



*Empowering  
God's Servants*  
FOR TODAY  
AND TOMORROW



## Building for another 75 years...

Dear Friend in Christ,

Before he died, St. Thomas More said, "I die the king's faithful servant, but God's first." For 75 years, the Cathedral of St. Thomas More has helped God's servants live in an increasingly complex world. The *Empowering God's Servants* campaign will allow us to continue that mission for the next 75 years. This campaign will allow us to revitalize our community, raise the resources to rehabilitate the Cathedral's facilities and expand our school services to educate the next generation of God's servants.

More than a fundraising campaign, *Empowering God's Servants* is a call to renewed stewardship. God has blessed us; He asks that we share those blessings with our faith community. *Empowering God's Servants* is an opportunity to reflect, prayerfully and purposely, on God's gift to us and how we might respond to God's call to discipleship.

This is an exciting time for our parish. May God, the giver of all good gifts, bless you as you reaffirm your commitment to our community by supporting this campaign.

Faithfully in the Heart of Christ,

Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde  
Bishop of Arlington

"Give and gifts will be given to you...  
For the measure with which you measure  
will in return be measured out to you."

Luke 6:38

## Our History

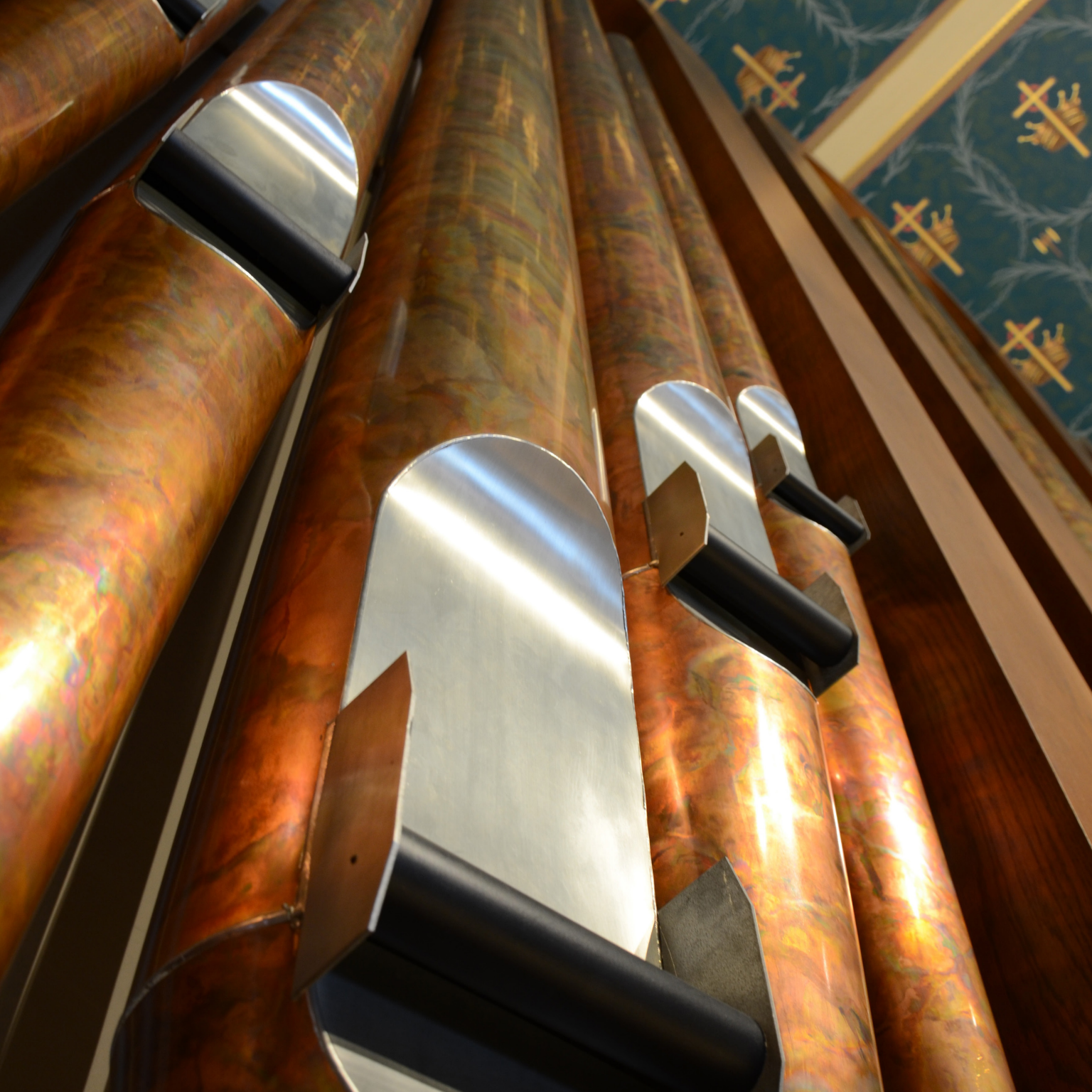
Founded in 1938, St. Thomas More parish rose from humble beginnings. Parishioners attended Mass in what is now the school gymnasium until 1950. Beginning in 1960, mass was celebrated in what is now Burke Hall. The foundation of that church became the building in which we worship in today.

In 1974, St. Thomas More Parish became the Cathedral for the newly erected Diocese of Arlington. Many important diocesan liturgies are celebrated each year at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More and our bishop, the Most Rev. Paul Loverde, celebrates Sunday Mass here regularly.

As we conclude our celebrations of our 75th anniversary, we reflect on the fact that St. Thomas More Cathedral has grown into a vibrant parish family of over 2,500 souls. We are a multi-cultural community of faithful worshiping God according to the gifts given us by our Savior, Jesus Christ.

As with any family, there are growing pains. Over the past several years, through your generosity and diocesan commitment we have been able to accomplish numerous maintenance issues/repairs. Substantial work has been done to address water damage and exterior weather damage to the Church, Rectory and School. Through the help of the diocese we were able to completely renovate Burke Hall and expand bathroom facilities to accommodate many diocesan functions and social events as well as parish events. Through the annual Diocesan Lenten Appeal, we have been able to install a new lighting system to enhance the interior look of the Cathedral.

With a growing diverse faith community, we must look to address future needs and pave the way for the continued growth and ministry of St. Thomas More. That requires thought for the present and a vision for the future of our parish and our school.



# Significant Service brings Significant Challenge

To meet the challenges of the future, the *Empowering God's Servants* Campaign addresses these critical needs.

## Church Renovations

As the "mother church" of the Diocese of Arlington, our parish joyfully hosts many diocesan liturgies as well as those of our own community. At fifty-three years of age, our church building needs some additional attention.

## Cathedral Center

This new center would accommodate our parish's youth programs, meeting rooms for parish and diocesan meetings and events, Young Adult activities as well as hosting diocesan CYO basketball games.

## School Renovations

Our nationally recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence continues to grow in students, with increased enrollment expected well into the future. The new Cathedral Center frees up space in the school that, with the necessary funding, can be re-purposed into a media center and academic wing with additional classrooms and resource space.

## New Organ Console

The Cathedral's organ console needs to be replaced after 44 years of continual use. It has been and will continue to be used by some of the world's most renowned organists in our Cathedral Concert Series.

## Rainy Day Fund

Considering the spiraling costs of maintenance and upkeep, we need to establish a reserve fund that will continue to provide for our maintenance needs for the next few years, and also establish a beginning for endowing these needs for the future.



## Projected Budget

Project	Estimated Cost
Provide mural artwork of the four evangelists on the sanctuary ceiling*	\$ 95,000
Renovate our pews*	\$ 100,000
Repair and refurbish the terrazzo floor*	\$ 100,000
Paint the interior walls*	\$ 350,000
Replace the organ console	\$ 175,000
Build a Parish Center	\$4,500,000
School renovations of existing facility	\$ 800,000
Rainy Day Fund	\$ 500,000
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,620,000</b>

*\*One million dollar funding made possible through the Diocesan Lenten Appeal over the next two years.*

## Answering the Call

To address the needs of our parish and school, St. Thomas More is embarking on a parish-wide capital campaign to raise \$3.5 million dollars. Through the prayerful support of all our parish families, we can meet these needs and set the stage for a brighter future for our church and our school.

Renovations to the church are not simple cosmetics. Through the revitalization of our primary worship space, we can bring new energy to our parish worship and to our diocesan liturgies.

With the school renovations, we will be able to serve our burgeoning school population and provide an outstanding Catholic education to students from throughout the local area.

We ask you to pray and open your heart to God's answer to this simple question, "Lord, what are you seeking to accomplish, through me, for St. Thomas More Cathedral?" The answer to that prayer will lead you to your gift for this campaign and will allow us to "Empower God's Servants for Today and Tomorrow."





## A Message from the Rector

Dear Friend,

In this brochure we have outlined a plan to start building for the next 75 years of our parish. With your support, this plan comes alive and revitalizes our parish; without your support, it is nothing more than a piece of paper.

As God has blessed us each with different talents, we recognize that not everyone can support this campaign in an equal amount. The key to success for this campaign is the same that has made the Cathedral of St. Thomas More a successful parish. Coming together as a community and each sharing that which God has given us. *Empowering God's Servants* will work only if we all come together.

God has blessed our parish over the past 75 years and we must strive to fulfill His plan for the next 75 years.

Sincerely Yours in the Heart of Christ,

Father Robert Rippy

## A Message from our Campaign Chairs

Dear Parish Family,

It is an honor to serve St. Thomas More Cathedral as campaign chairs for the *Empowering God's Servants* campaign. Our Parish has been an instrumental part of our lives and the foundation for us to live as God's servants.

We have just finished celebrating the 75th anniversary of St. Thomas More, and we must start building for the next 75 years. Our mission today is as important as it was for the founders of the parish in 1938.

We humbly ask that you pray fully consider joining us in this quest and join us in supporting *Empowering God's Servants*.

Sincerely,

Tom and Tara Quaadman  
Rob and Alex Sweeney







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