



***Forward with Faith***  
**Archdiocese of Hartford Capital Campaign**  
**Frequently Asked Questions & Answers**

**What is the *Forward with Faith* Capital Campaign for the Archdiocese of Hartford?**

The *Forward with Faith* campaign for the Archdiocese of Hartford and The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. is a capital campaign with a goal to raise a minimum of \$12,000,000 in gifts and pledges. Everyone will have an opportunity to participate in this special initiative to help the Archdiocese move forward into the future to spread the Catholic faith throughout Connecticut. Gifts will include individual leadership and major gifts, as well as corporate and foundation gifts. Parishes and parishioners will also be asked to participate in the *Forward with Faith* campaign, and commemorative and memorial gifts will be available.

**What is the purpose of the *Forward with Faith* Campaign?**

The purpose of the campaign is to renovate, restore, revitalize and illuminate the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, the Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

We are committed to raising \$12 million to complete a Master Plan to meet the following opportunities:

- Create a new Cathedral Hall featuring education and community meeting facilities, dining area and mausoleum by renovating the lower Cathedral
- Develop a Cathedral Square to include a welcome plaza, pedestrian mall, memorial park area, public gardens and a gathering place for the entire community.
- Restore the steeple and bell tower and illuminate the steeple and Cross that crowns it.
- Repair the front plaza and open our majestic bronze doors so all who pass by the Cathedral see the beauty inside.

### **Who is conducting the campaign?**

Under the leadership of Archbishop Leonard P. Blair and supported by the Very Reverend Steven C. Boguslawski, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, and the Very Reverend James A. Shanley, Rector of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, a strategic campaign plan will be implemented by The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. for which Fathers Steven and Shanley serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. Archbishop Blair has also engaged the premier philanthropic consulting firm in the United States, Panas, Linzy & Partners. Jerold Panas will be working with the Foundation Board as philanthropic counsel and with John LaFramboise, Executive Director of the Foundation, to successfully raise leadership and major gifts.

### **What is The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. and who were the bishops historically?**

The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. is a long-term collaborative that is meant to evoke Hartford's historical secular "bishops," as they were once known. Historically these secular bishops were civic, business and Church leaders who partnered to resolve urgent needs for the people residing in the metropolitan-Hartford region. It was a dynamic collaboration that "rose up together" each time a new socio-economic challenge emerged needing immediate attention.

Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, who serves as its President of The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. is inviting 42 community and business leaders – the "bishops" of today – to help support the Church's mission within the wider context of the spiritual, social and material well-being of everyone in Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties. The shared goal will be for the Archdiocese to be a valued and helpful contributor to the common good as it fulfills its spiritual and social mission in the wider community of Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven Counties.

### **How will The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. be governed?**

The Foundation will be governed by 42 board members consisting of clergy and lay leaders from throughout the Archdiocese who will assist with setting and implementing the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc.'s short- and long-term objectives and priorities. These social entrepreneurs and high-energy notables will read like a "Who's Who in Business and Community Service."

### **Will the board members all be Catholic?**

The board members will predominantly be Catholic, however the goal is to have board members represent a mix of religious traditions, both genders and organizations from all economic sectors: public, private and nonprofit.

### **Why do we need a major fundraising campaign?**

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph parishioners cannot accomplish the *Forward with Faith* campaign on their own. A collective effort for the entire Archdiocese of Hartford is needed to ensure the

Cathedral's vibrant future. The Cathedral of Saint Joseph is everyone's Mother Church, and together, as a family of faith, we all need to support this important undertaking.

**What are some examples of personal services that individuals and communities will receive?**

A "Master Plan" exists to build upon the goal of creating a "unified and green" Cathedral precinct in the urban context of downtown Hartford, which supports a context of integration into the surrounding city fabric, a vital asset of daily life for Connecticut residents and tourists. The emphasis is on the opportunity to achieve a new "physical reference" for the Cathedral to the site; the streetscapes that define the site and the surrounding community. Through the creation of an accessible and cohesive open space framework, the campus will achieve a new "sense of place." The integration of public gardens into the Cathedral precinct will heighten the image of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, as will a "Mothers Garden" and pavilion.

The Cathedral's food pantry, which already serves hundreds of people per week with food, clothing, toiletries and pet food, will be expanded and made accessible.

**Who will be asked to participate in the *Forward with Faith* campaign?**

A major gift campaign conducted by The Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. will consist of approaching individuals and couples to ask for leadership and major gifts. Foundations and corporations will also be asked to support the campaign. Less than 2 percent of all registered parishioners in the Archdiocese will be asked to consider a major gift to the campaign.

**What is the timeframe of the campaign?**

*Forward with Faith* will be launched on December 3, 2016, at the first Gala of the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. The goal is to successfully raise \$12,000,000 by the end of 2017. The *Forward with Faith* direct mail campaign will take place throughout the Archdiocese in late 2017.

**Will friends and donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal be asked to participate?**

Yes, all Catholic families and households in the Archdiocese of Hartford will also have an opportunity to participate in the campaign through a one-time gift request and envelope return placed in the Catholic Transcript.

**How is this campaign different from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries?**

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal raises funds for the annual and ongoing funding needs of the many Archdiocesan ministries, programs and agencies, as well the funding needs for over 200 community-based charities that provide programs and ministries that serve God's people. The "Appeal" has never provided financial support for Archdiocesan capital projects that would go to

restoration, repair and this dynamic, tri-county growth plan that the Hartford Bishops' Foundation, Inc. will lead.

The *Forward with Faith* campaign is a campaign to raise funds for the capital projects described above. Since the Cathedral of Saint Joseph is our Mother Church and everyone's spiritual home, all are asked to participate and support the campaign in addition of their support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

**Will my parish benefit from the Campaign?**

Yes, once funds are raised and the Master Plan is accomplished, all parishes will benefit from the revitalization of the Cathedral. All parishioners will be able to enjoy a beautiful and accessible new campus with many new amenities. All those attending special occasions at the Cathedral, including; Ordinations, Anniversary Masses, Catholic High School graduations, Saint Joseph Medal of Appreciation Masses, Installation Masses, the Blue Mass, the Sacred Sounds of Music concert series, and other events, will benefit from the beauty and reverence of the Cathedral of Saint Joseph, and their spiritual pilgrimage to the Mother Church.

**Is the Cathedral of Saint Joseph accessible for those with mobility or other disabilities?**

Yes, the Cathedral of Saint Joseph is accessible for those who use wheelchairs, scooters, walkers or service animals. During the highly attended Masses such as Easter and Christmas, a sign-language interpreter is also available.

**Will the Cathedral parish and campus welcome everyone?**

The Cathedral parish embraces cultural and ethnic diversity and includes parishioners born on every continent in the world, as well as visitors from throughout the United States and numerous international locations. <http://www.cathedralofsaintjoseph.com/>

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