



ONE CHURCH | EAST TO WEST

*Grateful for Our Past...Preparing for Our Future*

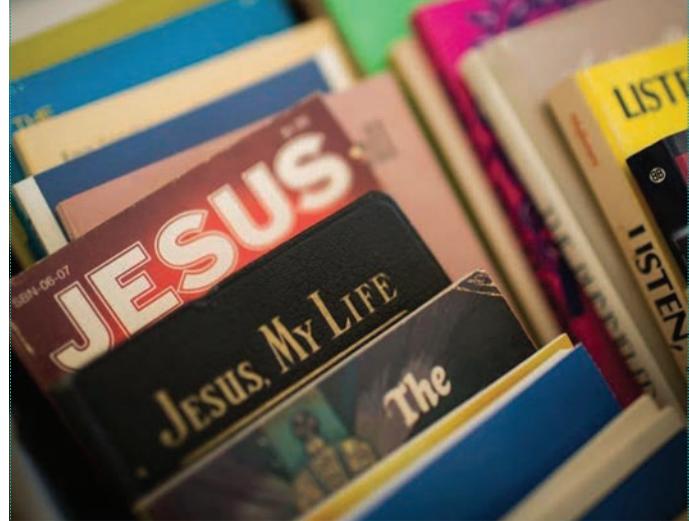
## STATEMENT OF NEED

Retired Priests Fund	\$5,000,000
Seminarian Education	\$5,000,000
Youth Formation	\$5,000,000

The endowment funds will:

- Generate earnings to address needs of the areas outlined; the principal of the endowment funds will not be touched;
- Grow through future gifts and contributions;
- Be managed by professional investment managers and monitored by the Diocesan Finance Council and the Investment Committee; and
- Operate under the responsibility of the Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

This campaign differs from our annual Diocesan Development Fund (DDF). DDF primarily funds our yearly operational needs. We are conducting the capital campaign in an effort to address long-term financial needs and expand opportunities for the future.



## THE CHURCH IN SOUTHERN MISSOURI NEEDS YOU

You can participate in this endeavor in four ways. First, please **pray** for the success of the capital campaign. Next, take an active part by **volunteering your time** when your parish implements its campaign. Third, **share the goals** of the campaign with others. Finally, **make a gift** to the campaign. In returning God's gifts, we joyfully make a return gift to the Lord in a planned, proportionate, and sacrificial manner.

Extending over 39 counties across southern Missouri, the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau serves over 65,000 Catholics in 20,000+ households, including more than 8,300 youth and young adults, through 66 parishes, 18 missions, and 4 chapels.



## GRATEFUL FOR OUR PAST... PREPARING FOR OUR FUTURE – OUR CAMPAIGN

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau is called upon daily to continue, and even increase, its services and ministries, and to provide their funding. To continue to meet these challenges, the diocese seeks to secure its future in God's service by conducting a capital campaign. The theme for this fund drive, *Grateful for Our Past... Preparing for Our Future*, reflects our gratitude to the generations of parishioners and priests who worked faithfully to advance the mission of the diocese as well as our willingness and responsibility to prepare for the future.

The capital campaign seeks to raise a minimum of \$15 million to augment existing endowments for priest retirement and preparing our future priests, and to establish a new endowment for youth formation.



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## PREPARING OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Vocations to the priesthood are vital for meeting the spiritual and pastoral needs of the households currently living their faith in our diocese.

- In the summer of 2015, the diocese celebrated the ordination of two men to the priesthood.
- Seven men are in various stages of formation in seminary colleges, with the majority of their educational costs assumed by them or their families.
- Six seminarians from our diocese are in graduate theology and three are in pre-theology. The cost of tuition and room and board for these individuals, over \$35,000 per year each, is totally financed by the diocese.
- The existing endowment for seminarian education is not large enough to generate sufficient funds for the current number of young men studying for the priesthood. Last year, \$350,000 was earned through various sources; however, over \$700,000 was disbursed for vocation expenses, mostly for seminarian education and related costs.



By increasing the endowment for seminarian education by \$5 million, we will be able to fund this program well into the future, even with an increase in the number of seminarians.

## YOUTH FORMATION

We have a responsibility to give our youth the opportunity to learn the moral, religious, and spiritual values that are essential in coping with today's society.



The diocese seeks to establish a \$5 million endowment fund dedicated to the Christian formation of youth, adolescents, and young men and women and their families. It is hoped over time that the interest of this endowment will:

- Offer a retreat experience to youth during both grade school and high school years;
- Identify and establish retreat sites in the diocese;
- Provide the means for offering retreats;
- Fund the possible hiring of a retreat director or team working with our youth;
- Support various needs for campus ministry;
- Provide scholarships for those in need to attend retreats and Catholic conferences;
- Underwrite contemporary programs to engage youth in their parish communities;
- Provide training and formation of lay ministers responsible for youth ministry; and
- Fund other developing opportunities.

The purpose of the diocese's on-going and projected programs for adolescents and youth is to enable them to deepen their relationship with God, learn about themselves, and discover what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

## WAYS YOU CAN INVEST

**Cash Pledges** – Pledges over time allow donors to consider more substantial commitments than are possible with one-time cash gifts. Gifts may be pledged in annual, semi-annual, quarterly, or monthly installments.

**Appreciated Securities** – Gifts of appreciated securities or other marketable assets are welcome. The value of a gift of securities is determined at the time the transfer takes place. A donor can reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes through a gift of appreciated securities.

**Bequests** – Because a bequest is a gift made in a will, the individual retains full use of the gift property during his/her lifetime. Donors can give a certain item, a specific amount, or a percentage of their estates, or they can leave the remainder after providing for all other heirs.

**Life Insurance** – Immediate tax savings can be gained by assigning ownership of a life insurance policy to the diocese, with added tax savings for the premiums the donor may pay in future years.

**Life Income Gifts** – Through a number of planned gift options, an individual can place cash, securities, or other assets in trust and continue to receive income from the trust. Upon his/her death or the beneficiary's death or at some pre-determined date, the trust terminates and the funds are transferred to the diocese.

**Dr. Gene Aug**, Director of Development and Properties, is available to meet with individuals to discuss various possibilities for planned gifts. **(417) 866-0841 ext. 119**

*All administrative expenses related to the capital campaign will be covered by gift proceeds.*

## RETIRED PRIESTS FUND

At present, our Priests' Mutual Benefit Society (PMBS) fund is not fully funded and will likely not sustain itself beyond another decade. The average age of our active diocesan priests is 56. The customary retirement age for priests in our diocese is 70. Combining this with a longer life expectancy, it is evident that we need to increase our current PMBS fund in order to care for our current and future diocesan priests in their retirement years.

Currently there are 15 retired priests in our diocese who have spent their lives in service and devotion to our parishes and families. We are blessed that some of these men are willing to continue serving in our parishes, as they are able. A \$5 million increase in the PMBS endowment fund will provide a pension and supplemental medical coverage for these men so they are able to live out their remaining years with dignity.