



PROMISES TO KEEP, AND MORE TO DO!



IMPACT 2018 | PROMISES KEPT

FOR OVER 150 YEARS, the Diocese of Brooklyn has embraced and celebrated the diversity of its communities, families, and faithful. Generations of Catholics have been raised in our tight-knit neighborhoods, celebrating their Catholic faith at our many parishes, and building our church for the future. We have been richly blessed. With those blessings comes the responsibility to share with future generations all that we have received. Generations of Faith, the capital campaign for the Diocese of Brooklyn and Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens, launched in April 2015 with the goal of \$80 million. We raised \$128 million in pledges and have now surpassed our original \$80 million in collections to date!

Your support of this campaign, which means your continued payment of your pledge, is vital to fulfill the promise we have made to our retired priests, our parishes and our youth who are the future of the Church.



CARING FOR THOSE WHO DEDICATED THEIR LIVES TO THE CHURCH: Ensuring quality of life in retirement and beyond

We have all benefited from the generosity of our priests, many of whom stay active in a local parish long after retirement. However, even the most tireless of servants needs an opportunity to rest from his labor. Funds from Generations of Faith help to assure they receive the care and support they need.

Catholic ministries serving the people of the Diocese have been deeply affected by yours and your fellow parishioners' overwhelming generosity. It is a time to celebrate the good works of our Church and our communities of Brooklyn and Queens.



Total number of parishes participating in the Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative
87 Parishes



IMPACT OF GENERATIONS OF FAITH:



Youth Evangelization – \$6.9 million | Through a comprehensive youth ministry approach, the initiative provides on-site support to parishes through funding salaries of youth ministers, and grants for ongoing resources and professional development. With an investment of \$10 million over the course of Generations of Faith, the program can expand to most parishes across the Diocese by 2021.



Parish Priorities – \$24.3 million | We are blessed with beautiful churches, where the Eucharist is celebrated daily. Embracing our mission to grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, Generations of Faith recognizes the central role of parishes in the day-to-day life of the Church. The campaign will allocate the largest portion of the campaign goal – \$40 million – directly for parish needs.



Care for Our Priests – \$19.4 million | The Diocese fulfills the Bishop's promise to his senior priests through the St. John Vianney Fund and the Good Shepherd Fund. These two charitable trusts offer financial assistance for the medical and housing expenses of our sick and elderly priests – providing a comfortable and healthy life through their senior years. The campaign will allocate \$30 million to the St. John Vianney and Good Shepherd Fund, to ensure that our current and future senior priests receive adequate care during their senior years.

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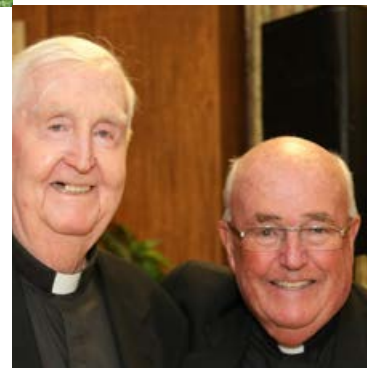
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Parishes actively working on projects that have received disbursements
130 Parishes, \$24.3 million disbursed back to parishes



Amount disbursed back to the St. John Vianney Fund & Good Shepherd Fund
\$19.4 million



ALIVE IN OUR FAITH: The impact of Generations of Faith is being felt across the Diocese. Due to the efforts, enthusiasm, and dedication of donors across Brooklyn and Queens, the Diocesan-wide Generations of Faith campaign saw sustained success in 2018 as it continues the pledge collection phase.



Number of Donors
35,000



Average Gift
\$3,659



Total Raised
\$128 million



Total Collected
\$80.2 million

Our groundbreaking Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative, organized in partnership with the Secretariat for Evangelization and Catechesis, remains strong, working with parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens to ensure that our youth are the next generation of engaged Catholics.

Our Churches are the center of our faith, the physical space that supports our spiritual growth and vital ministries. Generations of Faith funds a wide array of capital projects that are underway across our Diocese, including critical restorations, renovations, and upgrades.

And lastly, our promises to our retired priests who have faithfully served our Catholic communities are being fulfilled. Our sick and elderly priests, through pension funds known as the St. John Vianney Fund and the Good Shepherd Fund, receive financial assistance for such vital services as medical, housing and funeral arrangements. Through Generations of Faith, the parishioners expressed appreciation for our retired priests' many years of service.

The next few pages illustrate examples of the impact Generations of Faith has had across our Diocese in 2018!



YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK: Generations of Faith Funds collected are disbursed directly back to parishes for improvements, renovations and restorations. Many projects have been completed and there are many others in progress at **130** parishes, funded by Generations of Faith. Here are just a few from around the Diocese.

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

98 Richards St, Brooklyn, NY 11231

Goal \$140,000 – Pledged \$379,677 – Collected \$126,094

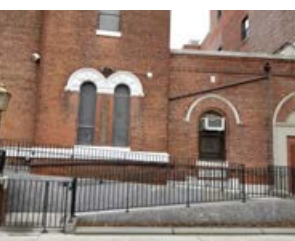


Funds from Generations of Faith brought hope and an assurance that a faith community with a viable and growing future will exist for the last Roman Catholic Church in the Red Hook region. Parishioners and friends were motivated to participate in the campaign with the firm belief that the mission of Visitation is a call from God. Raising the faith of a people called together for one mission created a spiritual atmosphere – parishioners were ready to give and to serve. Funds will be used for the much-needed painting, flooring and refurbishing of the church and allow Visitation the ability to host events and to launch projects that will continue to promote evangelization in the area.



OUR LADY OF PEACE | 522 Carroll St, Brooklyn, NY 11215

Goal \$90,000 – Pledged \$141,040 – Collected \$99,023



Our Lady of Peace needed to install a ramp for the elderly and people with special needs so they could have access to the Church. Funds from Generations of Faith helped make this a reality.



Your generosity also allowed for the construction of a new bathroom with handicap accessibility.

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ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE

50-75 Goethals Ave, Jamaica, Queens, NY 11432

Goal \$800,000 – Pledged \$1,530,385 – Collected \$725,632



Space for a much-needed playground, for a successful flea market, and numerous other Church-related activities, became a reality when Generations of Faith funds were used to renovate and pave a huge parking lot. In addition, a new LED sign has been installed at the corner of the parking lot to display announcements and the Mass schedule – an important way for St. Nick’s to communicate to the community.



A much-needed revamp of the Church’s sound system – an ongoing project – also began. In 2019, St. Nick’s hopes to be able

to focus on an upgrade to the communication system, the installation of handicap access facilities from the parking lot entrance, and the improvement of security measures with cameras at strategic places inside and outside the Church.

ST. ANDREW AVELLINO PARISH

35-60 158th St, Flushing, NY 11358



Goal \$1,000,000 – Pledged \$1,446,011 – Collected \$997,456

St. Andrew Avellino has been able to completely replace the HVAC system in the Church as well as install a new HVAC system in the Academy Cafeteria, which is used by all parishioners and organizations of the parish.



Another big project that is just beginning is the restoration of the Church’s original 1940 Casavant organ.

SUPPORTING YOUTH MINISTRIES ACROSS THE DIOCESE: Our Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative has made great strides in increasing its impact on the youth of our Diocese. Generations of Faith funding provides the salaries for youth ministers, and grants for ongoing program resources and professional development.

ST. BRENDAN | 1525 E 12th St, Brooklyn, NY 11230



The Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative has helped bring many youth programs to the parish. The group is made up of students from the confirmation classes and the local high schools. Activities include small group discussions on topics of faith or morality, and social nights celebrating certain holidays. The youth host family movie nights and monthly visits to the residents of Sts. Joachim and Ann Nursing home. Youth also involve themselves by assisting at parish events and at Masses as altar servers, ushers, and junior lectors. The youth of St. Brendan hope to grow in their friendship with Jesus and His Church.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

130 Beach 84th St, Rockaway Beach, NY 11693



Saint Rose of Lima’s youth group reflects the culturally and ethnically diverse young community of Rockaway Beach. Since beginning the Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative in 2016, Saint Rose of Lima youth have participated in retreats, prayer and worship experiences, service projects, youth leadership development, and faith study and sharing.

By fully and actively participating in the life of the parish the youth are empowered to share their unique gifts with the wider community by ministering at the monthly Youth Mass, leading an annual fund-raiser, and serving the wider Rockaway community. Through support, friendships, and mutual respect the youth grow closer to Jesus and His Church.

“It has been such a gift to see the teens falling more in love with the Lord each week!”

YOUTH EVANGELIZATION

ST. BARTHOLOMEW | 43-22 Ithaca St, Elmhurst, NY 11373



At St. Bartholomew Parish in Elmhurst, two youth ministry programs have been established. *Edge* serves youth from 5th to 8th grade, and *Fuse* serves high school youth. At a *Fuse* or *Edge* night, youth will have the opportunity to socialize and meet new people, play games, praise and worship through songs, engage in conversation about faith, and listen to talks in a safe environment. Throughout the week the youth also have the opportunity to come and play sports at open gym, do their homework and have access to help at study club, and grow in scriptural knowledge at a priest-led bible study. Throughout the year the groups participate in Diocesan events.

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

70-31 48th Ave, Woodside, NY 11377



The Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative at Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians in Woodside is rooted in leading teens closer to Christ through prayer, worship, and community. Lauren Gentry, Pastor Fr. O’Connor and Core Team and Peer Leaders, all work as vessels of the Holy Spirit to walk

with the teens in their faith and lead them to a deeper encounter of the immense love God has for them. This is accomplished through weekly Youth Nights, young men’s and women’s groups called Warriors and Daughters of the King, retreats, Bible studies, talking with the teens and their families, and everything in between.

ST. MARK/ST. MARGARET MARY & GUARDIAN ANGEL

Sheepshead Bay, Manhattan Beach, Brighton Beach



As a multi-parish youth minister for the past five years, Michael Davis is quick to point out that he has seen the spiritual and emotional difference youth ministry has made in the lives of the youth of both parishes. The youth are now more active in parish life, attending events and participating in Mass. It gives

Michael great joy to know he is helping guide them on their journey through life. The ministry has given the youth a supportive community where they are both welcomed and valued. Youth ministry has given these young people a way to express themselves and their faith in ways that would not have happened without the program.