



## A Message from Father Chris

We live in a world filled with abundance of opportunities, possessions, and comforts that surround us daily. And yet, Jesus reminds us that true wealth is not measured by what we have, but by how we use what we've been given. The Gospel calls us to see beyond ourselves, to recognize the sacred value of every person, and to respond with generosity and love.

Our parish was founded over 30 years ago on this very spirit of welcome and hospitality. From humble beginnings in a school gym to the vibrant community we are today, St. Paul the Apostle has always been a place where people are invited to come just as they are and to be seen, known, and loved.

Now, we are being called to take another step forward in faith.

Together with parish leaders and members of our community, we have discerned a vision for our future, a vision rooted in beauty, accessibility, and connection. Through the *Ignite the Future: For Us, For Them, For Him* Campaign we aim to raise over \$3,000,000, we hope to renew our sacred spaces and strengthen our ministries. This is not simply about renovation; it is about creating a parish home that reflects the dignity of every person and the presence of Christ among us. Our campaign will focus on:

- ❖ **Beautifying Our Sanctuary**, so that all who enter are drawn into reverent worship and prayer,
- ❖ **Transforming Our West Entrance**, ensuring accessibility for all,
- ❖ **Expanding Our Upper Gathering Space**, to host celebrations, outreach, and fellowship, and,
- ❖ **Centralizing Parish Administration**, to better serve our growing community and free up space for ministry.

We are not only building for today, we are building for tomorrow. This is our moment to leave something lasting for the next generation. Just as others built this parish for us, we now have the privilege and responsibility to ensure that St. Paul the Apostle continues to be a place of welcome, worship, and witness for decades to come. A place where our children and grandchildren will encounter Christ, grow in faith, and find community.

I invite you to pray with me for the success of this effort. May we be generous not just with our resources, but with our hearts. May we see this campaign not as a burden, but as a sacred invitation to build something lasting, something beautiful, something that honors the value of every human person.

With gratitude and hope,

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