

SAINT CLEMENT PARISH

*Joining together to preserve
our Parish legacy and the
future of Catholic education.*



TO TEACH
WHO CHRIST IS

*A Campaign for Catholic Education
and Faith Formation*

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends:

Our capital campaign—*To Teach Who Christ Is*—is an important commitment to the legacy of Saint Clement Parish and the future of Catholic education, not just in our own parish, but also throughout the Archdiocese. The plan described in this brochure builds upon our rich heritage by helping to fulfill Saint Clement's mission and vision of holiness, communion, and service.

The men and women who made the sacrifices necessary to build and grow Saint Clement Parish for more than a century have set a high bar for us today. In that spirit, over the last several months parish leaders and staff have carefully and prayerfully studied the current design and condition of our buildings and facilities to identify what improvements are needed for us to continue to grow as a vibrant Catholic community. While the components of their recommendations are expressed in the language of brick and mortar, the plan outlined in this brochure is designed to enhance our ability to belong, pray, serve, give, and learn as individuals and as a parish.

This brochure describes how Saint Clement's portion of the campaign proceeds will be used to preserve our buildings and help improve the security and accessibility of the church, school, parish center, and priests' residence. In addition, 10 percent of the funds will be contributed to our Clement Commits program to put our faith into action among those less fortunate than ourselves.

Our overall parish goal is to raise \$6 million. To reach this goal, every parishioner needs to participate in the spirit of true Christian stewardship. Not everyone can contribute the same amount, but every contribution will help our community prosper in faith in the future.

Yours in Christ,
Father Ken Simpson



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CAMPAIGN CHAIRS

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

We are very excited to be a part of this campaign and to present our plan for investing in the future of Saint Clement Parish and Catholic Schools throughout the Archdiocese. Generations before us gave generously to build the church, school, and rectory that support our Parish; it is now our turn to make an investment that will ensure sustainability for future generations. This is a plan that depends on every parishioner's participation. Our plan: *To Teach Who Christ Is*.

Saint Clement has been a part of our family's journey of faith for more than 25 years. In the beginning, we enjoyed Mass, social events, and volunteer opportunities as a young adult couple. Next, Saint Clement was there for us as we prepared for our wedding day with Pre-Cana classes. Before we knew it, we were baptizing our four children and soon enough, they were off to our very special parish school. It's hard to believe that two of our children are now off to Catholic high school and our youngest is celebrating her First Communion here this spring. As our family grew, we never doubted that Saint Clement would be the central part of our lives. We have enjoyed a rich spiritual life being a part of Saint Clement.

In our journey through life, it is rare to find a place you can call home. Saint Clement is that special place. This would not be possible without the support of those generous parishioners who came before us, and it is now our turn to preserve this truly special place for future generations who will call Saint Clement their spiritual home. We invite you to join us.

Sincerely,
Scott and Rhonda Swanson



CASE SUMMARY

The long legacy of faith at Saint Clement Parish brings with it great responsibility. Part of our responsibility is to use our resources to repair and restore the buildings and facilities of our campus. Toward that end, the parish staff, the Building Committee, the Pastoral Council, and a variety of other parish leaders have identified those capital projects which can strengthen Saint Clement's ability to bring to life our Parish Anchors: *Belong, Pray, Serve, Give, and Learn*.

The parish priorities we have identified are summarized below and described in more detail within this brochure. If we are able to reach our overall parish goal of raising \$6 million, \$1 million will support Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the remaining \$5 million will be available for the following projects at Saint Clement:

- For our school: \$1.1 million
- For our church: \$1.4 million
- For our rectory and parish center: \$1.1 million
- For our priests' residence: \$800,000
- For Clement Commits: \$600,000

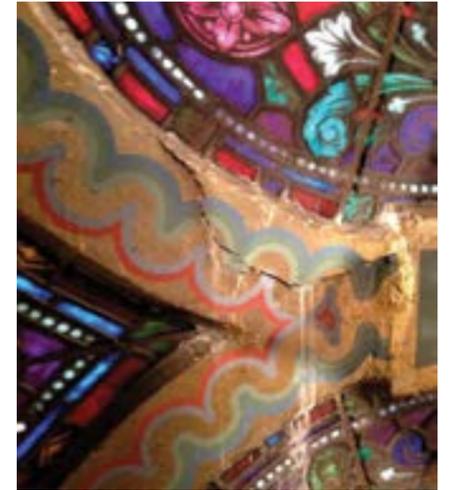
CLEMENT COMMITS: ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND SCHOOL

Consistent with our commitment to share a significant portion of our collections with others in need and the overall campaign goal of supporting Catholic education in the Archdiocese, Saint Clement Parish has committed to share 10 percent of the funds we raise in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign for scholarships and direct support to St. Margaret of Scotland School on the south side of Chicago.

St. Margaret of Scotland is an elementary school that serves students from preschool through eighth grade and has served Washington Heights and surrounding neighborhoods for many decades. Rooted in faith, St. Margaret has a strong commitment to academic excellence. Toward that end, the school has recently redesigned its curriculum and is expanding program offerings that serve its students.

Many of the families living in the communities served by St. Margaret need substantial financial assistance to send their children to the school. Through the Archdiocese and the Big Shoulders Fund, nearly 80 percent of St. Margaret's students receive some scholarship assistance. But considerably more is needed to enable many families to continue sending their children to St. Margaret.

Through Clement Commits, we hope to significantly expand the scholarship funds available to students in need. These funds will also be used to support the faculty and new curricula recently adopted by St. Margaret. Our contributions will make a real impact on St. Margaret of Scotland School and will give meaning to our pledge to give as true Christian stewards.



*One of the many projects slated for repair through the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign includes the Rose Windows. Located in the east and west transepts of the church, the Rose Windows are deteriorating and are in need of immediate attention.*



SAINT CLEMENT SCHOOL

Since its doors opened in 1906, Saint Clement School has offered a nurturing environment that inspires academic and spiritual growth. It is blessed with engaging teachers and administrators whose passion and enthusiasm empower students with a true love of learning. The school's reputation is well acclaimed for delivering Catholic values as well as academic rigor.

Throughout the last century, the original school building was expanded on a number of occasions through the generous support of parishioners, creating the campus we are privileged to have today. Over this time, Saint Clement has doubled its enrollment, going from a small parish school to one of the largest, most successful schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago with 475 students. It is this very growth that requires our funding of ongoing structural improvements to ensure our school's future. Though a dramatic addition was made to the school in 2003, prior significant renovations to the original building were last made in 1925 and 1935.

Today we are called upon to undertake a number of renovations to the school that will ease the structural challenges of a densely populated, aging building serving more than 550 students and staff each day. The proposed work for the school is multi-layered and will require the investment of approximately \$1.1 million.

The primary entry to the school will be altered allowing for direct visual monitoring of guests, while new security systems will provide enhanced safety. This new configuration will create a formal reception area at the threshold of the school and offer better-controlled access to the building.

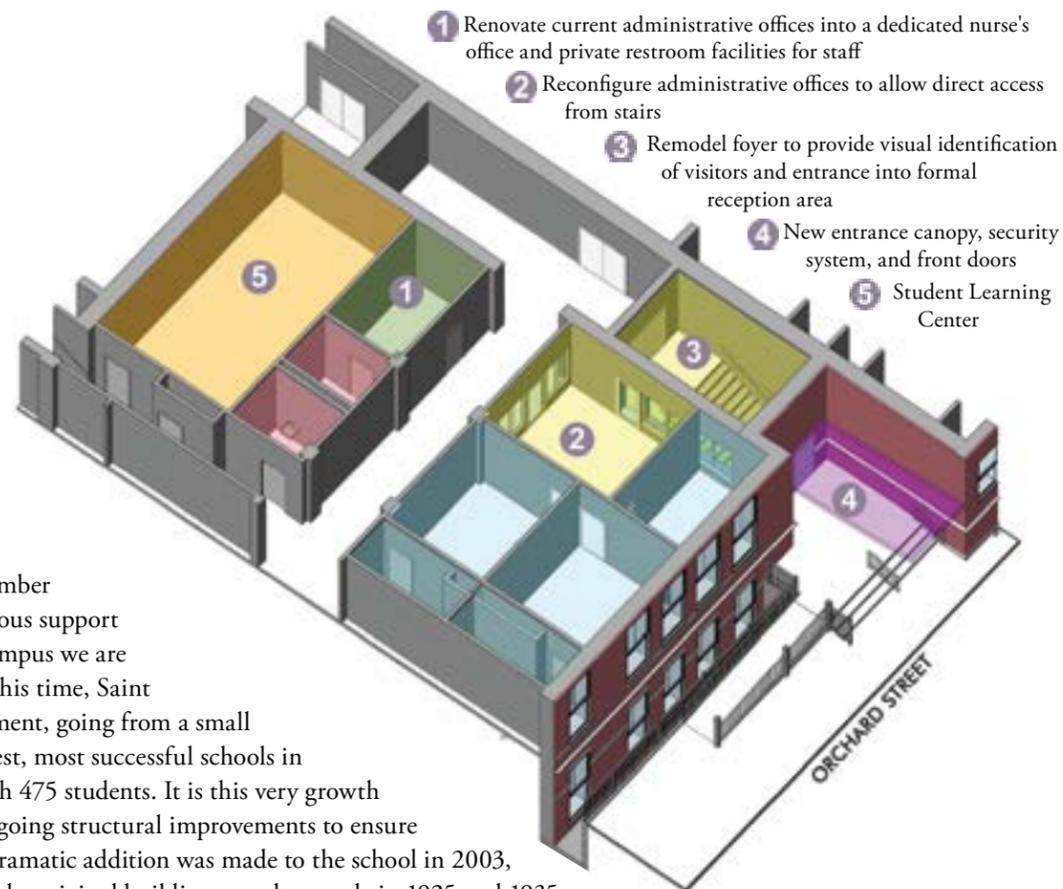
To improve school operations and security, the administrative offices will be re-configured on the first floor. The relocated office area will provide a dedicated nurse's office, an additional bathroom, and administrative offices.

The classrooms on the second and third floors will each be adapted with individual air conditioning units. The new units will provide temperature control at the beginning and end of the school year, as well as provide new opportunities for use during summer break.

We will replace the windows on the west façade of the school, which have the most solar heat gain. Classrooms with single-pane windows on the first, second, and third floors will be upgraded with new, thermally-insulated, double-pane tinted windows. Additionally, classrooms on the lower level and the first floor will be brought up to code with new fire-rated windows.

In the event we are able to exceed our \$6 million goal, we will have the resources to enhance the library, media center, and science labs with updated environments, resources, and technology.

As Saint Clement School moves toward its second century of academic excellence, considerable work will be required to serve future generations of eager students in the Catholic faith. Much thought has gone into evaluating our needs and vision to ensure our school's success for generations to come. Contributions to the [To Teach Who Christ Is](#) campaign will make a real difference in building that future for our children.



SAINT CLEMENT CHURCH

Founded by neighborhood families in 1905, Saint Clement Church has long relied upon its parishioners as cornerstones for giving. It was built by families of deep faith and commitment to Catholic teachings. From the beginning, the parish turned to its members for help. For more than 100 years, multiple fundraising efforts have taken place at the parish in support of land acquisition, construction, expansion, and restoration projects.

Parishioners have long supported the vision of founding Pastor Monsignor Francis Rempe to create a church like none other in Chicago. The classic Romanesque and Byzantine architectural style make the church one of only two of its kind in Illinois. The interior artwork of the church was conceived by Fr. Gleb Werchovsky, an acclaimed artist who drew upon inspiration from churches in Saint Petersburg, Istanbul, and Rome.

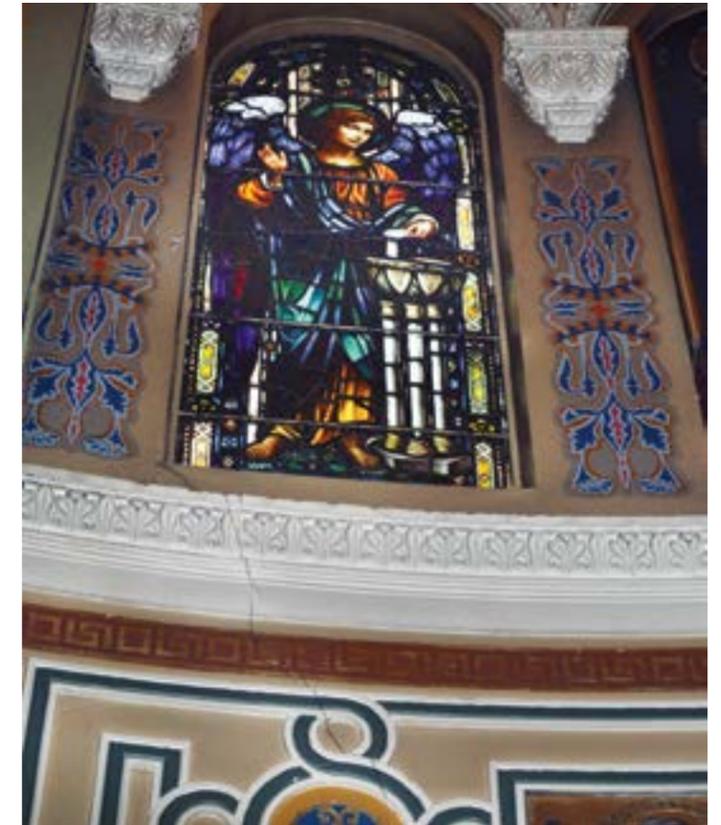
However, time took its toll and the church building deteriorated. The church was restored and adapted in the 1980s through the determination and dedication of then-Pastor Fr. John Fahey, with the support of Saint Clement parishioners. Like those who came before us, it is our turn to give to this spiritually rich community and maintain its strength for the next generation. As in the past, restoration projects are needed for the long-term preservation of our inspirational church. A number of areas within the church need attention.

The interior plaster walls need repair, patching, painting, and extensive cleaning; the beautiful Romanesque rose windows require structural repairs to exterior limestone, interior plaster, and framing; many of the stained glass windows are in need of re-leading, cleaning, spot repairs, weather proofing, and new exterior protection; and the retaining wall surrounding the church exterior needs repair. Additionally, a fire prevention and detection system is needed in the church along with upgraded sound systems in the church and chapel. Together these improvements will cost approximately \$1.4 million.

If we exceed our \$6 million campaign goal, we may also be able to clean and refinish the church pews, acquire additional artwork for the chapel, and repair marble in the church.

Additional funding opportunities for the church include a redesigned and upgraded lighting system and a new congregational-friendly organ.

Saint Clement Church is the place where we and generations before us have come to pray and worship together as Catholics. We will ensure that legacy for generations to come through strong commitments to the [To Teach Who Christ Is](#) campaign.



Top: Church windows all show signs of distress—this one has a bowed support beam and a cracked wall; Center: The crumbling stone facade of the portico; Bottom: Retaining wall deterioration in front of the church near the driveway.

PARISH CENTER



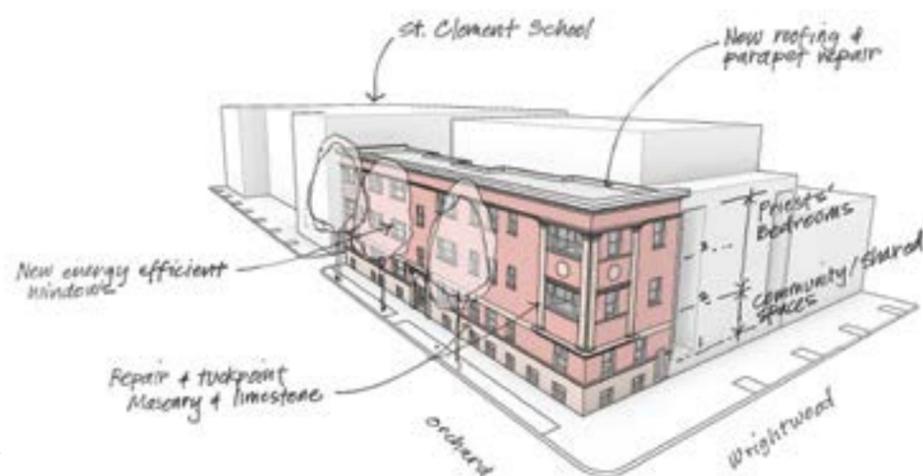
The Parish Center has long been the heart of activity serving the needs of Saint Clement parishioners. It was originally built as a single family home and sold to the parish when the church was in the planning stages. After acquiring the building, the home's façade was structurally adapted with Romanesque architectural designs to seamlessly integrate it into the grand design of the church. For its first 30 years, it served as the convent for the Sisters of Saint Francis who taught at the school. For the last 70 years, it has served as the Parish Center, with a number of former bedrooms adapted into offices and meeting spaces. It was formally renamed the Fahey Center after initial renovations were completed in the late 70s and 80s to meet city codes and for expanded use as the result of the development of a wider offering of services.

The continual growth of the mission and outreach of Saint Clement Parish has placed excess demand on the building's adapted setup, and it is no longer practical as currently configured. Approximately \$1.1 million from the campaign will be used to restructure the entrance of the building to accommodate a commercial elevator. This new elevator will allow for full access to all floors in the center and the adjacent church, and will support our identity as a welcoming parish. It will allow for greater mobility of people and equipment in and out of the parish center. Additionally, as part of the plan, the safety and security systems will be upgraded, and the remaining rectory space will be converted to office space for parish use.

PRIESTS' RESIDENCE

Saint Clement recently acquired an apartment building just north of the school at 2530 North Orchard Street. This building will soon be the new home for the priests residing at the parish, including the pastor, associate pastor, resident priests, and visiting priests. However, the new building is in need of plumbing, electrical, and mechanical repairs. The building's exterior envelope—including the roof, windows, and masonry—will be repaired or replaced; a new HVAC system will be added; bathrooms will be updated; and a portion will be reconfigured for communal living which includes a newly designed kitchen, dining, and meeting space. This will require an investment of approximately \$800,000. If we exceed our \$6 million goal, we may also be able to construct an ADA-accessible room and lift and repurpose individual kitchens.

The renovations to the Parish Center and acquisition of the new Priests' Residence are faithful to Saint Clement's mission to be rooted in our Catholic faith, empowered by our liturgy and worship, and grateful for our many blessings. Our contributions to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign will help strengthen the parish's journey to achieve that mission.



A CALL TO ACTION FOR SAINT CLEMENT PARISHIONERS

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” — *1 Peter 4:10*

Saint Clement Parish is a community blessed with many gifts. Our predecessors built a parish with a firm foundation of community and faith. Today, our parishioners bring many diverse backgrounds and a wide spectrum of talents, skills, and resources to our experience of faith. In the spirit of true Christian stewardship—as individuals and as a parish—we are called to receive these gifts gratefully, to cultivate them responsibly, to share them lovingly in justice with others, and to return them with increase to the Lord.

The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is a unique opportunity to cultivate our many gifts as a parish, to share them with each other and the schools of the Archdiocese, and to return them with increase to the Lord. These lofty ideals cannot be achieved without your help. As explained in this brochure, the buildings and facilities of the parish—the places where we pray, serve, give, learn, and belong—are in need of significant restoration and enhancement. The projects highlighted here require a major investment of financial resources. These parish priorities, along with our commitment to Catholic education in the Archdiocese and Clement Commits, combine to make our goal to raise a total of \$6 million.

A small number of generous parishioners already have pledged nearly \$2.5 million toward our goal. We are deeply grateful for their support, but we cannot achieve our overall goal without the active participation of everyone in the parish. Saint Clement Parish is a community of more than 4,000 registered families, each of whom will benefit from the improvements envisioned by this campaign.

As stewards of our parish legacy and future, now is the time for each of us to join our fellow parishioners and pledge as generously as we can to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign.

A MESSAGE FROM CARDINAL GEORGE

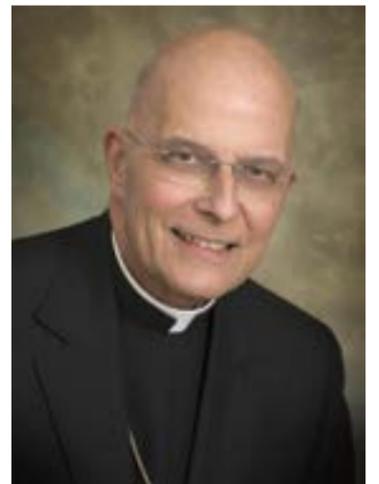
The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago and our faith formation programs make their case in the lives of those transformed by them. The living case statements are walking the streets of Chicago and of other places where alumni of our schools and parishes live. They are the argument, the winning conclusion to the written analysis presented here.

The Church exists to set people free. Our schools are free to teach the truth, even about God, and our formation programs show people that true freedom is grounded not in personal control but in personal surrender to those who love them. Our schools are communities where all children are safe in God's love and therefore free to learn.

Free of government control and not driven by individual agendas, the Catholic schools and other educational efforts of the Archdiocese need and deserve generous support. Each generation's generosity gives future life to the work of our schools and parishes. Their work obviously shapes the lives of students and parishioners and those who are directly served, but it also shapes the society we create together. In every neighborhood and town, amidst all manner of difficulties and threats to well-being and sometimes even to life itself, these institutions are signs of who Christ is for the world and its diverse peoples.

I hope and pray that the campaign we are now engaged in will be successful. I hope and pray that many will come to experience, in responding to its appeal, a deep happiness in helping others, especially children, learn the most important lessons of life. God bless you.

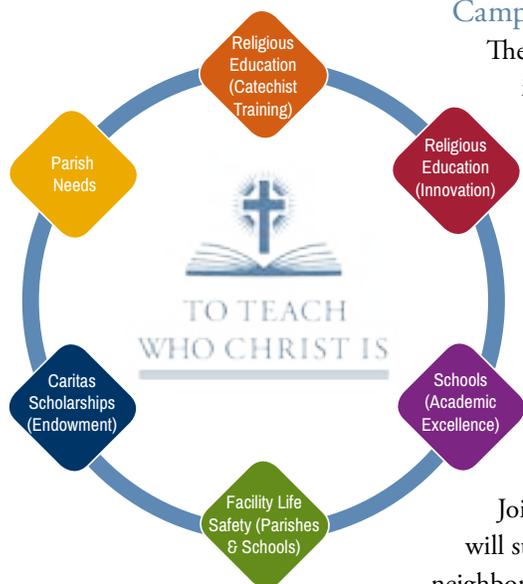
Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago



"To all of you, I repeat: Do not let yourselves be robbed of hope! Do not let yourselves be robbed of hope! And not only that, but I say to us all: let us not rob others of hope, let us become bearers of hope!"

— Pope Francis
July 24, 2013, Rio de Janeiro

Campaign Overview



The campaign goal of *To Teach Who Christ Is* totals \$350 million. Saint Clement is one of 356 parishes that make up the Catholic community known as the Archdiocese of Chicago. This community is working together to raise \$250 million over a three-year period. A special effort outside of the parishes will raise an additional \$100 million. In the spirit of Christian stewardship, our parish will share up to \$1 million of the funds raised to the ministry priorities listed below.

\$150 million for Strong Parishes

Ensuring parishes are strong and vibrant communities of faith, bearing hope through their presence, sacramental life, ministries and prayers is central to the effort.

Joining together throughout the Archdiocese will strengthen the work of the Church in neighborhoods throughout Chicago and suburban Lake and Cook counties. Each parish will determine its own priorities, based on the individual parish's needs.



Saint Clement Parish was blessed with Cardinal George's presence at our Confirmation ceremonies earlier this spring.

\$10 million for Religious Education (Catechists)

Beginning with parents, and extending to all members of our community, the call to make known the love of Christ and his holy Church is one that challenges and invigorates us. The campaign will provide resources to form parish Religious Education directors, coordinators, and youth ministers.

\$2 million for Religious Education (Innovation)

Religious Education programs have had varying levels of success engaging children and adults. Funds will be dedicated to identifying the very best in innovative Religious Education programs and creating models to replicate those programs for others.

\$30 million for Facility Life Safety (Parishes & Schools)

As with all buildings, time can wreak havoc on the churches and schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago. In addressing urgent and critical needed repairs for parishes and schools, the campaign will provide a reserve fund to be distributed over the next 10 years. Facility projects funded will specifically address life safety issues in economically distressed parishes.

\$8 million for Schools (Academic Excellence)

The campaign will provide funds to create programs to enhance the academic excellence of Catholic schools including early childhood programs, rigorous curriculum standards, optimizing technology integration and infrastructure in the classroom, and creating professional development opportunities to attract and retain the most accomplished, inspiring and effective teachers and principals.

\$150 million for Caritas Scholarships (Endowment)

Catholic schools in Chicagoland have always been a powerful force for leading others to the truth, and today we continue to achieve high standards for academics as well as formation of the whole person, grounding students in faith and virtue. The campaign will provide scholarships for students to attend K-8 Catholic elementary schools throughout the Archdiocese. Scholarships will follow the child and will be awarded based on financial need, requiring families to contribute to the cost of education.

"To Teach Who Christ Is" comes from the writings of St. Eugene de Mazenod, founder of Cardinal George's religious community, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. To "put on the mind of Christ" captures the spirit of the campaign that supports parishes and the formation of children and young people through the ministry of Catholic Education and Catechesis.