



ST. CATHERINE *of* SIENA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

RENEW AND REJOICE IN HIS SPIRIT



A call to restore our beloved sanctuary
and support our diocese

A Message from our Pastor



My Dear Parish Friends,

We have enthusiastically launched our *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit* campaign. Each Parish in the Diocese was asked to participate in the recently completed Encountering Christ campaign or to run an independent campaign at a later date that would allow it to raise funds for its own needs as well as those of the Diocese. You may remember that we conducted a survey in May 2019 to ask the Parish community to consider this option and the results showed that an overwhelming majority of our community favored an independent campaign. We had hoped that the campaign for our Parish Center would be our last for some time, but the needs of the Diocese as well as our own for a refurbished Sanctuary and retirement of our debt has made the launching of this campaign a much needed effort. So here we are in the fall of 2022 launching our campaign to *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit*. We hope to raise at least \$6 million dollars. Of this amount, the Diocese will retain the first \$1.64 million

The purpose of this campaign is twofold. Our primary purpose is to raise sufficient monies to restore our beloved Sanctuary which is 34 years old. It is our hope to completely refurbish our sacristy corridor with new bathrooms and to retool our two sacristies so that they are modern, useful and have more storage capacity. We intend to switch the two sacristies. The Priests will move into what is now the work sacristy and the existing Priest sacristy will become the new work sacristy. We are doing this because the existing work sacristy is just too small resulting in some of work functions moving into the Priest sacristy. We think it necessary for the Priest to have a quiet space between Masses and for all the necessary work functions to be centralized in a larger work sacristy. We also hope to refurbish the existing pews. It is our intention to refinish and pad the pews just like what we did to the pews in the chapel. Finally, we hope to have enough funds to repair our aged cupola and to repay the debt on our Parish Center.

Our second purpose for this campaign is to support our Diocese. We hope to raise \$1.64 million for our Diocese so that they can support our Clergy, strengthen parishes, assist emerging disciples and embrace discipleship.

Please take a moment to review the effect *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit* will have both in our Parish and in our Diocese. This campaign has my full support as Pastor. I hope you will embrace this opportunity for our Parish.

With Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. P. O'Callahan".

Father Pat

Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit

Missions and parishes, like St. Catherine of Siena, are the heart of our diocese. It is where Catholics celebrate the sacraments, learn about and grow in the faith, pass on and model their beliefs and come together to serve their community.



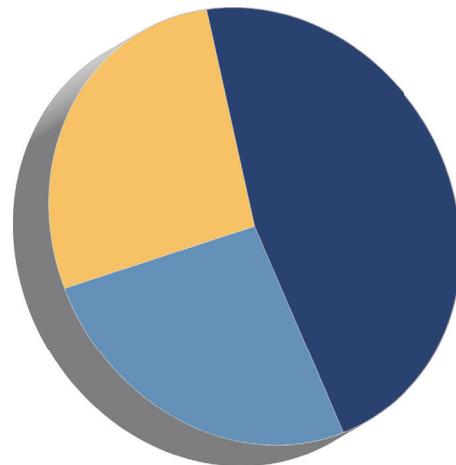
St. Catherine of Siena has grown from humble beginnings in a high school gymnasium to a beautiful, bustling parish community that is home to over 3,700 families. We have persevered throughout the years and continued to serve our parishioners, community, and God through tough times and joyous times. As these unprecedented few years come to an end, St. Catherine's community continues to thrive. We have multiple parishioners involved across the music ministry, MOMS, the pre-school, St. Vincent DePaul, and more.

For more than 30 years, St. Catherine of Siena Parish has been the anchor of faith for parishioners who worship together, receive the sacraments, help others, and teach the faith to our children. Over the years our parishioners have come from near and far to ensure our faith community remains strong throughout Austin and beyond.

In October of 2022, St. Catherine of Siena conducted a feasibility and planning study. Over 350 parishioners responded, and the majority were in favor of moving forward in addressing needs with urgency. After prayer and reflection, it is time for St. Catherine of Siena to begin the *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit* campaign. The goal of this campaign is to bring together our parish and celebrate our place of worship. We will contribute our part in supporting the Dioceses of Austin, refurbish our beloved sanctuary and give it space to grow for another 30 years, and reinvest our debt payments into strengthening our ministries and programs.

We hope to raise at least \$6 million. Of this amount, the Diocese will retain the first \$1.64 million and St. Catherine will keep the balance of \$4.36 million without any further payments to the Diocese. Approximately \$2.8 million raised by *Rejoice and Renew In His Spirit* will be used on projects to renew the Sanctuary. All remaining funds will reduce the debt on the Parish Center.

Building a vibrant and secure future for St. Catherine



- \$2.8M Sanctuary Projects
- \$1.5M Debt Reduction
- \$1.64 diocesan Portion

THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISH

St. Catherine has been blessed with a devout parish family that continues to thrive and engage. The power of our ministries and the strength of our worship community inspire many to continue to register and share the good news of the Gospel. In fact, since the opening of our new Parish Center, we have added at least 500 new families to our community. All of these blessings have presented us with a new set of challenges. Our Sanctuary has grown tired after 33 years of non-stop praise and worship. **Approximately \$2.8 million raised by Rejoice and Renew In His Spirit will be used on projects including:**

- **Remodeling the bathrooms** - they bear the dinge of age and have failing fixtures
- **Repairing & refinishing all pews and kneelers** - many folks experience the discomfort of sitting on cracked pews that pinch and kneelers that offer no cushion at all
- **Reorganizing the structure of the work sacristy, priest sacristy, and choir room** - to make better use of the space
- **Replacing the aged HVAC equipment** - the air handlers and boilers are original equipment and therefore 33 years old
- **Repairing the Cupola** - it is lovely, but the aged windows weep condensation with the changing temperatures

... and for our diocesan community



Strengthening parishes

Our diocese benefits from the diversity of our 123 parishes and missions, which are urban and rural, small and large, multilingual, with schools and without. Given the critical role of parishes, ensuring their strength and sustainability is of the utmost importance.



Supporting our clergy

The men who dedicate their lives to serving us need our support at all stages of their journey. By supporting our clergy from seminary through retirement, we will encourage seminarians and priests to experience the fullness of their vocation, lifting them up as they help us consider and live out our own calling.



Emerging disciples

Our responsibility as Catholics is to ensure future generations of disciples are well-formed, prepared and excited to embrace and share their faith with our world. We continually seek to support the spiritual development of our children and young adults.



Embracing discipleship

Fostering encounters with Jesus Christ leads to a deeper engagement that will transform our ministry, resulting in true missionary discipleship. Witnessing our faith is an essential part of Catholic-Christian discipleship.

Our shared commitment

The *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit* campaign will seek the participation of every family at St. Catherine of Siena to address the needs of our current parishioners as well as the needs of future generations who will call our faith community their home.

Giving is deeply personal and reflects your dedication to the present and future well-being of our parish. We understand that everyone's financial situation is different and our ability to give can change from time to time. Therefore, the project outlined presents an opportunity for everyone to become involved in a way that is appropriate for them. The campaign will operate in the spirit of the Christian principle of stewardship—giving back to God a portion of the blessing we have received according to how we have been blessed. Equal sacrifice, not equal giving, is the campaign's guiding principle.

Many families find that by making smaller sacrifices over time, they can make an extraordinary commitment that would have not been possible through a one-time gift. The *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit* campaign seeks commitments pledged over a five-year period.

The participation of all members of our parish community, not just a select few, will be critical to the success of this campaign. We ask that you pray about what a sacrificial five-year pledge means to you and join us in this sacred undertaking.

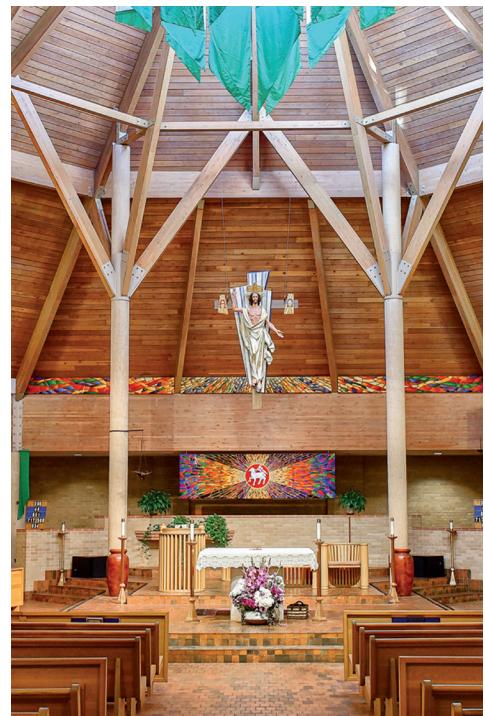
WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

St. Catherine offers a variety of methods to fulfill your pledge to the *Rejoice and Renew In His Spirit* campaign, including:

- Check
- Credit card
- ACH/EFT
- Stocks and securities

When completing your pledge form with a campaign volunteer, please indicate your preferred method of giving.

All gifts to the campaign are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Since everyone's financial situation is different, please consult your financial planner or tax advisor with questions regarding your personal charitable deductions.



Our Diocese

The Diocese of Austin is a thriving and growing community of more than 500,000 brothers and sisters in Christ. Our faith-filled presence has had a profound influence on Central Texas, and we continue to welcome more and more faithful to our parishes and missions each year.

Our Diocese has seen many changes over the last 70 years. In the last dozen years alone, the number of Catholics in our area has grown by more than 25 percent. To respond to this growth and the challenges it brings, the Diocese has spent many years reflecting upon and discussing a vision for the future. In 2018, the Diocese launched the Encountering Christ campaign to raise a minimum of \$85 million to fulfill its Pastoral Plan.



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Let us reflect on the many blessings the Lord has given us. Recognizing that all of our material goods are gifts from the Lord, we are asked in the Gospel to give back a portion of these gifts in thanksgiving for God's generosity and goodness to us.

Your gift is an opportunity to leave a Catholic legacy for generations to come. Scripture tells us that Christian stewardship goes beyond giving of our surplus.

It is a gift made from our substance.

It is in this spirit of Christian stewardship that we undertake this extraordinary campaign of *Renew and Rejoice in His Spirit*.



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