

YOUR PLEDGE OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR PARISH

Reaching our goal requires a gift, which may involve personal sacrifice. Perhaps a reordering of your charitable giving to make St. Bernard's your primary charity over a multi-year pledge will be necessary. Simply stated, we are asking you to make a pledge to the best of your financial ability. With God's help and your generosity, this is the only way we can reach \$1,500,000.

TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BLESSED

If you have been so blessed that you are able to make a pledge of \$5,000, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$25,000 or more, we need your leadership.

TAX ADVANTAGES TO CHARITABLE GIVING

Gifts are tax deductible provided one qualifies for itemized deductions on their tax returns. The following ways to give may present additional tax benefits:

Gifts of Stock: Typically, the donor pays no capital gains taxes on securities that have increased in value since originally acquired, and may deduct the full current market value from taxable income.

Gifts from IRA: For those 72 years of age or older, a gift directly from your IRA can satisfy your RMD and present significant tax benefits.

COMMON PAYMENT PLANS

TOTAL PLEDGE	10% DOWN PAYMENT	60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
\$50,000	5,000	750
25,000	2,500	375
15,000	1,500	225
10,000	1,000	150
7,500	750	113
5,000	500	75
4,000	400	60
3,000	300	45
2,000	200	30

OUR VIBRANT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

The parishioners of St. Bernard's Church are part of a vibrant Catholic community which has a host of spiritual and social needs. The present challenge is to repair and preserve our historic church. If we are to succeed in this endeavor, we will need your heartfelt support and generosity. With your help, we will be successful and continue to grow together as a family in the spirit of Christ.



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**Moving Forward in Faith
 Capital Campaign**

ST. BERNARD CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

St. Bernard's is recognized as a place of worship, love, and community. Through this campaign, it is our plan to ensure that our church continues to endure for the families of today and tomorrow. From generation to generation parishioners have responded to the challenges of their time with generosity, humility and passion.

Today we are the beneficiaries of a magnificent inheritance from previous parishioners who originally built this parish and grew this church. It is through their sacrifice and generosity that we are able to worship, learn and socialize in a parish setting rich in beauty and history. This legacy, and our facilities, serve as a source of pride for all St. Bernard parishioners to share.

As one of the most prolific structures, religious or secular, in the city of Akron there is a beauty in our architecture and great depth to the community beyond our facade. We are a regular contributor to the greater Akron community in many ways, especially through faith formation, hosting musical performances of the Summit Choral Society, celebration of the Summit County Bar Association Red Mass, and by daily care of the poor through our hunger programs.

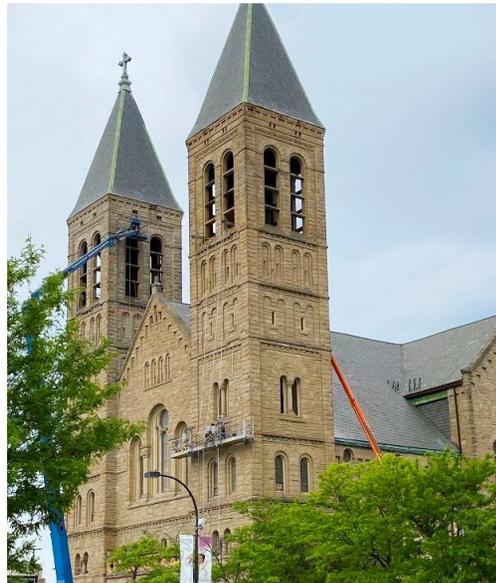
Our *Moving Forward in Faith Capital Campaign* will help us to build on the foundation laid by our good and faithful predecessors. Now, it is our sacrifice and generosity that will enable us to pass on to the next generation the beliefs and traditions that have given our lives meaning and purpose.

OUR RESTORATION PROJECT

It will cost approximately \$1.5 million to preserve and secure our church and complete the following projects:

Campaign Priorities:

- Secure all exterior walls and stone
- Clean exterior stone
- Restore Bell Towers
- Anchor Metal Cross at main entrance
- Waterproof church exterior
- Safeguard, clean and paint window frames
- Repair lower roofs - replace roof membrane with new modified membrane roofing system
- Removal and reinstallation of Tower slate roof shingles
- Installation of both sheet metal and ice and water shield on Tower slate roofs
- Stabilize Gabel and South Tower wall



IMPORTANT QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What is the overall objective of our campaign?

Through this capital campaign we are seeking to raise \$1,500,000 to be used to repair and preserve our church.

How does the campaign work?

Each is asked to make a financial commitment or pledge at this time. **Pledging over 5 years can provide flexibility and magnify your giving.**

What is the estimated time frame for completion of the repairs?

While payments on pledges will begin at this time, the most urgent repairs will be completed by year's end.

How can I help?

You may choose a pledge plan that provides you with both flexibility and time to complete the payment of your pledge. After carefully reading the campaign material, make a pledge to the best of your financial ability payable over 60 months.

Is there a minimum pledge?

No. However we will need a sacrificial pledge, regardless of the amount, from all of our supporters. **We are asking for equal sacrifice, not equal giving.** Each family is asked to make St. Bernard a priority during our time of need.

How will I know about the status of the project?

We will continue to keep parishioners informed of all financial and planning aspects of this effort through regular updates in the bulletin.