

Supporting our faith, church and future

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:



Our call to a Life of Stewardship leads us to reflect on the countless blessings God has bestowed upon us. We may ask ourselves how we can use these blessings to praise, reverence, and serve God? Our Diocese is moving forward with a major fundraising effort. This Capital Campaign, entitled For Christ Forever will help to support our future Christ Cathedral, Local Parishes, Catholic Education, Priests Retirement and Diocesan Ministries. Our future Christ Cathedral Campus will finally allow us to respond appropriately to the incredible growth that our Diocese has experienced, and to be prepared for its continued growth into the future. We are beginning at Saint Angela Merici a Three Part Series: Christ Cathedral-For Christ Forever – Questions and Answers (Q & A) that will address what is on the minds of many of our parishioners in regard to the Christ Cathedral. My hope this will clarify many of your concerns and inquiries. The Three Part Series will be in our weekly bulletin as well as on our Parish Website. Please keep in mind that this campaign allows us to accomplish much more than the renovation of our future Christ Cathedral Campus. Through this campaign, we will continue providing for the many ministries supported by the Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA). We also have the opportunity to address our own parish needs at Saint Angela Merici.

The Diocese has set for us as our parish goal \$1,201891.00 to be completed over the span of four or five years. Our goal includes \$105,000.00 for the 2013 PSA. This past year we are very grateful for your support of PSA 2012, which enabled us to upgrade many needed repairs in our offices and meeting rooms including some of the air conditioners. It has been *thirty-five years* since Msgr. Emmett McCarthy crafted the residence and offices and because of the quality workmanship and materials under his guidance, much of our facility has supported us beyond the years we could have ever imagined; however, the roof is now in need of being replaced in the residence and the offices. This has been more evident since the last rain we experienced in early December. Accordingly, the *Church Keyboard Center* has recently spoken to me at the Installation of our new Bishop and is very interested in assisting us in completing the vision for our Music Ministry which we began a few years ago, by moving the organ from the AV Area to the front of the church by the piano. The *Keyboard Center* originally installed our organ and they are excited about the prospect of helping us realize this dream. The "rebate" from your support of Christ's Cathedral will enable us to make what we have hoped for come to pass.

One of the most revealing moments concerning our new Cathedral is when parishioners have taken a tour of Christ Cathedral and its campus and facilities. Please take advantage of this opportunity. There is no cost. Gene Passafiume, a member of our parish and the President of our Pastoral Council is the Coordinator of the Christ Cathedral Tours. Please feel free to contact him for additional information or to schedule a tour. He can be reached at 714-524-2874 or you can click onto our Parish Website for particulars. Please prayerfully consider supporting this endeavor over the next four to five years. For now, let us discern and reflect together as a faith community about this historic invitation that has been offered to us. Thank you for your openness to prayer and your willingness to vision into the future the ministry of the Church in the Diocese of Orange.

Father Michael-Dwight Pastor