



SAINT GERARD MAJELLA REACHES NEARLY 120% OF CAMPAIGN GOAL

There has been enthusiastic support for **Generations of Faith** in our parish! We're pleased to announce that \$270,000 has been pledged so far! That's more than 120% percent of the parish goal! The average gift is just more than \$10,500 with more than 25 donations from parish families.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH seeks to raise a minimum of \$80 million to expand and enhance programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and assist us with our local needs at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF GENERATIONS OF FAITH?

The campaign priorities are to:

1. **Strengthen the Heart of our Diocese** by investing 50% of the total dollars raised, or \$40,000,000, back into local parish communities for their own identified projects.
2. **Fulfill Our Promise to Those Who Have Faithfully Served** by augmenting the current *Saint John Vianney and Good Shepherd Funds*, by directing \$30,000,000 to care for Senior and Infirm Priest.
3. **Foster the Formation of the Future Generation of Catholics** through the Catholic Foundation's Youth Evangelization Program, we will place a qualified and trained youth minister in approximately 140 parishes throughout the Diocese by 2020.

Our diocesan family has been blessed with the service and leadership of so many remarkable priests. They baptize us into the faith, guide us through the scriptures, counsel us in times of strife, and celebrate with us in times of joy.

Even during their senior years, our priests continue to minister to their flock, assisting pastors and parish priests. They still provide us with invaluable spiritual support, imparting the wisdom of their generation and giving us the example of their great faith.

We receive so much from the generosity of our priests, but they need our help as well. Our diocese succeeds because of the commitments all of its members have made to each other. The clergy promises to minister to the community and the bishop promises to care for them in return. At a certain point in life, however, even the most tireless of servants needs an opportunity to rest from his labor. It is our responsibility to assure they receive the care and support required.

Currently, there are 173 senior priests in our diocese. And in the next 10 years, an additional 67 will reach their senior years. As a result, the need for financial support will rise as well.

In the coming weeks, every parishioner will be contacted, either in person, by telephone or by mail. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to this historic campaign, to support our parish and the Catholic community of Brooklyn and Queens. Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign.

How Will Our Parish Benefit?

The minimum goal at St. Gerard Majella is \$230,000. **The challenge goal is \$330,000.**

We will receive 50% of the funds raised up to this goal and 75% of funds raised over the target. If we exceed 125% of our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure.

Our share of the funds raised will be directed to:

Renovate our Parking Lot

Create a Garden of Devotion

For questions, or to schedule an appointment to see Father Gannon, please contact the Parish Office –
(718) 468-6565

Remember this campaign is about equal sacrifice, not equal gifts!