



TO STRENGTHEN OUR PARISHES  TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS  TO CARE AND PRESERVE  TO FORTIFY OUR FUTURE

With more than \$315,740 pledged from 50 households,
we are making great progress toward our goal!

Thank you to all whose generous pledges of sacrifice have helped us reach this point!

Ways for You to Participate:

- Continue to pray the Campaign Prayer for the success of the campaign in our parish and across the diocese.
- Seek out Father Guanella, Campaign Chairpersons Diane Moss or Cheryl Johnson, or any campaign volunteer to answer any questions you may have about the campaign, the parish or diocesan case items, or how to make a pledge.
- Make a sacrificial pledge. Your sacrifice, combined with many other faith-filled Catholic individuals and families, will propel us forward toward our goal and a brighter future for our parish and our diocese.

Ways to Pledge:

As a guide, each family is invited to consider making a minimum pledge commitment of **\$45 a month over the next 60 months. After a 10% down payment, that is a total pledge amount of \$3,000 over the next five years.** As you discern what giving level is right for you, keep in mind that this campaign is based on *equal sacrifice and not equal giving*. We understand that each family has distinct financial obligations and circumstances. **Every pledge makes a difference and is truly appreciated!**

- Complete a pledge card at Mass TODAY, with a volunteer, or online at www.inspiredbythespirit.org.
- Inquire with your employer’s Human Resources department to see if they provide Matching Gift opportunities to multiply your gift to the campaign.
- Consider an IRA charitable gift. If you have an IRA and are aged 70½ or older, you may opt to make a charitable contribution from your qualified IRA plan (up to \$100,000 per year). As a charitable gift, this distribution comes straight to the **Inspired by the Spirit** Campaign to benefit the parish. Therefore, it will 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.
- A gift of appreciated stock is also accepted. 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 will not be 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.
- **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 our parish a beneficiary of your will;
 - Naming our parish as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

Many thanks for your prayers, participation, and support!



To donate through a charitable IRA rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution), please use the letter of instruction on the back.

LETTER OF INSTRUCTION

DATE (MM/DD/YYYY)

OWNER/DONOR NAME(S)

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

To: IRA Administrator

IRA/FINANCIAL SERVICES COMPANY

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this letter as my request to make a direct charitable distribution from my Individual Retirement Account (IRA), Account # _____. This distribution is intended to be an IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution), as authorized by Section 408(d)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code and the Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015.

Please issue a check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to the Diocese of La Crosse and send the check to the following address:

Diocese of La Crosse
Attn: Office of Stewardship
PO Box 4004
La Crosse, WI 54602-4004

The Diocese of La Crosse’s Federal Tax Identification Number (EIN) is: 39-0807229 and it is a qualified charitable recipient under section 501(c)(3) of Title 26 of the United States Code for this transfer.

Important:

In your transmittal to the Diocese of La Crosse, please indicate my name and address as the donor of record, as well as that I am a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish in Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin in connection with this transfer, and finally please copy me on your transmittal.

If you have any questions I can be reached at telephone number _____.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURE OF OWNER/DONOR