

Holy Family

Catholic Community



Providing For Our Family's Future

Capital Campaign
2019

A Message From Father Terry

For nearly 35 years, Holy Family Catholic Community has been a pillar in the Northwest Suburban community. From our first Mass celebrated in the cafeteria at Fremd High School in 1984 until now, where we have more than 4,100 families celebrating the Eucharist, we have been unwavering in our mission *to empower all to experience and share the loving presence of God through sacramental living, transformative worship, lifelong spiritual growth and community in service to others.*

With steadfast awareness of Catholic teachings, we are not afraid to change and evolve, which positions us as a leader within the greater community. As we often say, our Church is alive. Our ability to adapt our ministry to the needs of current and future generations is essential to continue our leadership in the faith community. These changes are often subtle, sometimes dramatic, but always vital. It is now time for us to make these changes to build a bright future for the next generation of parishioners. At this transformational time, we must continue to:

- **Build** our Community through spiritual renewal
- **Sustain** our Mission through ongoing facility upgrades in order to provide more hospitable and efficient spaces for our current and future parishioners, students, and families
- **Support** the mission of the underprivileged of our Archdiocese and fulfill an essential commitment to its programs and services

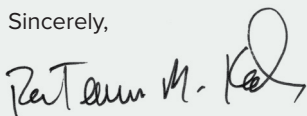
To accomplish these goals:

We have embarked on the **Providing For Our Family's Future** campaign to fund the necessary initiatives that will Build our Community for the future, Sustain our Mission, and continue to Support our Archdiocese. I invite you now to learn more about this important moment in our history.

It is only through the generosity and support of all our parish families that we will continue to grow in strength to glorify the Lord and leave a proud legacy in our faith community for generations to come.

Thank you and God bless us as a Holy Family.

Sincerely,



Rev. Terry M. Keehan

The Campaign

Providing For Our Family's Future is the capital campaign that seeks sacrificial gifts and pledges to fund three essential projects for a sustainable future for Holy Family. Sacrificial gifts and pledges should be prayerfully considered based on a five-year payment period. Our three key initiatives of this campaign are:

Building Our Community:

This initiative to build an engaged and vibrant community is fundamental to our mission of welcoming all into God's presence. This is intended to ignite a desire for a deeper relationship with Christ. We are called to be disciples of God and welcome the stranger into His arms, by generating more energy among parishioners through understanding and serving their needs. We serve our mission by expanding the reach of our faith and welcoming future generations—the future stewards of the Church.

We will develop programs for spiritual renewal and faith formation that have measurable results and sustainable means of funding beyond the initial campaign support. Community building is a key aspect of Holy Family's Strategic Plan, Renew Our Church, and launching these complementary initiatives will serve our long-term goals of sustainability and leadership in worship and faith building.

Sustaining Our Mission:

As the largest Catholic parish in the nation, with more than 130,000 square feet consisting of our Church and Academy under one roof, increasing our capital reserves will give us the financial flexibility to make necessary repairs and upgrades when faced with inevitable aging infrastructure.

Our parish is unique because of our engaging, vibrant worship. To continue growing our parish we must therefore continue to invest in our worship facilities. Continuing to incorporate technology into our Masses and programs is a critical area of focus. Our commitment to integrating video screens and other technological enhancements in our worship experience is a differentiator, as it allows us to more fully communicate with each other and more compellingly share God's message. The speed of



technology advancements requires enhancements, and an investment in regular upgrades is essential.

We must also be prepared to respond and react to opportunities that arise for new programs, ministries, and enhancements. The Response Fund will provide us with the financial capability to do so. Maintenance and upgrades are necessary as we continue to expand our parish and school community. The elements of ***Sustaining Our Mission*** are Capital Reserves which support the entire facility (\$1,663,000); Technology & Campus Upgrades (\$350,000); and the Response Fund (\$200,000) for a total of \$2,213,000.

Supporting Our Archdiocese:

A recent campaign initiated by the Archdiocese of Chicago, "To Teach Who Christ Is," has found broad support by pastors to strengthen Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese. Monies raised through this effort have been designated to invest in Catholic schools and religious education programs, such as improving catechesis, maintaining academic excellence, helping economically depressed parishes with educational critical needs, providing scholarships, and supporting the ongoing development and retention of teachers and administrators.

We view these funds as our mission to support the underprivileged of Chicago. It's an important responsibility for Holy Family to join every parish in the Archdiocese to participate in this unprecedented campaign. In summary, funds supporting the Campaign are designated to the following three areas. All other financial demands of the Archdiocese, such as legal fees, are funded by the sale of real estate assets.

1) Investing in the Next Generation – Catholic Education Scholarship Trust (CEST) & Academic Excellence

2) Passing on our Faith – Religious Education through Catechist Training and Innovation

3) Building for the Future – Facilities, including emergency capital repairs



The Campaign

At this important moment in our history, let us remember the many blessings the Lord has given us. While God can't be outdone in generosity, the Gospel asks all of us to give generously of our gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness. Your gift to the **Providing For Our Family's Future** capital campaign is a chance to leave a legacy for generations to come. Scripture tells us that Christian stewardship goes beyond giving from our surplus. Stewardship requires a sacrifice.

The **Providing For Our Family's Future** campaign seeks your support in three ways:

1. Praying for the success of our campaign. With God's grace, we will be blessed with a successful endeavor.
2. Pledging a gift to our campaign. Your gift will bless the future generations of our parish.
3. Volunteering to be a phone-a-thon caller or usher during Commitment weekends.

We understand that every family's financial situation is different, so we are asking all our parishioners to prayerfully consider sacrificial gifts and pledges over a five-year period. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by the law.



The Campaign Prayer

Providing For Our Family's Future Campaign Prayer:

We live in your presence, Holy Spirit of God,
Conscious of our need for mercy,
aware that we are God's children gathered
together in community,
Providing For Our Family's Future.

Come to us, renew us, remain with us,
And enlighten our hearts to live our mission.

Guide us by your wisdom, support us by your power,
For you are God, sharing the glory of Father and
Son in Divine Flow.

You desire justice for all;
Enable us to uphold the rights of others;
Do not allow us to live in ignorance or fear,
But permit us to live in the strength of your glory.

Unite our community of Holy Family to yourself
in the bond of love
And keep us faithful to all that is true.

When we gather in your name,
May all of our work, reflection, and worship
Celebrate your glory and earn the reward
Promised to good and faithful servants.

We ask this of you who live and reign
with the Father and the Son, one God,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Adapted from the Opening Prayer of the
Second Vatican Council, 1962*

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