



ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISH CASE STATEMENT

OUR PARISH TARGET IS TO RAISE \$930,013

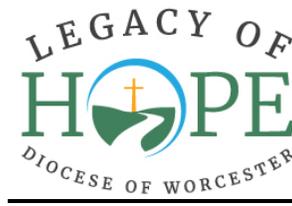
with 40% of all monies raised to be returned to St. Luke's Parish. If we surpass our target, 60% of all funds above and beyond the target will be returned to our parish.

Reaching the Total Campaign Target gives us

the potential to receive \$372,005.

Our campaign proceeds will go towards the following:

- New roof for Church bell tower and needed repairs
- New roof on the parish center
- Paint the interior of the Church and replace fabric on chairs and pews
- Improve Wi-Fi network and add smart TV's in classrooms
- New windows, heating system, insulation, and carpet in the rectory
- Update and improve the kitchen in the rectory
- Enhance our parish evangelization efforts



Frequently Asked Questions

How were the parish targets determined?

Parish target calculations are based on 115% of the 2017 ordinary income from the parish. This is the same income on which the cathedraticum is assessed.

How much will my parish receive as part of this campaign?

As part of *Legacy of Hope* Capital Campaign, 40% of every dollar raised up to the parish target will stay at the parish for their own projects, as determined by parish leadership. For every dollar raised above the parish target, 60% will be returned to the parish.

Is our parish target an assessment?

No, the established parish targets are not an assessment. All parishes are asked to conduct a “Good Faith Effort” and work with their assigned Campaign Director to achieve their target to the best of their ability.

When will parishes begin to receive their share?

Parishes will receive their first disbursement six months after the conclusion of their Block. Payments will then proceed quarterly throughout the redemption of the campaign.

Is this campaign replacing the *Partners In Charity Appeal*?

No. The Partners In Charity Appeal will continue in its normal fashion while this campaign is in progress. Each year the roughly \$5 million that the Appeal brings in is spent to fund all the ongoing works and ministries of the Diocese.

How will the campaign affect our parish offertory?

Traditionally, offertory giving should remain consistent. Parish leadership and Counsel will make sure to communicate to parishioners to consider a greater sacrifice and commitment above and beyond their regular offertory giving and should not lower their offertory giving to their parish in order to make a gift to this effort.

Are pledges legally binding?

Pledges are not legally binding. If the donor’s financial situation changes such that a pledge cannot be satisfied, simply communicate with the Diocesan Development Office and inform them of the changes so they can adjust or cancel the pledge.

Will any of these funds be used for items other than the established case elements?

No. The Diocese is obligated to restrict these funds for the stated elements. The funds raised for the campaign will be used exclusively for the named case elements and expenses.

Is there a certain order for case element funding?

The monies will immediately be split between the parish share and diocesan share. In terms of the diocesan share, the case elements will be funded proportionally.

How will my parish benefit from this campaign?

We are the people, parishes, and schools that make up the Diocese of Worcester, and we should be committed to sustaining and growing the ministries and spirituality of the faithful both now and in the future. With this in mind, the intention is for every case element in this campaign to benefit all in our Diocese.

- By returning 40% of the monies raised back to the parishes for their own needs, we hope that our local churches will be able to address projects that can make an immediate impact on parish life.
- Funding for retired priest care is essential, as these men have given their lives in the service of others, and it is our duty to ensure that they are taken care of.
- One of the best ways to help our Catholic Schools succeed is by helping to fill them with students. Increasing tuition assistance in the *Catholic School Tuition Support Endowment Fund* will relieve costs for families, and will be available to those who qualify across the diocese.
- Helping social service programs is one of the commandments of our Mission as Catholics, and supporting these programs will allow the Diocese of Worcester to, in essence, “partner” with our parishes by providing funds to either begin or expand existing programs, providing food and care in their local communities.
- Proclaiming the gospel to all is a mandate given to us by Christ. We, as a Church, must always be available to welcome either those who are new to our Catholic community or those who have separated themselves from the Church for some reason. Again, the Diocese seeks to partner with our parishes in helping them to increase their programs of evangelization in their local church communities.
- Saint Paul Cathedral serves as a beacon of the Catholic Faith in the Diocese of Worcester and as our Mother Church. The Cathedral is visited by hundreds of thousands every year from all over the Diocese for special Masses, ordinations, confirmations, weddings and other important moments in their lives as Catholics, and it’s important that we help maintain such a beautiful piece of our heritage.

Who handles the redemption of the pledges?

The Diocese of Worcester will be responsible for the redemption of the pledges. The Development Office will track pledges and gifts, and handle the mailing of payment reminders over the 4-year pledge period.

Can I designate my gift to a specific case item?

Yes. Our hope is a donor would support the campaign as a whole, but if a donor wishes to specify a portion or all of their gift, he/she must clearly specify on the pledge card how the gift should be designated.

How much should I give to the campaign?

Parishioners are asked to prayerfully consider a specific gift plan in accordance with their own means, circumstances and sacrificial levels. Pledges are payable in monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual installments over a 4-year period.

Why are pledges encouraged, instead of one-time donations?

Pledges provide parishioners with the opportunity to make a more significant gift to the mission of the Church. A contribution is easier to pay off over a period of time rather than a one-time gift out of pocket. In addition, pledges allow the Diocese of Worcester and your local parish to better budget and plan for meeting the needs that will be addressed as a result of this campaign.

Are IRA rollover gifts an option for giving to this campaign?

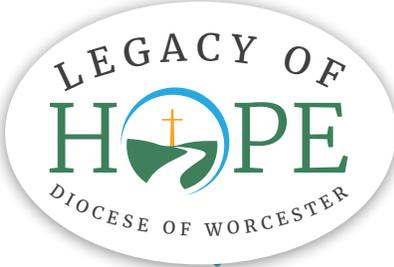
If you are 70½ or older, the IRA rollover is a great way for you to make a gift to support the *Legacy of Hope Campaign*. IRA rollover gifts can make a huge difference. These gifts will help sustain us in our important work to strengthen our community. For more information on making an IRA Rollover gift to the campaign, contact Michael Gillespie at (508) 929-4368. IRA rollover is now permanent, and its key provisions are:

- The IRA rollover allows donors 70½ or older to transfer up to \$100,000 directly from their IRA on an annual basis.
- An IRA rollover gift is a tax-exempt distribution. Qualifying individuals can make charitable gifts using pre-tax IRA assets rather than taking a distribution, paying income taxes and using after tax assets to make a charitable gift
- An IRA rollover gift can be used to meet all or part of an IRA’s annual required minimum distribution (RMD). The age for the required minimum distribution is now 72 years old.

Addressing the Short and Long-term Needs of Our Church and those God calls us to serve.



The financial resources required to serve the thousands within the Diocese of Worcester come from your generous support of *both* funds.



The Mission of the Catholic Church in Worcester County

279,000 Catholics
96 Parishes and 3 Missions

Funds vital, day-to-day operations for one year for 28 ministries

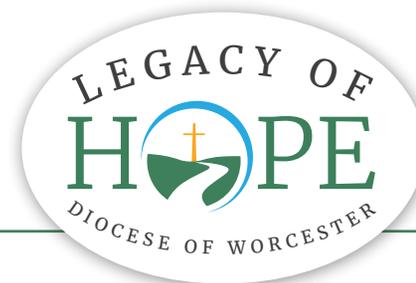


Funds vital, long-term needs for a more secure future





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Our Partners in Charity Annual Appeal supports the day-to-day operations of the following ministries and agencies **short-term for one year:**

CHARITY

- Catholic Charities
- Priests' Retirement
- Retired Priests' Health Ministry
- Haitian Apostolate
- McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys
- Pernet Family Health Services
- St. John Diocesan Cemetery System
- Diocesan Stewardship and Development

MINISTRY

- Catholic Campus Ministry
- Pastoral Planning
- African Ministry
- Hispanic Ministry
- Office of Marriage and Family
- Minister to Priests
- NEW for Youth and Young Adults
- Respect Life Office
- St. Paul Cathedral
- Vocations Office & House of Studies
- Office of Divine Worship

EDUCATION

- Catholic Schools Office
- Office of Religious Education
- Ongoing Priestly Formation
- Grant-in-Aid for Schools
- Seminarian Education
- Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity
- Communications Ministry and Chancellor's Office
- Central Catholic Schools Subsidy

It is vital that we maintain the financial resources required to sustain these ministries and programs that serve thousands within the Diocese of Worcester. Please continue your support to the annual appeal.

The **Legacy of Hope** Campaign aims to assist in **long-term funding**, above and beyond our operating budget for the case elements listed below.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT AND CUSTODIAL CARE - Due to a \$1 million shortfall annually for the past six years (2012-2017), we have a goal of raising \$12 Million to add to the existing Priests' Retirement Endowment. On average the Diocese of Worcester has 55-60 priests receiving care and support from the Priests' Retirement Endowment on any given year.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION - Currently, the interest from our Catholic Education Endowment meets less than 20% of the need for tuition assistance. This campaign will assist in growing our current Endowment by \$4 Million, which will allow us to increase the amount available for tuition assistance to approximately 150-200 new students.

PARISH BASED CHARITABLE OUTREACH -This newly created endowment will allow parishes to apply for grants to establish or expand social and charitable outreach including but not limited to: food pantries, elder outreach, youth drop-in centers, homeless shelters, addiction support, etc.

STRENGTHENING OUR PARISH-BASED EVANGELIZATION EFFORTS - This newly created endowment will assist parishes with evangelization initiatives. Examples include but are not limited to: Alpha, bible study, CHIRP, Cursillo, Life Teen, Light of the World, RCIA, SEARCH, youth ministry, etc.

*The final two case elements of the **Legacy of Hope** campaign are nonendowed funds that address:*

RENOVATIONS AND STRUCTURAL ISSUES AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. PAUL

PARISH SUPPORT - Funding local parish needs determined by parish leadership. Forty percent (40%) of every dollar raised will return to the parish up to the assigned goal. Once the parish surpasses their goal, 60% of all funds above and beyond will be returned.