

PARISH AND DIOCESAN CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

# FORWARD *IN* FAITH

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FORMATION



**Saint Thomas More Parish**

Kansas City, Missouri

DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY~ST. JOSEPH

*Campaign for Catholic Education and Formation*

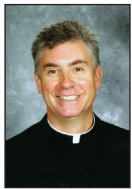
*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.”* (JEREMIAH 1:5)



*Dear Saint Thomas More Family,*

The Lord spoke the words above to the Prophet Jeremiah, but we know He speaks them to all who are chosen to be partners in building up His kingdom, which includes each one of us at Saint. Thomas More.

Christian formation and education is critical for our Catholic faith and the building up of God’s kingdom. The Lord spoke to Jeremiah directly and formed him as His prophet. You and I and generations before us have been formed as mature Christians through the witness of our Church: in parish religious education programs, Catholic schools, parish and diocesan ministries, and so many more ways.



The continuation and strengthening of these ministries is very important to me, as I know it is to you. In an effort to respond to the Lord’s call to make disciples, Saint Thomas More Parish is participating in a diocesan-wide capital campaign that promises to generate needed resources to increase both the ministries of our local parish and Catholic education and formation programs across our region.

This is a unique campaign, because a percentage of the funds raised by our parish *will stay with us at Saint Thomas More*. As we meet attainable parish targets, the percentage of funds raised going directly to helping our faith community address critical needs and programs will continue to increase – as high as 90 percent.


This opportunity allows us to build up critical ministries at Saint Thomas More Parish, while supporting our Catholic high schools and other formation programs of the local Catholic Church. I hope this brochure is both a help and an inspiration as you pray about the level of commitment you will make to the important ministry projects outlined in the following pages.

I hope that you will join me in making a pledge on June 2th to support the **Forward in Faith** campaign for Catholic education and formation. Your support will be a valuable response to the Lord’s call to build up His kingdom.

Thank you so much for your efforts and prayers in support of our parish and local Church.

If you have any questions about our STM **Golden Jubilee Campaign**, please call Joan Sandford, 942-2492 x202. If you have any questions about **Forward in Faith**, please do not hesitate to call the diocese office at 816-756-1850 or Church Development office at 816-333-8111.

Yours in Christ,

  
Fr. Don Farnan, Pastor

**COMMITMENT  
SUNDAY is  
June 2, 2013**

Saint Thomas More Parish  
**GOLDEN  
JUBILEE  
CAMPAIGN  
PRIORITIES**

School Safety & Security  
(72%) – {\$258,000}

School Structure  
(63%) – {\$155,000}

New Parish Office  
(61%) – {\$2 million}

School Technology  
(53%) – {\$60,000  
{+ \$8,000-15,000/  
year for software  
for individualized  
instruction}

New Futures Center  
(49%) – {\$1.7 million}

Parish Office Repairs  
(31%) – {\$70,000+}

## From our FUNDING COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON

Dear Follow Saint Thomas More Parishioners,

Our Catholic Church! It has sustained, guided and nurtured a divine God's wishes for us, through its parishes, schools and peoples. I am honored to acknowledge that Divine presence amongst us by my support for our **Golden Jubilee** campaign, for needs here at our parish, and the **Forward in Faith** campaign for Catholic education and formation.

I am convinced that God will use this campaign to provide critically needed resources to a variety of ministries here at our parish and across the diocese, unite our people to serve God through a common cause, and bring healing to our community through the grace of giving and promoting our rich heritage of educating and forming Catholics both young and old in the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

This passage from 2 Corinthians 9: 6-8 encourages us:

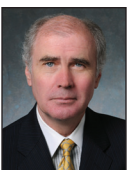
*“Remember this – a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”*

Here at Saint Thomas More we see the need for improved school security and safety, to improve the school structure, to provide state-of-the-art school technology, to build a Futures Center, and to build a new parish office.

The need to build a new high school while funding other important Catholic education and formation projects could not be more urgent or more important as well.

I hope you will join me in generously supporting the **Golden Jubilee** and **Forward in Faith** campaign when we all make our pledges on June 1 and 2, 2013.

Thank you for your support of our **Golden Jubilee** and **Forward in Faith**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and will bless our parish and numerous Catholic education initiatives and ministries across our diocese. God bless you for your contributions to building Jesus' Kingdom.



Humbly,

Jim O'Sullivan



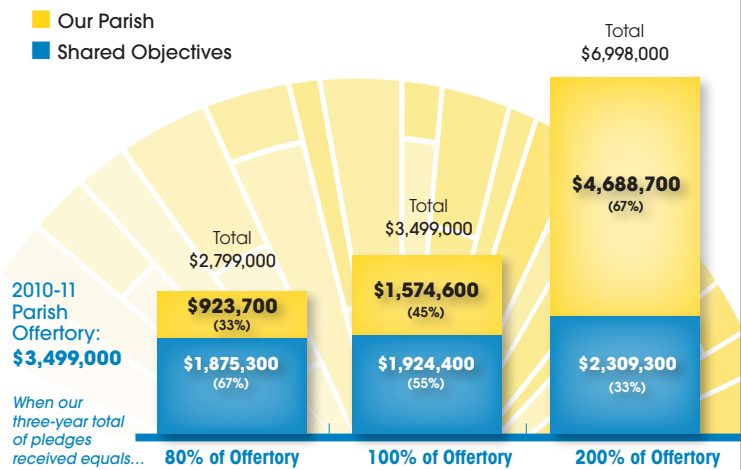
## THE IMPACT OF YOUR GIFT

The **Forward in Faith** Campaign will be merged with our Saint Thomas More **Golden Jubilee Campaign**. The chart below shows how by working together, we can take care of some of the needs within our parish as we support Catholic education and formation throughout the diocese.

Remember, once initial targets are met, approximately 25 percent of all gifts will stay at Saint Thomas More Parish to accomplish capital needs projects on campus. Once we pass our first target, 75 percent of funds raised will be invested at STM. Passing the second target means our parish shares increases to 90 percent. This is a good opportunity to bring about needed improvements for our parish facilities and ministries.

### SAINT THOMAS MORE PARISH

#### Forward in Faith Pledge Distribution



Your generous contribution of stock, property or IRA assets is also greatly appreciated.

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**OUR  
CAMPAIGN  
PRAYER**

*Loving Father,*

*We praise and thank you for the  
blessings you have entrusted to us.*

*Grant us charity and strength  
to go **Forward in Faith** as we  
respond to the needs of our  
Catholic community throughout  
the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph.*

*Through the intercession of  
St. Michael the Archangel help us  
to preserve Catholic education and  
formation for generations to come.*

*We ask this in the name of your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and  
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,*

*One God, forever and ever.*

***Amen***

*Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us!*

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SUNDAY** **June 2, 2013**