



**ST. PIUS X  
PARISH**

**FIFTIETH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**CAPITAL  
CAMPAIGN**



DEAR FRIENDS:

The 50th anniversary of our wonderful parish gives us time to reflect on the faith and courage of our founders, the persistence and continued good works of our parishioners over the past five decades, and the vision and action before us — the people of St. Pius X — in the first decade of the 2nd millennium.

Our mission comes from Christ — to be disciples who live the gospel and transform the world. The way we respond stems from our prayerful listening to the call of God. The parish's listening process of Auscultemus brought to light the aspirations of our parishioners to make St. Pius X a parish of inspired worship, a welcoming community that is concerned with the welfare of any parishioner facing difficulties, a parish that raises up the talents of our young people and strives for excellence in the education of our children, a place of action to promote social justice.

This vision has driven the workings of parish staff and volunteers. This vision has guided the use of financial resources and prompted the creation of new ministries. This vision was the conduit for the evaluation of our campus that has led to the institution of our capital campaign. Careful and thorough study of the aging mechanical systems in our buildings, the desire for a more beautiful and hospitable worship space, the need for additional meeting and gathering areas, and the aspiration to make St. Pius X an even more welcoming place has generated the All for Christ 50th Anniversary Campaign plan.

We have been blessed with a half-century of faith, hope and love. The vision and generosity of our founders established our parish, giving us an amazing gift. We are graced with God's call to us today. We are challenged to respond with the same vision and generosity to bequeath to our children, our grandchildren and future generations, the magnificent gift of St. Pius X.

Blessings,

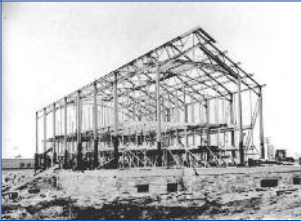
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carol J. Pacione". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Carol J. Pacione, Pastoral Life Director

## OUR HISTORY

CHRISTIANITY BEGAN when people listened carefully to Jesus, reflected prayerfully on what they heard and responded to Christ's mission. St Pius X Parish began in a similar way. In 1956, Archbishop Francis Keough listened carefully to the needs of Baltimore's Catholics, prayerfully reflected on the best way to meet their needs and became convinced that a new church should be built near Rodgers Forge.

The people of the hoped-for parish listened carefully, reflected prayerfully, and responded with spiritual and financial support. They contributed \$399,000 to build the church and an additional \$18,000 for the beautiful stained-glass windows that depict saints and carry the words of the Beatitudes.



The Archbishop laid the cornerstone of St. Pius X Church on February 16, 1958. It was this church among all the churches built during his tenure, including the new Cathedral, that Francis Keough liked best: he simply called it the prettiest church in Baltimore.

After listening carefully to the need for a Catholic school and prayerfully reflecting on the best way to respond, parishioners committed themselves to the new enterprise donating \$600,000 to open St. Pius X School in 1962. Today, St. Pius X embarks upon its second half century. Respecting the vision of Archbishop Keough and the generous response of the first parishioners, we build for the future. We build as they did, All for Christ.

## OUR NEED & OUR PLANS

AS ST. PIUS X PARISH REFLECTS on its mission and aspirations of the parishioners for the future, we face a number of pressing needs. These needs are the consequences of the expansion of ministries and programs and the aging of our parish facilities.

Our parish continues to flourish with over 1300 families and is able to offer many programs and activities that serve the needs of not only our parishioners and school students, but also the wider community. Hundreds of parishioners offer their time and talent; and through their good works we have augmented our programming for adults, children and youth and greatly expanded our social outreach and pastoral care ministries. Our elementary school continues to be vibrant and is a center of growth and evangelization for the parish.

Most importantly, at the core of all we do is the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist that spiritually nourishes us. As disciples of Jesus, we are invited to carry out God's plan for the world. In our ordinary daily lives we are chosen by God to do something extraordinary.

To be authentic to this challenge, we need to provide all our parishioners with a variety of quality programs and activities that help them grow in faith and love of God. To accomplish this, we need serviceable, inviting facilities. Hence, St. Pius X has embarked upon a challenging and vital campus-wide renewal program.

The restoration and preservation of our half-century old church will ensure that present and future parishioners worship in a beautiful space and celebrate liturgical events with a greater sense of community, reverence and devotion. An enhancement of our sanctuary and chapel area and reconfiguration of the seating will provide a more intimate worship experience. With upgraded lighting, new flooring and a fuller pallet of paint the entire interior of the church will reflect the vibrant spiritual life of St. Pius X. The vestibules and narthex will become more pleasing and welcoming areas with the addition of new lighting. The addition to

the exterior of the Church of an outdoor plaza will provide easier access to the parking lot and a place of fellowship and hospitality.

Also important to our renovation are the replacement of the original church boiler with a more cost and energy efficient unit, the installations of a state-of-the art sound system in the upper church and an elevator to provide full access to the lower church for everyone. A “face-lift” in the lower church that includes new flooring and augmented lighting is also part of the master plan.

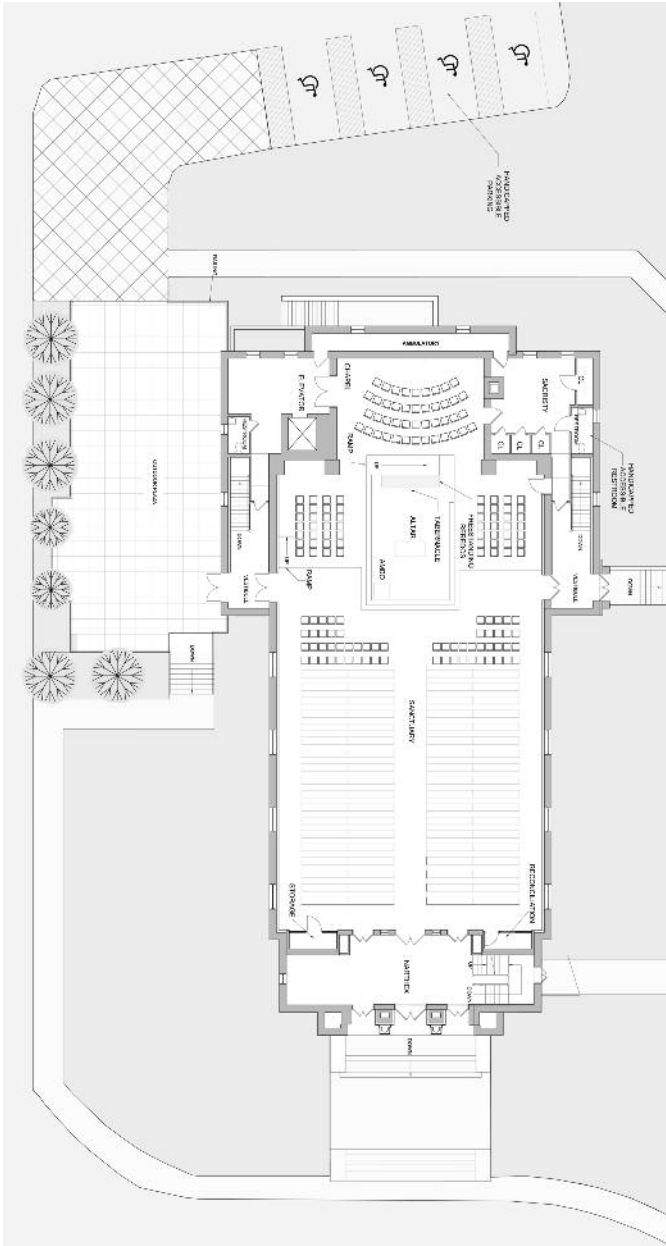
Integral to the ministries and programs of St. Pius X is our parish school. A new gymnasium floor and renovation of the bathrooms are the foci for this forty-five year old building. We have also developed a campus- wide



exterior lighting plan that will add beauty and safety to our parish grounds.

After careful deliberation and consultation with parish leadership, staff and parishioners, we decided to conduct a major fundraising campaign. We have entitled our campaign All for Christ, for everything we have comes from Christ, and all that we do ultimately is for His purposes. We see this campaign as a gift and an opportunity to respond to Jesus’ call to our parish to build the reign of God here on York Road. With that in mind, our objective is to oversubscribe our minimum goal of \$2,100,000 and raise as much as possible so that we can continue to do the work of Christ with vigor, confidence and grace.

# DESIGN SCHEME



**CAMPAIGN GOAL: \$2,100,000**

CHURCH BUILDING (\$400,000)

- Sitework
- Foundation and plaza

UPPER CHURCH (\$1,300,000)

- Install state-of-the art sound system
- Renovate sanctuary, new statuary
- New flooring, lighting, painting and ceiling
- Enhance narthex
- Pews cleaned/new seating
- Replace church's boiler with an energy-efficient unit
- Install elevator to provide full accessibility to lower church

LOWER CHURCH (\$155,000)

- New flooring
- Upgrade lighting

SCHOOL (\$155,000)

- Safety and security upgrades
- Replace gymnasium floor
- Refurbish bathrooms

PARISH / SCHOOL GROUNDS (\$90,000)

- Upgrade and enhance campus exterior lighting to provide a more welcoming and safer environment

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