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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am excited to share with you this vision for the future growth of our Diocese. Since Pope Pius IX established the Catholic Diocese of Wichita in 1887 the good people of our diocesan family have given generously, sacrificially, and proportionally for the glory of God and the benefit of others. It is our turn now to care for the future of our faith, our families and our community.

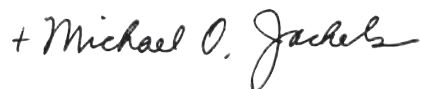
Each goal of the TOGETHER vision benefits not only our current diocesan family but generations to come. TOGETHER we will strengthen our relationship with God and one another as well as deepening our practice of stewardship in support of our Cathedral, in support of our seminarians and in support of learning and teaching our faith.

The repair and updating of our Cathedral and the buildings of the Cathedral campus, Catholic formation programs, and the education of our seminarians are true needs.

I truly believe the Catholic Diocese of Wichita is the greatest Diocese in the world. My heart is full and my confidence unwavering that TOGETHER we will live out our faith sharing in the responsibility for the mission of the Church. TOGETHER we will strengthen the oneness between parish and Diocese. TOGETHER we will deepen our practice of stewardship. TOGETHER we will gather for worship at Holy Mass; we will learn our Catholic faith and share it with others; and we will serve the glory of God and the benefit of others after the example of the Lord Jesus and those who came before us.

Please join me in supporting the goals of the TOGETHER vision.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Michael O. Jackels
Bishop of Wichita



VISION GOALS

1. Strengthen the oneness between parish and Diocese.
2. Deepen our practice of stewardship as a way of life, sharing responsibility for the mission of the Church.
3. Invite everyone to help fund seminarian education, Catholic formation programs and renovation of the Cathedral campus.

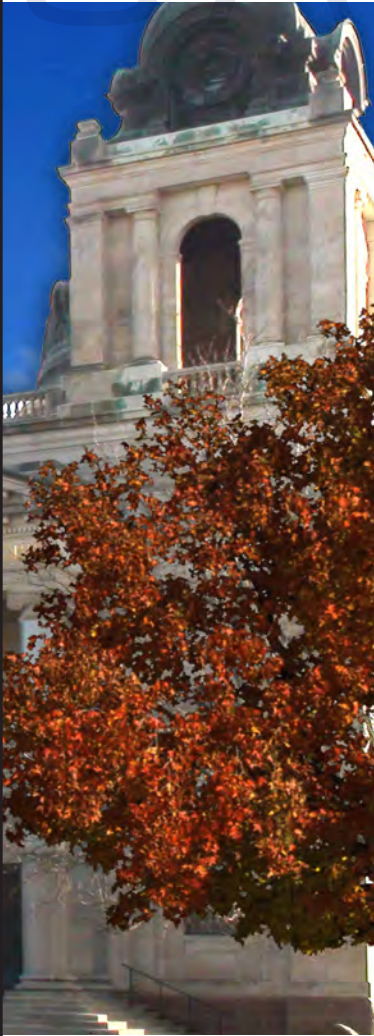
Cathedral Campus Renovation

\$16 million



Through sacraments and service, our mother church has formed and fed Kansas Catholics for nearly 100 years. It is our responsibility to care for her, so that she can continue to serve us.

GATHER



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The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception is the heart of our Diocese.

The TOGETHER vision is reflected in the buildings of the Cathedral campus, especially in the Cathedral church. The Cathedral represents who we are as Catholics: united as members of the mystical Body of Christ, the family of God, the community of believers, whether we live in the Cathedral parish itself, or in Bushton, Baxter Springs, Fort Scott, Zenda, and points in between.

The buildings of the Cathedral campus also embody what we do as Catholics: worshipping God at Holy Mass, and nourished there by word and sacrament, going forth to share in the mission of the Church, for example, learning the gospel and teaching it to others, offering service to people with material needs, and even offering ourselves – some of us – to serve as priests.

But the buildings that make up our Cathedral campus need our care. Outdated wiring, a leaking roof, deterioration and inadequate heating and air conditioning are just a few of the reasons for us to give back to our mother church, repairing and preserving the historic buildings that serve us.



REVEREND MONSIGNOR JOHN GILSEHAN

"I have a great affection for the Cathedral. It is a church that is available to everyone in the Diocese, and it belongs to everybody. The Cathedral was built by people who made great sacrifices, not only in Wichita but all around the United States. And the Cathedral has always been a place where Catholics could be proud of their religion. We have a responsibility to see that it is preserved and remains a focal center in this Diocese."

Proposed Renovations

A \$16 million renovation will address safety concerns, energy efficiency and access for all members of the Diocese while enabling our Cathedral campus to better serve our diocesan family.

The new gathering space will house much-needed bathrooms, a bride's room, elevator access to the choir loft, additional storage and an energy efficient HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) system able to heat and cool the entire campus.

New elevators, ramps and entrances will invite individuals with all abilities to the Cathedral campus. The current gym will transform into a gracious social hall for parish and diocesan events. And a renovation of the old school building will help further the mission of the Church through the ministries of Catholic Charities, the diocesan Office of Hispanic Ministry and through the work of the Cathedral Parish.



THE MOST
REVEREND
MICHAEL O.
JACKELS,
Bishop of Wichita

“One hundred
years ago the
people of this
Diocese
sacrificed greatly
to build this
world-class
Cathedral, and it
is an expression
of our living as
good stewards to
honor that and to
preserve it.”



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Architectural Innovations

St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School Fund

\$10 million



*Teach others to know God, so that knowing God, they will love God,
and loving God they will serve God and others.*



The St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School Fund presently distributes money to 23 financially-struggling parishes, so they can carry out the mission of Catholic education.

Each St. Drexel-supported parish has a significant number of families living at or below poverty level. They have active stewardship programs and dedicate more than half of their Sunday offerings to Catholic education.

The nearly 2,000 children attending St. Drexel-supported schools are learning faith and academics, respect and responsibility as they begin to understand the stewardship of life.

The St. Drexel fund distributed more than \$300,000 to 23 parishes in 2008. If we raise an additional \$10 million through the TOGETHER vision, the fund will distribute more than \$700,000 each year.

Through the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School Fund each parish can help children meet their spiritual and academic potential.

These are the children of the Catholic Diocese of Wichita, and each of us bears a share of responsibility for their formation.



JASON AND CHRISSE SEARL

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH,
WICHITA

"The students who benefit by our small gifts will profit in their faith formation and foundation. What could be more important than responding to the call to assist in the continued support of such fantastic students who are and will become the future of our Church?"

WE LEARN

St. Maria De Mattias Endowment

\$1 million



JILL AND CARL STRATEMEIER

ST. IGNATIUS PARISH, NEODESHA

"We feel very passionate about education. Small parishes often times do not have the resources required to build a quality educational system. The St. Maria De Mattias Endowment helps small parishes like ours educate and inspire parishioners. This fund provides those needed dollars for the education of not only our youth but adults as well. No one in our Diocese should ever take lightly the true importance of knowledge; the knowledge we need to grow in our faith."



The St. Maria De Mattias Endowment is a competitive grant program that supports Catholic parishes and organizations as they catechize and evangelize children and adults.

The St. De Mattias endowment is currently funding scholarships for 30 catechists earning their masters in theology at Newman University.

Previous grants also have provided curriculum and resource materials for use in Parish School of Religion and RCIA classes as well as funding religious educator positions in parishes.

Increasing the endowment by \$1 million would allow the St. De Mattias endowment to help more parishes develop Catholic formation programs and educate catechists as they teach others to know and love God.

Seminarian Education Endowment



Priests play an essential role of sanctifying, teaching, and leading. They are servants to all.

Seminarian Education

\$10 million



MARCO
DE LOERA

CATHEDRAL OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
PARISH, WICHITA

"The people of Christ have given me so much, and I realize that I do not have the financial means to repay them. However, I can repay them with my own life, serving them one day as a priest."



God has blessed the Catholic Diocese of Wichita with many seminarians. And our diocesan family demonstrates gratitude by forming our young people in the faith, encouraging young men to discern God's call to be a priest, and funding the education of our seminarians.

For these young men, money is not – and should not be – a reason to keep them from entering the seminary nor should money introduce reluctance if a man feels called to step away.

With an influx of men pursuing a priestly vocation, it is sometimes a challenge to provide room, board and tuition for the seminarians of our Diocese who may give the rest of their lives in service to us.

Growing the endowment for the education of seminarians by an additional \$10 million will allow us to continue to educate the future leaders of our Church, providing freedom for them to discern God's call.

WE GIVE **Ways of Giving**

As we come together to support a vision for the future growth of our Diocese, you are invited to make a generous, sacrificial and proportional gift to the TOGETHER vision. This commitment can be fulfilled over a period of five years through monthly, quarterly or annual installments.

5-YEAR PLEDGE CHART				
Total Gift	Initial 10% Investment	Monthly	Quarterly	Annual
\$5,000,000	\$500,000	\$75,000	\$225,000	\$900,000
\$2,500,000	\$250,000	\$37,500	\$112,500	\$450,000
\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$15,000	\$45,000	\$180,000
\$500,000	\$50,000	\$7,500	\$22,500	\$90,000
\$250,000	\$25,000	\$3,750	\$11,250	\$45,000
\$100,000	\$10,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$18,000
\$75,000	\$7,500	\$1,125	\$3,375	\$13,500
\$50,000	\$5,000	\$750	\$2,250	\$9,000
\$25,000	\$2,500	\$375	\$1,125	\$4,500
\$10,000	\$1,000	\$150	\$450	\$1,800

Please take the time to review methods of giving on page 12.

Because tax laws are always changing and each family's situation is unique, you are encouraged to consult a financial advisor to determine which method of contribution is right for you. For more information about any of these gift types, please contact the diocesan Office of Development and Planned Giving at 316-269-3917 or e-mail development@cdowk.org.



PAT AND KRISTI BIDDLE

HOLY NAME PARISH, WINFIELD

"We were honored when Bishop Jackels asked us to serve by helping with the TOGETHER vision. We wondered, 'why us, from the little parish of Holy Name Winfield? What would we have to offer?' Then we took it to prayer, and the answer became clear. 'Why not us?' We have been so blessed by a fantastic parish family, great seminarians and priests in our lives, and the desire to serve our Bishop, our parish, our Diocese and our universal Church. For the future of the Church and our grandchildren, we must all follow our shepherd, Bishop Jackels, in being TOGETHER for our Church. All of the components of this effort benefit us ALL – no matter the size of parish."

Ways of Giving

Gifts of Cash The most common method of making a gift is to contribute cash using either check, electronic fund transfer or a credit or debit card. You may benefit from such gifts with a charitable deduction on your tax return.

Securities Stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that have appreciated can have an immediate impact on the TOGETHER vision and also create an income tax deduction for you based on their current value. Because there is no capital gains tax when you make a gift, you can double tax savings on shares you have held for more than a year.

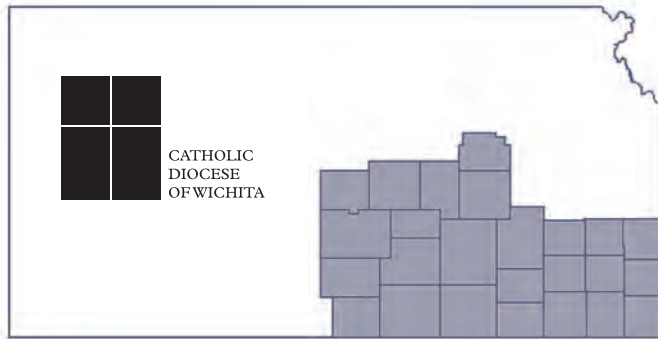
Gifts of real estate Donations of appreciated homes, and other real property, are entitled to an income tax deduction equal to the full value of the property and no tax on capital gain. If debt-free property is donated, the gift is deductible at the property's appraised value. It may even be possible to make your gift of property now, but still maintain the right to use the property. By making this gift now, rather than in your will, you can realize an immediate income tax deduction.

Corporate-matching gifts A matching gift program provided through your employer or board membership may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members.

Deferred or planned gifts Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals.

Gifts of retirement plans Naming the TOGETHER vision as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a retirement plan (i.e. IRA, 401 (k)) can benefit both the Diocese and your estate. Your retirement account's plan administrator can help you designate TOGETHER as a beneficiary.

WE GIVE



TOGETHER Leadership

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THE MOST REVEREND EUGENE J. GERBER, Bishop Emeritus of Wichita

"To love is to give, to be loved is to receive. To do both may be more difficult for some than others. This inborn human, spiritual activity leads to solidarity (unity) in the human family, the parish, the Diocese, the universal Church and the world.

Pope Benedict XVI said recently: "To love is to give, to offer what is 'mine' to the other."

St. Theresa teaches that "the purpose of all God's favors is good works to strengthen us in His service."

Teachings such as these are simply echoes from the heart of the Lord Himself: the gift you have received, give as a gift (Mt. 10:8). It is to this core (gospel) value of human living TOGETHER that Bishop Jackels is calling us.

It is not that our diocesan family hasn't been living this core gospel mandate, to give and to receive, often in exemplary ways. Rather, it is a reminder of how abundantly our diocesan family has been blessed and an invitation to prayerfully ponder how we can participate in current extraordinary needs."