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The Parish Vitality Fund

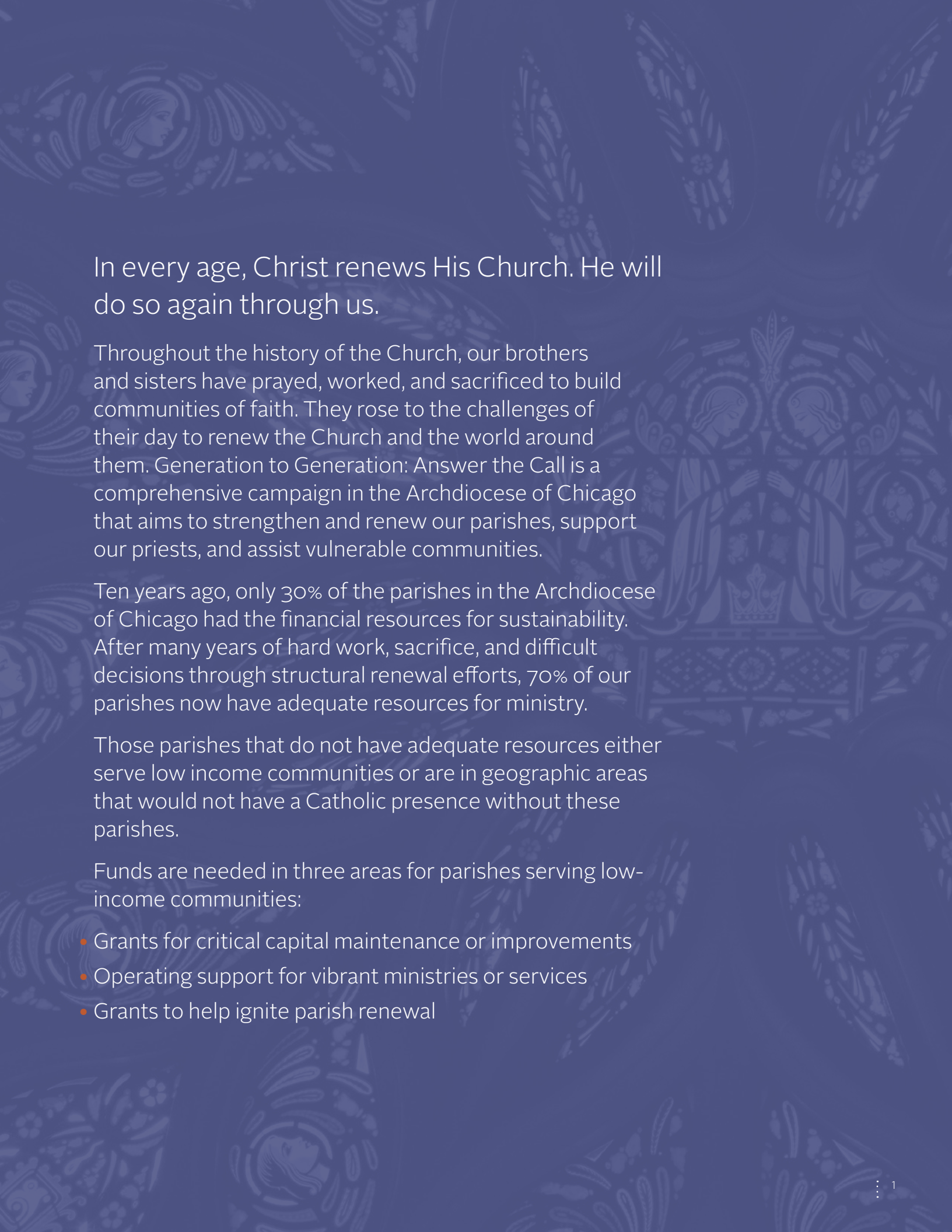


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TO GENERATION:
ANSWER THE CALL.....



“The parish is where the Church lives. Parishes are communities of faith, of action, and of hope. They are where the Gospel is proclaimed and celebrated, where believers are formed and sent to renew the earth. Parishes are the home of the Christian community; they are the heart of our Church. Parishes are the place where God's people meet Jesus in word and sacrament and come in touch with the source of the Church's life.”

— The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops



In every age, Christ renews His Church. He will do so again through us.

Throughout the history of the Church, our brothers and sisters have prayed, worked, and sacrificed to build communities of faith. They rose to the challenges of their day to renew the Church and the world around them. Generation to Generation: Answer the Call is a comprehensive campaign in the Archdiocese of Chicago that aims to strengthen and renew our parishes, support our priests, and assist vulnerable communities.

Ten years ago, only 30% of the parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago had the financial resources for sustainability. After many years of hard work, sacrifice, and difficult decisions through structural renewal efforts, 70% of our parishes now have adequate resources for ministry.

Those parishes that do not have adequate resources either serve low income communities or are in geographic areas that would not have a Catholic presence without these parishes.

Funds are needed in three areas for parishes serving low-income communities:

- Grants for critical capital maintenance or improvements
- Operating support for vibrant ministries or services
- Grants to help ignite parish renewal

Little Flower
Parish

LITTLE FLOWER PARISH

The parish represents four language groups, and offers a spiritual sanctuary and hope in a low-income area. Despite limited resources, the parish is developing innovative approaches to new ministry activity.



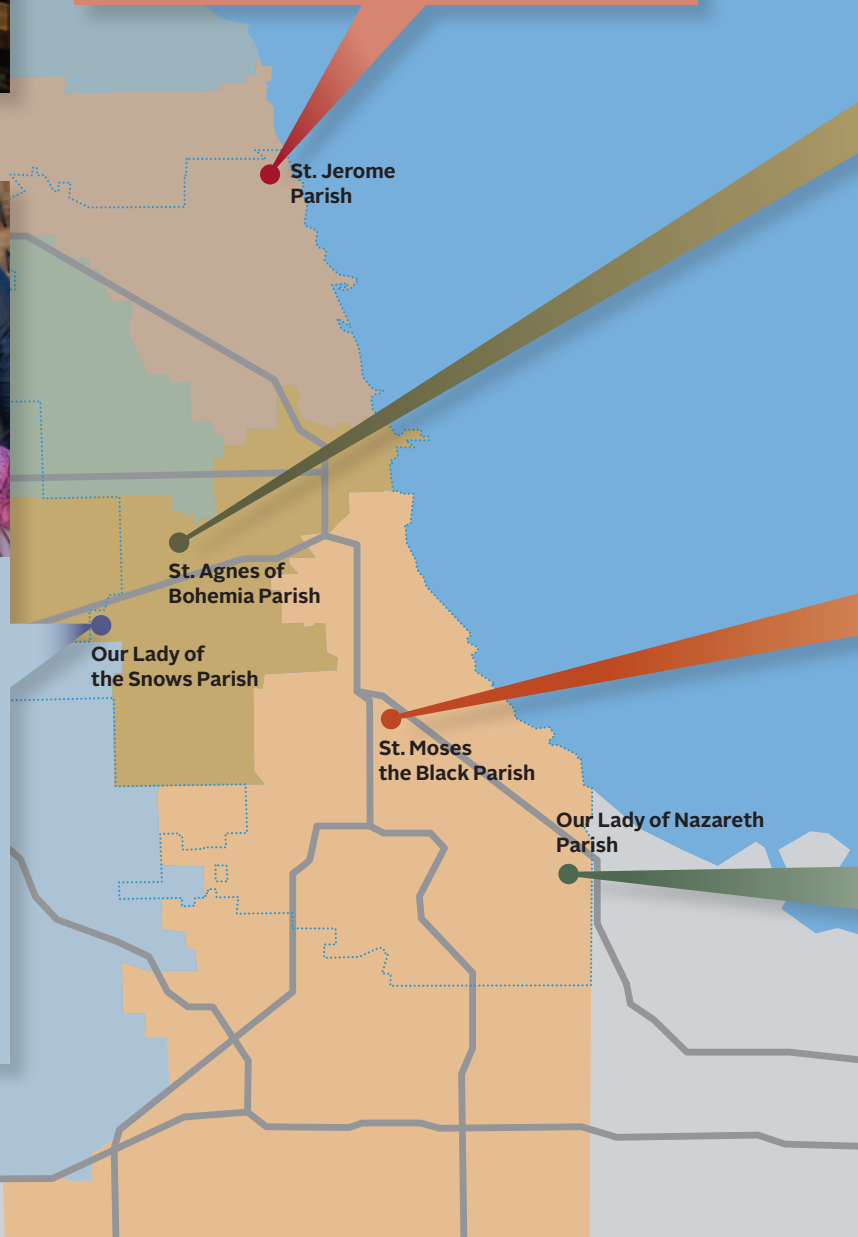
ST. JEROME PARISH

A thriving parish that serves a diverse community, many of whom are immigrants. This parish also hosts a number of ministries to engage children and communities members, including a leadership development program for lay leaders.



OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS PARISH

What makes the parish unique: Our Lady of the Snows is a trilingual parish serving the English, Polish and Spanish speaking communities. Parishioners are a multicultural, diverse group of people who welcome everyone. Our Lady of the Snows strives to serve the community through adult faith development, ministry training and religious education.



Parishes serving communities across the region

These are examples of parishes doing God's work in vulnerable communities who require outside support to continue their mission.

ST. AGNES OF BOHEMIA PARISH

St. Agnes of Bohemia serves Little Village through a worship community and school. St. Agnes offers a robust schedule of Mass options that serve both English speaking and Spanish speaking communities. The parish hosts unique "street masses" outdoors on Chicago streets several times a year, as well as other new "entry points" to offer new ways to encounter Christ.



ST. MOSES THE BLACK PARISH

A majority African-American parish, St. Moses the Black serves its community through a robust series of ministries that include a food pantry serving more than 500 people per work, a schools, an athletics center, music outreach ministries and much more. It's parish center and worship sites serve as important meeting places and safe location for after school and weekend activities.



OUR LADY OF NAZARETH PARISH

A parish located deep in the South Side of Chicago, this is a parish with a school serving a large but low-income Hispanic community. The parish offers many ministry programs that attract younger community members.

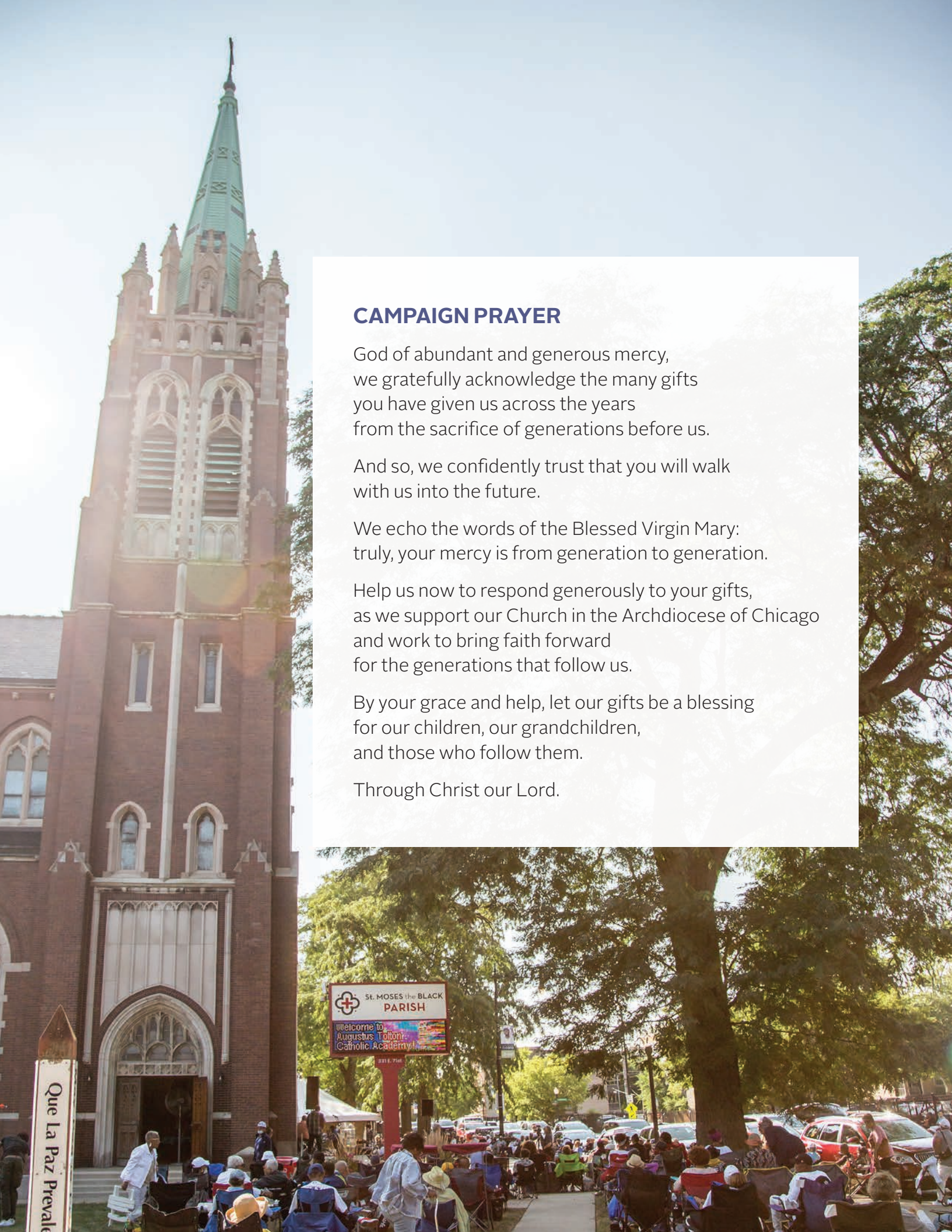




Parishes serving vulnerable communities across the archdiocese need champions to continue serving the people of God.



For more information about supporting parishes serving vulnerable communities in the Archdiocese of Chicago through the Generation to Generation campaign, please contact **312.534.7959** or **gentogen@archchicago.org**.



CAMPAIGN PRAYER

God of abundant and generous mercy,
we gratefully acknowledge the many gifts
you have given us across the years
from the sacrifice of generations before us.

And so, we confidently trust that you will walk
with us into the future.

We echo the words of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
truly, your mercy is from generation to generation.

Help us now to respond generously to your gifts,
as we support our Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago
and work to bring faith forward
for the generations that follow us.

By your grace and help, let our gifts be a blessing
for our children, our grandchildren,
and those who follow them.

Through Christ our Lord.



Gifts to Generation to Generation will be held in separate, restricted accounts and used solely for the specific priorities set forth in the Generation to Generation campaign case statement as well as the relevant local parish case statement. The campaign goals are approximate and based on anticipated needs and contributions. Final distributions will be based on actual contributions and net of related campaign expenses and fees.

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