

# St. Mary Parish Torun



*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.

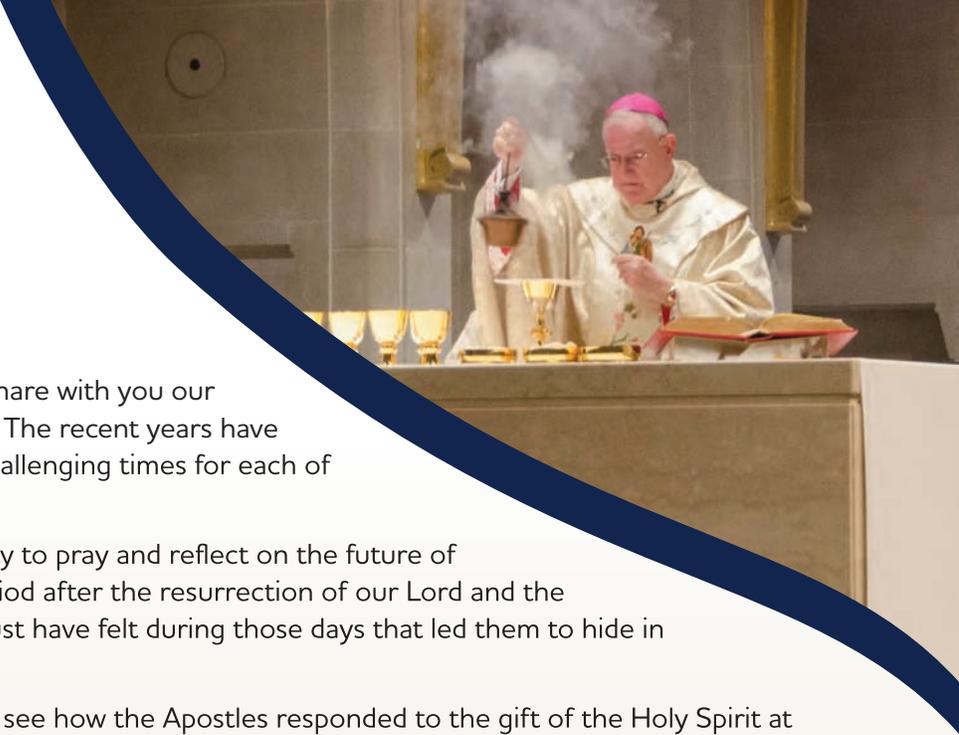
Today, I invite you to join this important endeavor and for all of us to be **"Inspired by the Spirit!"** I humbly, and sincerely ask for your leadership and participation. In conclusion, I encourage you to please pray for the success of this campaign. God be with you.

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

+ *William Patrick Callahan*

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Bishop of La Crosse

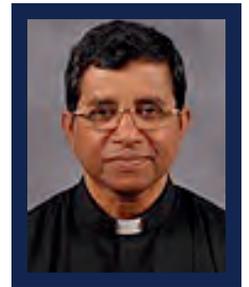
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St. Mary-Torun

Rev. Thomas Nirappel, MSFS, Pastor



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I share the vision of the **"Inspired by the Spirit"** Campaign with great joy and enthusiasm. This capital campaign is an invitation to all the parishioners of our Diocese, especially our parish as we celebrate 125 years, to invest in the future of the larger Church, more importantly, our parish.

The main focus of this campaign is strengthening each parish to provide a bright future for generations to come. The diocesan goal for the campaign is \$40 million, with \$26 million reserved for parish projects.

The Diocese is crucial to the long-term health of our parish, providing many services that may not be readily apparent, including legal consulting, accounting and auditing, international priest recruitment and support, vocations, communications, development, and 32 additional ministries.

In unity with the faithful from all 156 parishes of our Diocese, we pledge to restore, grow, and energize our Church, now and for future generations.

Our parish goal is \$85,000, with 35%, or \$29,750 supporting the overall Diocesan goal of \$14 million benefiting the critical ministries of the Diocese of La Crosse. These include: 15% towards fulfilling our parish's 2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal; 7.5% to help fund the newly formed Catholic Foundation, which will help support the ministries of parishes and schools now and in the future; and 12.5% will be invested in much-needed improvements to our Diocesan Center building, most especially Christ the King Chapel.

The remaining 65%, or \$55,250, will return to our parish! Inspired by our recent handicap accessibility project, we plan to use these funds to begin updating our worship space. When we achieve and exceed our Diocesan Annual Appeal goal, our parish portion of funds raised will increase to 80%! What a future we could build! Our parish has thrived because of the generosity of those who came before us. As your pastor, I remain inspired by your deep faith and dedication to working together to meet our parish needs.

The **Inspired by the Spirit** Campaign expands our good works and unity with our Sisters and Brothers from all Diocesan parishes to strengthen and grow the Church. We are members of the Diocesan faith community, which is more than 123,850 Catholics strong, spanning 19 counties—joining as one provides an excellent opportunity to energize our church now and for generations to come.

I invite you to join 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 the Spirit may inspire us!

Yours in Christ,

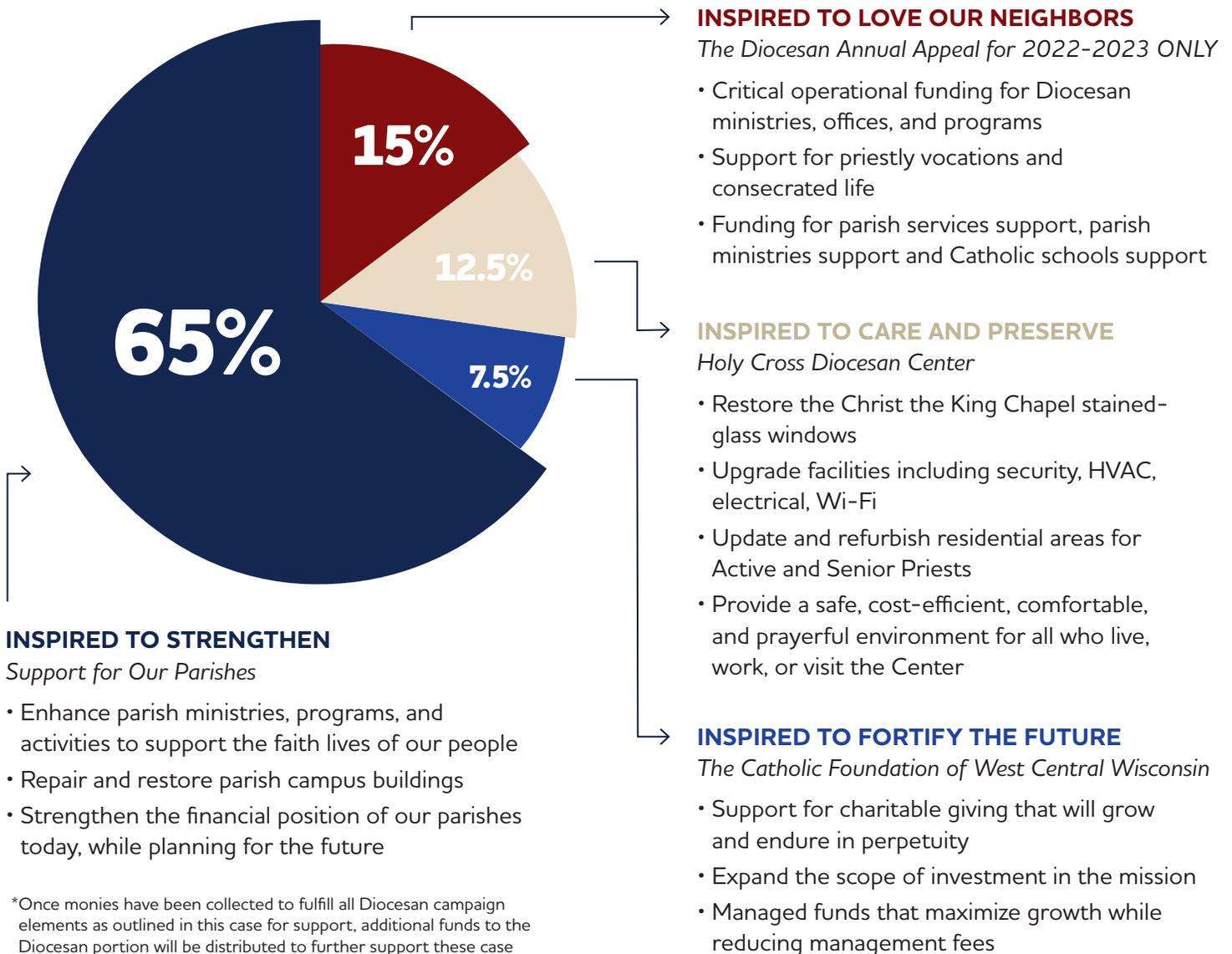
Father Nirappel, msfs  
Pastor

# 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.**

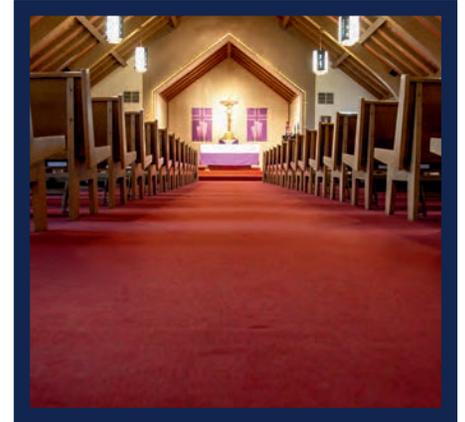
## Inspired BY THE SPIRIT CASE SUMMARY



\*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.

**Our Case for Support**

Our parish prides itself as a place of welcome to all. It is a place where our parishioners can practice their Catholic faith and grow in service to our community and beyond. In keeping with that spirit, we can look to the future and prepare in order to help St. Mary Parish thrive for tomorrow's generations.



**OUR PROPOSED PLAN**

**Beautification and Maintenance**

Our church's carpet, furnace, stained-glass windows, and other facilities are in need of updating.

Investment: \$55,250

Anyone that owns a home knows and understands the practicality and the costs of investments. We are also aware that the longer we wait to address these types of issues, the costlier they become. We hope that you will be generous in providing for the needs of our parish. God Bless you!



<b>Parish Share:</b>	<b>\$ 55,250</b>
<b>2022-2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal:</b>	<b>\$ 15,100</b>
<b>Holy Cross Diocesan Center and Foundation:</b>	<b>\$ 14,650</b>

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**Inspired by the Spirit Parish Goal: \$ 85,000**



# 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 Parish a beneficiary of your will
- Naming St. Mary 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 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 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.

