



To all of the good people of St. Isaac Jogues,

A major endowment campaign is currently underway at St. Isaac Jogues and throughout the Diocese of Trenton. This week I will be sharing the diocesan components of the Faith to Move Mountains Campaign for the Diocese and our parish.

Our Parishes –\$30 Million

A minimum of 30%, or \$22.5 million, of the funds collected at the parish level will remain at the individual parish to address their own local needs. Once a parish has reached its goal, the allocation of funds will reverse and the parish will receive 70% of all additional monies collected. Additional funds will provide an endowment for parishes experiencing critical financial circumstances (\$7.5 million).

Ordained Ministry –\$20 Million

- Increase the current endowment for our retired clergy who have dedicated their lives to their parish communities. In the next 10 years alone, 44% of our priests will be eligible for retirement!
- Supplement current and future education costs for our growing class of seminarians, as it costs approximately \$40,000 to educate one seminarian for one year.
- Expand the diaconate program to serve communities requiring excellent homilies, sacramental preparation and spiritual direction.

Catholic Schools –\$15 Million

- Provide additional sponsorships for “seats” at a school reflecting the total cost of educating the student, which has risen to nearly \$7,000 each year.
- Support our “Mission Schools,” which serve underprivileged children from ethnically diverse communities with limited access to a quality Catholic education.
- Provide administrative and operational support to continue building the Catholic Alumni Partnership (CAP) program, which has already raised more than \$180,000 for tuition assistance, technology upgrades, and local campus needs since its launch in 2013.

Catechesis and Evangelization – \$5 Million

- Provide financial assistance for full certification for all of our catechists and scholarship assistance for parish leaders (DRE’s, Youth Directors, etc.) so that all serving in this role will have or be pursuing a master’s degree in in such programs as pastoral theology, ministry, and liturgy.
- Support the organized training of adult formation teams, strengthen existing programs, or create new ones at each parish.
- Build a comprehensive network upon our parish evangelization ministries in order to empower every parish community to deepen the spiritual lives of its people, reach out to those who have left the Church, and welcome all those who are coming to the faith for the first time.

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Social Services –\$5 Million

- Award grants to parishes and Catholic Social Service agencies to respond to the increasing needs of those struggling in their communities.
- Provide professional assistance to parishes with a critical need for counseling services among their parishioners suffering from addiction, loss of a loved one, divorce, and other mental health issues.

In the coming weeks, I will share further details about how the campaign funds will directly impact our Diocese and our community here at St. Isaac Jogues. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

May The Lord Continue to Bless You,
Father Phillip C. Pflieger