



# LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE





## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:

It is with great joy that I come to you with the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE capital campaign, our first diocesan campaign in thirty years. The Diocese of Fargo has a long history of deep faith, rooted in our tradition of education, evangelization, and service. This campaign seeks to bring all of these traditions to new levels, now and for our future.

As you may know, we have recently taken over the mission and operation of the Maryvale Center in Valley City. For many years, Maryvale has been a place of refuge from the temptations and distractions of the modern world, a place to more fully embrace and explore our Catholic Faith and our relationship with Christ. THE LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will ensure that we, and those who follow us, will be able to experience the grace and blessings of this special place in the Diocese of Fargo.

Our campaign will also provide for our retired priests through their pension and their housing. We propose to build a residence for them here in Fargo where they can remain active in the life of parishes and throughout the diocese while enjoying a well deserved rest after their many years of service to us, the faithful of the Diocese of Fargo.

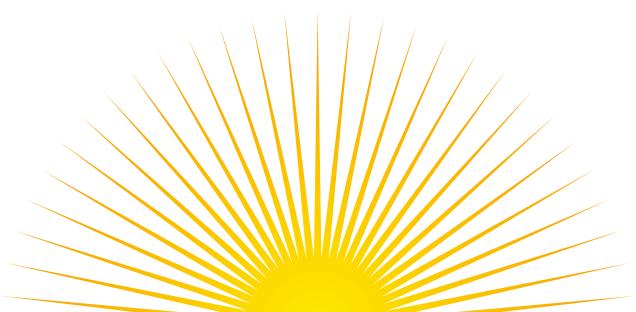
Finally, the campaign will infuse much needed funds into each parish, helping to fund capital improvements, ministry and evangelization, and education for all ages.

Over the next few pages, I invite you to review the goals of the campaign, to join me in embracing this wonderful challenge, and to do our part toward ensuring its success. Trusting in God's Providence, I am confident that his saving work will continue through our commitment to the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE capital campaign. I ask all of you to consider a sacrificial gift, over four years, that will have a historic impact on the Church in the Diocese of Fargo right now, and for generations to come.

Finally, I ask each family to make this campaign a priority by offering your time and talents in your own parish. As we are all one family in Christ, I ask that we come together as a diocesan family and work for the success of our common mission to grow in holiness and bring others to faith in Christ. I ask you today and always to keep this great venture of our Church in your personal intentions and prayers.

With gratitude for your generosity and with prayerful best wishes, I am  
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop John T. Folda





The LIVING OUR FAITH,  
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campaign seeks to address the  
needs of the people and clergy of  
the Diocese of Fargo both today  
and tomorrow. We know that as a  
vibrant, growing diocese, we must set  
plans in place today that will serve  
us into the future. These include  
providing a dedicated space for  
the enrichment of our Faith in the  
Maryvale Center, safeguarding the  
retirement of our clergy through  
their pension plan, and providing  
a home for those clergy, who, after  
a lifetime of service to the Lord  
and the people of our diocese, wish  
to retire in community with their  
brothers in Christ.





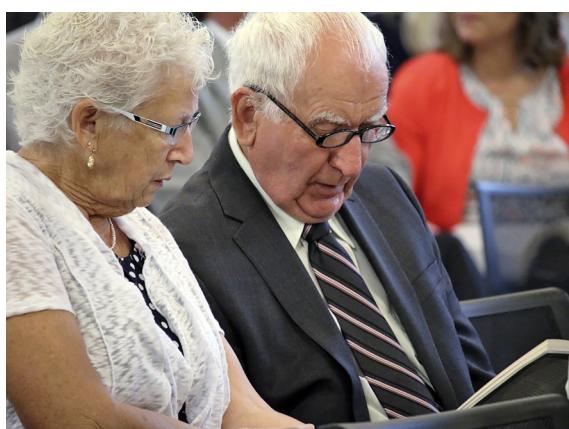
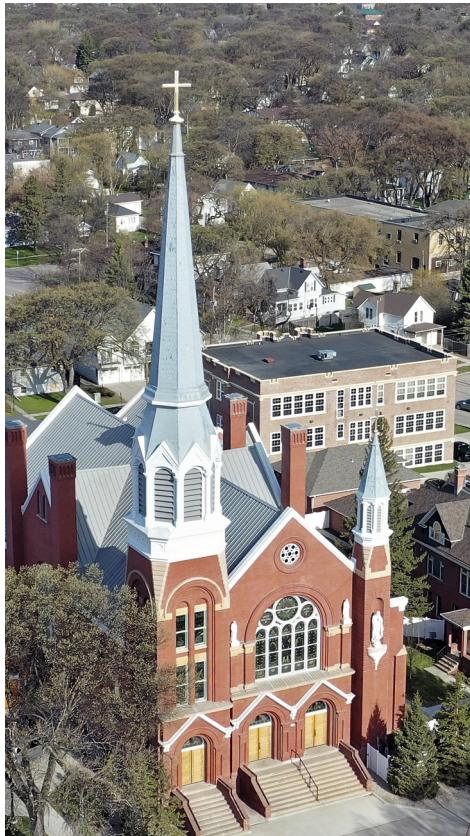
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# PARISH SUPPORT

\$6,000,000



The LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will infuse much-needed funds into our local parishes, enabling capital projects and ministry support. Parishes may utilize these campaign funds in the way that best benefits the parish.



In order to efficiently fund parish projects, the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will allocate 30% of all funds raised in the parish to its own needs. Once a parish surpasses its campaign goal, the parish will retain 70% of funds raised.





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# PRIEST PENSION FUND

\$4,000,000



The Shepherds Care campaign, conducted in 1993, created the pension fund utilized by the priests of our diocese. The priests of the Diocese of Fargo rely on the pension fund, in conjunction with social security and their personal savings, to fund the years of their retirement. Currently, the pension fund is 100% funded at the current benefit level. The LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will infuse \$4,000,000 into the pension fund, allowing room for an increase in the base benefit rate and provide a small measure of comfort for our beloved clergy in their retirement years.





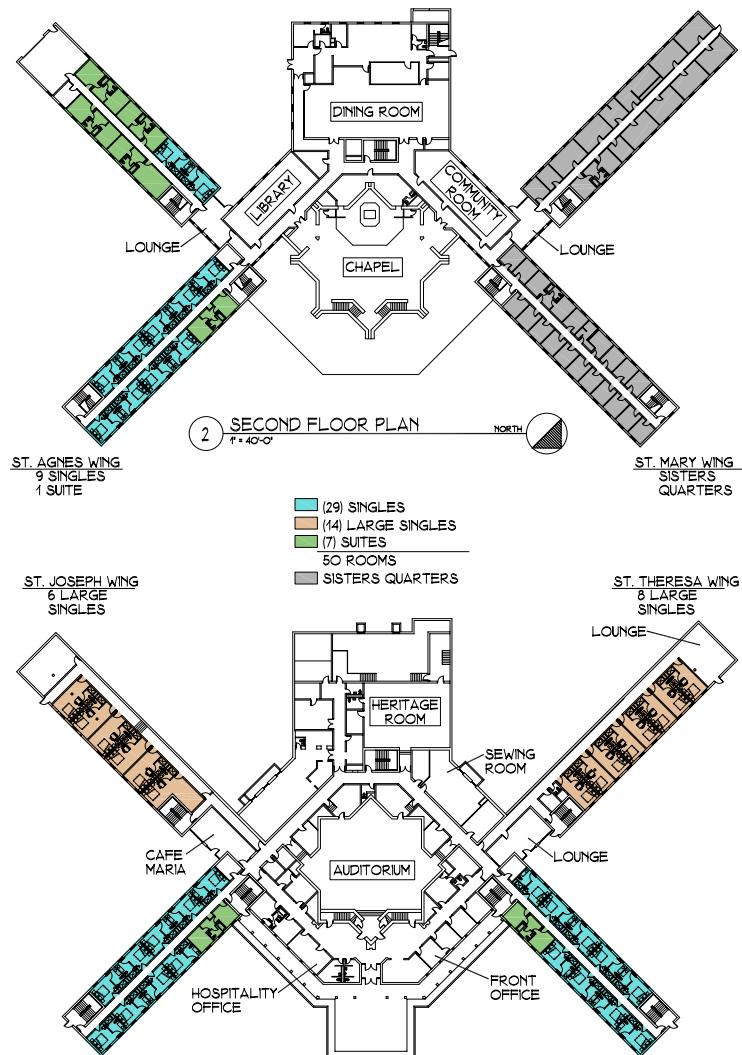
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# MARYVALE RETREAT CENTER RENOVATION

\$5,000,000

The diocese has received an extraordinary blessing in the gift of the Maryvale Retreat Center by the Sisters of Mary of the Presentation. The retreat center has served as a place of spiritual reflection, as well as a gathering place, for scores of ministries and groups throughout its history. The education, enrichment, and evangelization opportunities are unsurpassed. The ability to take time from the distractions of the modern world and join in communion and peace with our Catholic brethren has nurtured many, and the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign seeks to continue this opportunity.

The Retreat Center is in need of renovation and repairs, primarily to the living quarters. Many of the existing rooms need to be updated and reconfigured to accommodate married couples, as well as incorporating restrooms and showers in each room. Renovations include structural adjustments, and updates to the electrical system, plumbing and lighting. Plans also include replacement of existing doors, windows, kitchen appliances and equipment. Modernizing these key elements, as well as creating a more welcoming receiving area and office spaces, will ensure that Maryvale remains viable for many years to come.





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# MARYVALE RETREAT CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND

\$1,000,000

Once the necessary repairs are completed, and the Faithful of the Diocese of Fargo are once again utilizing their retreat from the secular world, plans must be made to safeguard the structure of the Retreat Center for the next generations.

The Sisters of Mary of the Presentation included in their generous gift of the Maryvale Retreat Center a \$4,000,000 endowment for its continued maintenance, upkeep and support. Beyond the physical needs of the building and grounds, the endowment will also allocate funds for retreat ministries, staffing and operational costs associated with the continued use of the Center. The LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will contribute an additional \$1,000,000 to the existing endowment, allowing for a greater distribution of funds annually. The nature of this endowment allows the principal to remain intact while the interest generated will be used as a continued source of funding. Should the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign surpass its overall goal, this endowment will be overfunded to further increase the funds available on a yearly basis.



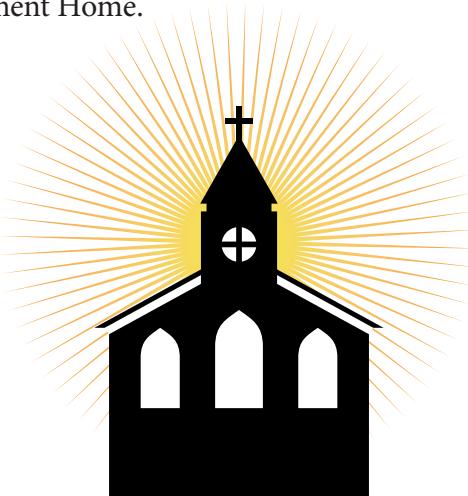


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# PRIEST RETIREMENT HOME CONSTRUCTION

\$3,000,000

Those who have given themselves to a lifetime of service to the Lord and the people of the Diocese of Fargo are in need of a place to rest when that full time service is completed. There are 37 retired clergy here in the diocese, and 29 eligible for retirement in the next 10 years. The creation of an approximately 13,525 square foot Retirement Home, built on the grounds shared with the Pastoral Center and the parish of Sts. Anne and Joachim, will allow our retired clergy to remain active in the life of both the diocese and parish, while enjoying time in communion with their retired brothers. Eight individual apartments, complete with garages, will be constructed, as well as a communal living space containing kitchen, dining, laundry, guest, and office areas. Building a community for those who helped grow ours must be a priority for the people of the diocese. THE LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will allocate \$3,000,000 to the construction of the Retirement Home.





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# PRIEST RETIREMENT HOME ENDOWMENT FUND

**\$1,000,000**

In the same fashion as the Maryvale endowment, an endowment for the Priests' Retirement Home will allow your generosity today to safeguard the tomorrows of our retired clergy. THE LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign will endow funds of \$1,000,000 dedicated to the upkeep of the home and its continued operations and maintenance. Again, the principal of the endowment will remain intact and interest generated will be used yearly to cover these costs. Should the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign surpass its overall goal, this endowment will be overfunded to further increase the funds available on a yearly basis.



# METHODS OF DONATING/PLEDGING



## CREDIT CARD/ACH

Go to: [www.fargodiocese.org/lof](http://www.fargodiocese.org/lof) and click on the “Donate Now” button and follow the instructions for setting up recurring payments, making a down payment (optional, but encouraged), and making a one-time donation. Or, simply fill out the pledge card and select the Credit Card or ACH option and write in your account information.

## CASH OR CHECK

Complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, or annual payments. Please make checks payable to LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE. You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

## GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent to transfer stock. If the stock has been held long term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock, and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Stock must first be transferred to the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign before being liquidated. Please contact Scott Hoselton ([scott.hoselton@fargodiocese.org](mailto:scott.hoselton@fargodiocese.org) or (701) 356-7930) if you have questions or need stock transfer instructions.

## GIFTS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

An IRA owner, age 70½ or older, can directly transfer up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity tax-free. This option can be used for distributions from IRAs, regardless of whether the owners itemize their deductions. To qualify, the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee to the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign. Distributed amounts may be excluded from the IRA owner's income, resulting in lower taxable income for the IRA owner.

## GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS, OR BEQUESTS

Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS requires an appraisal. Please contact Steve Schons – [steve.schons@fargodiocese.org](mailto:steve.schons@fargodiocese.org) or (701) 361-9757 – if you have questions or need more information.

## GIFTS FROM THE HARVEST

(Grain, Corn, Beans, Cattle, etc.) Cash basis farmers who harvest their crops in the fall and make their plans for spring planting often find that making charitable gifts is a great way to do tax planning. As with all charity and tax planning, one should first consult his/her financial and legal advisers. Considering a “gift from the harvest” might be the most effective way to “share your harvest”. The reasons such a gift might be advantageous are several, but the primary are:

- Reduction of income to the extent of the value of the commodity.
- Deduction of production costs from the past growing season.
- In many cases, elimination of the self-employment tax attributed to the commodity.
- Effective reduction of adjusted gross income, helping reduce the income on which tax is assessed, and allowing larger giving not limited to 50% of adjusted gross income.

For a deed of gift form, please visit [cdfnd.org/giftofcrops](http://cdfnd.org/giftofcrops)

## ND TAX CREDIT

North Dakota has established a Tax Credit (ND Century Code 57-38-01.21) that allows individuals, businesses, trusts, and estates to take advantage of a 40% state tax credit for contributions of over \$5,000 to qualified charitable endowment funds. Even better, the unused portion of that state tax credit can be carried forward for three years.

\*There are two elements of the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign that qualify for donations to endowments: Priest Retirement Home endowment and Maryvale Retreat Center endowment.

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MAKES A DIFFERENCE!

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All case elements in the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE capital campaign will be funded with the net proceeds from the campaign after the administrative costs. For more information on the LIVING OUR FAITH, BUILDING OUR FUTURE campaign case and the campaign allocations, please visit: [fargodiocese.org/lof](http://fargodiocese.org/lof)



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GOD OUR FATHER,  
you are the source of all goodness  
and of every blessing under heaven.

We give you praise and thanks  
for the gift of our Catholic faith  
and for more than 200 years of living  
and witnessing to that faith in North Dakota.

We ask for your blessings upon your Church  
in the Diocese of Fargo  
as we strive to live the Gospel and  
look to the future.

May your people respond with hope  
and generosity to the  
Living our Faith, Building our Future campaign.

With thanksgiving for all we have received,  
may the sacrifices we make together now  
bear fruit in lives of faith for generations to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Your gift can be made securely online:  
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