Faith in Our Future

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Superior,

We would like to thank you for your gracious support of our education through the seminary as we study to become priests of the diocese. We would especially like to thank you in your recent support through the Faith in Our Future Campaign by providing an endowment for education costs. This endowment will certainly benefit our future seminarians so the cost of education will not be so burdensome for the diocese when in the future, God willing, we have many more seminarians studying for the diocese.

We also thank you for all your prayers said on our behalf throughout our years in seminary as they have helped us get through more than one test or paper. We have also witnessed that prayer blessing us in our spiritual life feeding us and drawing us to Christ in order to be more holy priests as the diocese deserves.

Your Seminarians in Christ,

Adam Laski, Theo Heino, Samuel Schneider, Nathan Linton, and Zachary Hines

To all who have followed my vision as your bishop in generous support of our historic Faith in Our Future Campaign I offer my personal prayers of thanksgiving! With your help and sacrifice we have exceeded our goal!

Most Rev. Peter Christensen

Campaign Update

The “Big Picture” Totals

As of November, 2014

Total Pledged: $16,334,721.00
Percent of Goal 102%
Amount Collected $8,105,273.00
Rebated to Parishes to date: $1,221,916.00
Number of Responses 9,141
Endowing Our Future
The Mission Diocese Fund

The Faith in Our Future Campaign has helped create two $4 million restricted Endowment Funds: The Saint Augustine Fund for Seminarian Support to help meet the costs of providing for our current and future seminarians, and a fund to help supplement the costs of Medical Expenses of Our Retired Priests.

On the advice of the Mission Bishop’s in 2008, Catholic Extension has formed a pooled investment fund on behalf of the Mission Dioceses, named the Mission Diocese Fund.

The Fund applies the USCCB Socially Responsible Investing guidelines in its investment decisions.

The Funds investment consultant, Cambridge Associates, has a long and successful track record of advising large endowments on asset allocation strategies that allow portfolios to grow over the long-term while providing income to fund mission objectives. The firm grew out of a project undertaken for Harvard University and now include client institutions such Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Princeton, USC, Stanford, and Yale.

Legacy for the Future
Holy Rosary, Medford

Holy Rosary Parish and School of Medford is using donations to build on the endowment fund that helps support the legacy of the School as well as growing the maintenance fund designated for a future roof repair or replacement project.

Investing in Energy Efficiency
Our Lady of the Lake, Ashland

Our Lady of the Lake Parish in Ashland is utilizing it’s Faith in Our Future rebate to help fund replacement windows for its elementary school building. Over 130 windows are being replaced at a cost of about $150,000, with 110 already replaced and installed.

The project replaces leaky, circa 1957, single-pane, aluminum framed windows with argon gas-filled energy efficient windows. In the rooms that have windows already installed, the room thermostats have been reduced by an average of 8 degrees, saving heating costs in the winter and also keeping rooms cooler in the summer.
Funding for Repairs
St. Albert, Land O’Lakes

In planning for the Faith in Our Future Campaign, the leadership of St. Albert Parish in Land O’ Lakes, Wisconsin identified two projects that they knew could be completed with the 25% parish share of Campaign returns.

In October the parish finished construction on a new floor in the lower level of the Church. As a second project, they also had the parking lot crack-filled, sealed and restriped.

Although these projects seem basic, they are important to the parish community funding and might not have otherwise been realized.

Bringing New Life to the Worship Space!
St. Catherine, Sarona

St. Catherine’s Parish in Sarona recently replaced carpeting in the church proper and building entrance this fall. The need had been acknowledged for several years but had not made the top of the priority list of projects with funds the parish had on its own.

The original church building had been constructed in 1917 on land donated by the Sauer family, whose children had been walking to Shell Lake for religious instruction. In 1986 the building was renovated to double seating capacity and added a basement, entry way and bathrooms. It was the carpeting installed during that renovation that was replaced. The new carpet was put in by a parish cluster member, Bill Otterson of Hardwood Floor & More, Inc. in Shell Lake. Bill had been repairing burn spots on the old carpet for free. After the August 17th Sunday morning Mass, attendees were asked to help move pews and strip out the old carpet. The response was so widespread and prompt that the task was completed in approximately one hour’s time.

Partnering For Success! Your timely pledge payments enable us to provide the necessary funding to parishes, schools and endowments. Should you have any questions or wish to add to your pledge, please contact Cathy Lovejoy at 715/394-0226 or e-mail at clovejoy@catholicdos.org.
Giving Thanks at Years End
Try our resource for all charitable gift planning at www.catholicdos.org under the Stewardship tab.

It's no secret that the ministries of our Local Church depend upon your goodwill. We've created this easy-to-understand Website to help you dream a little about your future and that of your faith community. There are many easy giving options from which you can choose, strategies that enhance your personal well being as well as the Catholic Church of Northern Wisconsin. For more information contact Steven P. Tarnowski, M.A. at 715-394-0223 or starnowski@catholicdos.org with any questions or for a personal visit to talk about options and strategies.