic campaign intends to raise a minimum of \$40 million to strengthen our church and secure our future.

Inspired BY THE SPIRIT CASE SUMMARY



*Once monies have been collected to fulfill all Diocesan campaign elements as outlined in this case for support, additional funds to the Diocesan portion will be distributed to further support these case elements, to cover campaign related costs, or other related needs at the discretion of the Bishop of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Inspired TO STRENGTHEN

St. Mary's Assumption Parish

St. Mary's Parish has been a dedicated place of worship and faith in Durand since its inception in 1860 as a mission parish. Building St. Mary's was a labor of love from the community. The first wooden church was built and opened its doors in 1876. The school began its fine tradition in 1886 and continues today. As a pillar of the community, we want to ensure the future of our Parish and School for our younger generations. In keeping with that spirit, we can look to the future and make preparations in order to help St Mary's Parish and Assumption Catholic School thrive for the generations of tomorrow.

Over the next five to ten years, we would like to address the following:

Our Assumption Catholic School Durand Campus Repair & Maintenance Fund

Building and maintenance can be costly as all who own property are well aware. Our plan is to establish a fund that will assist in the maintenance of our school building and gymnasium. The estimated cost of roof repair and/or replacement is \$300,000+ and adding the next four most necessary rooms with air conditioning is approx. \$20,000. While our maintenance team and knowledgeable volunteers are very good at maintaining the school heating system, it is in the not-so-distant future that a new school heating system will be needed at a current estimate of \$450,000.
ACS Fund Starter: \$100,000

Our Parish Dining Hall

Our parish hall is a place we gather as a community for fish fries, dinners, funerals, and our school hot lunch. Updates will be necessary in the future to include new coolers, fryers, appliances, cabinets, and countertops.
Dining Hall Estimated Cost: \$30,000

Our Church Boiler and AC Units

Our church is a welcoming place where we gather as a parish community for Mass, Adoration, and prayer. It is estimated within the next ten years our church will need a new boiler as it is ending its efficient and useful life. The church AC units will also be in need of replacement within that time.
Heating & Cooling Estimated Cost: \$113,250

Our Parking Lot

Our changing seasons take their toll on our parking lots and they will need patch and repair. Some of that work is being done this summer with a maintenance plan for the upcoming years.
Parking Lot Maintenance Estimated Cost: \$20,000

We hope you will be generous in providing for the needs of your parish, for the immediate and for the future generations to come.

Parish Share:	\$263,250
2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal:	\$27,250
Holy Cross Diocesan Center and Foundation:	\$114,500
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Inspired by the Spirit Parish Goal:	\$405,000



Inspired TO GIVE

Suggested Gift Plans

In order to assist you as you consider making a pledge to this Campaign, we have provided some suggested giving plans. Please consider which plan best fits your monthly budget. This campaign is based on equal sacrifice – not equal giving. If each family makes a truly sacrificial gift, we will reach and exceed our goal together.

We are inviting each household in our parish family to consider a minimum pledge of \$3,000 to be paid over the next 60 months. This pledge would be a sacrifice of \$45 per month—less than \$2 a day—to build a promising future for our parish. We ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge of sacrifice that helps to express to God your gratitude for all of the gifts in your life. A gift to this campaign may entitle you to a charitable contribution deduction against your income tax.

GIVING PLANS TO CONSIDER*

Total Pledge	10% Down Payment	5 Annual Payments	20 Quarterly Payments	Suggested 60 Monthly Payments
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$18,000	\$4,500	\$1,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$9,000	\$2,250	\$750
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$4,500	\$1,125	\$375
\$20,000	\$2,000	\$3,600	\$900	\$300
\$15,000	\$1,500	\$2,700	\$675	\$225
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$1,800	\$450	\$150
\$7,500	\$750	\$1,350	\$338	\$113
\$5,000	\$500	\$900	\$225	\$75
\$4,000	\$400	\$720	\$180	\$60
\$3,000	\$300	\$540	\$135	\$45

*Your commitment to the Inspired by the Spirit campaign is in addition to your weekly stewardship contribution.

Planned Giving, Wills, Estate Planning, Life Insurance

There are numerous planned giving opportunities that provide donors alternative methods of making their gifts to the Campaign. These include, but are not restricted to:

- Gifts of assets including real estate, stocks, bonds, coins, etc
- Making St. Mary's Assumption Parish a beneficiary of your will
- Naming St. Mary's Assumption Parish as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy

Matching Gift Opportunities

Many employers have matching gift programs that provide employees the opportunity to multiply their gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal, educational institutions, ministry organizations, and charitable institutions. We encourage you to inquire with your Human Resources Department regarding the Matching Gift opportunities available to you. For questions, please contact the Stewardship and Development Office at (608) 791-2653.



TAX ADVANTAGES OF THOUGHTFUL GIVING

Federal and state laws on income and inheritance taxes encourage charitable giving.

Charitable IRA Rollover

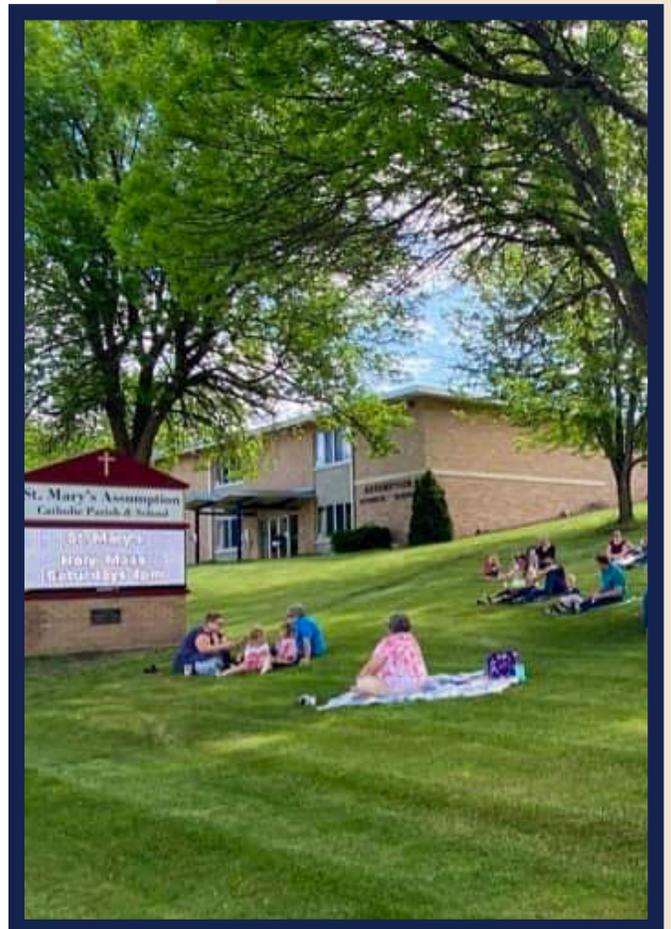
In December 2015, Congress passed legislation making the IRA Charitable Rollover* permanent. If you have an IRA and are aged 70½ or older, you may opt to make a charitable contribution from your qualified IRA plan. When you do so, you may transfer up to \$100,000 per year to St. Mary's Assumption Parish. As a charitable gift, this distribution comes straight to the Diocese. Therefore, it would not be taxed as income. In addition, if you are required to take a minimum distribution (RMD), your charitable contribution can satisfy all or part of the amount of your required minimum distribution from your IRA.

Gifts of Appreciated Stock

You can give appreciated stock to the campaign. If you have held your stock for more than one year, you may take a charitable tax deduction for the current market value of the stock, and neither you nor St. Mary's Assumption Parish is required to pay capital-gains taxes when the stock is sold. The combination can result in a greater deduction (and more tax savings) for you and a larger gift for the Campaign than if you sell the stock, pay the taxes, and donate the net proceeds.

- Please contact Sarah in the Stewardship and Development Office at (608) 791-2653 if you wish to discuss making a gift of stock. You must indicate on your pledge card the number of shares and the name of the company (ticker). Please also call the Campaign Office or notify your campaign director immediately so we can confirm that the securities were received, authorize the sale by our broker, and send you the appropriate acknowledgment letter.

*The SECURE Act made major changes to the RMD rules. For plan participants and IRA owners who reach the age of 70½ in 2019, the prior rule applies and the first RMD must start by April 1, 2020. For plan participants and IRA owners who reach age 70½ in 2020, the first RMD must start by April 1 of the year after the plan participant or IRA owner reaches 72.





CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Eternal Father, Your Holy Spirit
breathes life and gives beauty
to all Your creatures, and
forms us in Your image.

Jesus, as You promised,
You send Your Spirit upon Your Church
to embolden us always
to carry out Your mission.

Holy Spirit, poured out as love itself,
we turn to You; inspire us!

You who strengthened the faith
of those in every generation before us,
inspire us today
to be courageous in our belief.

You who will remain always with us,
inspire us now to share what we have received
for our present good
and for the good of those yet to come.

Amen.

