



CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN
PARISH AND SCHOOL

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CAMPAIGN

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all the blessings you continue to bestow upon our Cathedral Community. Your generous heart inspires us to glorify you and to do likewise, out of love of you and our neighbor.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and this campaign, that our Cathedral parish and school may be a light brightly visible of the hope of Christ present among us.

Grant us, by the grace and example of your Son, to accept the call to give sacrificially to this Vision of Hope Campaign that you may be glorified and your Church bear fruit.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Friends,

It is a little over 100 years since the passing of Thomas O'Neill and his leaving a bequest to the Archdiocese of Baltimore for the building of a new cathedral, and over 60 years since the consecration and dedication of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen. The passing of time has taken its toll on certain areas of our church and school. Therefore, it is necessary to embark on two capital projects for our community: the replacement of the lighting system in the Cathedral and the construction of a new Learning Commons for our school. For over 60 years, the lighting system and school library have served our community well, but now is the time to address these immediate concerns.

The original lighting system – incorporating the ambience of a medieval cathedral – is failing and its replacement parts are becoming scarcer since it was engineered and designed using a European voltage system. Further, its light bulbs are neither energy efficient nor practical for current use. The Cathedral's beautiful stained glass windows, ceiling, and beautiful sculptures with superior artisanship, thus, are poorly lit, diminishing their glory in the eyes of our parishioners and visitors. The poor lighting also makes it difficult for parishioners to read our hymnals.

In addition, the current school library is dated and is in need of expansion. It is time to make improvements to the school by building a new Learning Commons in line with 21st century school standards. Our school Master Plan has recommended this first phase of improvements for our Blue Ribbon School.

Now is our time to make an investment in our Cathedral community by enhancing the worship experience and liturgical space while improving the education of our children who will attend our school for years to come. With gratitude for your past generosity and support of our parish and school, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a sacrificial gift to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen's *Vision of Hope* campaign at a level proportionate to your capability.

Your gift will mean so much to our entire Cathedral community. Please join me as we embark on this exciting *Vision of Hope*.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. Louis A. Bianco

Background

Thomas O'Neill: Merchant and Benefactor

Some hours after attending Mass on Palm Sunday, April 6, 1919 at Corpus Christi Church, Thomas O'Neill suffered a stroke and died that evening. His will, as probated on April 11, 1919, proved to be "remarkable". An annual dividend was to be paid to his wife, brother and four sisters. He further gave his employees the opportunity to become stockholders and joint owners of his business. Mrs. Roberta O'Neill died at their home on Park Avenue in Baltimore in 1936. At her passing, the main stipulation of Mr. O'Neill's became effective. These arrangements were to take effect immediately. Upon the death of his wife and the payment of a grant to Loyola College, two thirds of his estate was to become available for the building of a new cathedral in Baltimore, while the remainder was to be devoted to the construction of a hospital.

Our Future

While the bequest included the construction of the Cathedral, it did not include resources to support the long term maintenance of the building and grounds. The generosity of parishioners and local organizations has funded the operations and maintenance of the Cathedral since its dedication.



THOMAS O'NEILL'S GIFT
OF A CATHEDRAL AS
BEQUEATHED IN HIS WILL:

Faith. Love. Generosity.

The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen is seeking support for crucial capital improvements involving the existing school and church facilities, which are the conclusion of comprehensive planning studies. Taken together, these projects will have far-reaching benefits for The School of the Cathedral and Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.

Capital projects at The School of the Cathedral include; building a new Learning Commons for the school as well as installing a new ADA compliant elevator and the creation of a more welcoming, contemporary school environment.

Concurrently, the Cathedral is in need of upgrades to its lighting infrastructure, which will enhance the worship experience of communicants, and emphasize the Cathedral's presence as a landmark of the Catholic faith in the first and oldest diocese in the United States, the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The budget for the school upgrades is \$3 million; the budget for lighting improvements at the church is \$3 million, for a total of \$6 million.



All the balance of my estate unto Most Reverend James Cardinal Gibbons, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Baltimore for the time being, and his successors in the Archiepiscopal See of Baltimore, according to the discipline and government of the Roman Catholic Church, a Corporate Sole, as a nucleus for, and for the erecting of, a Cathedral Church in the City of Baltimore...In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed seal, and placing my signature on the margin of the four pages hereof this 10th day of A.D. 1912.

Overview

The School of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen

The School of the Cathedral Master Plan calls for new and improved interactive learning areas in line with 21st Century School Standards.

The school community will benefit from a state of the art, new Learning Commons to be built out from the gym foyer, allowing for increased use of library resources, space for active learning groups, teacher/student interaction in small groups and independent learning for Middle School students. The expansion will add 2,600 square feet of space. In addition, an ADA compliant elevator will be installed in the main lobby in order to accommodate students and adults with special needs.





Before

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen – New Lighting Infrastructure

The upgraded lighting system in the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen will transform the interior of the church and, most importantly, enhance the liturgical experience of communicants by bringing the original high-quality lighting design back to life.

Improvements will include providing a more modern and energy efficient system throughout the church with every existing light fixture being upgraded with LED bulbs, thus saving a significant amount of energy and money. The current lighting system used for dimming and control is no longer sustainable and can no longer be repaired. All new lights will be controlled remotely and we will no longer have to rely on our aging and failing wiring. The new lighting infrastructure will provide better reading light and will greatly enhance the architecture and interior of the church.



After

OUR PARISH History

1883

Thomas O'Neill opens his dry goods store at Charles and Lexington.



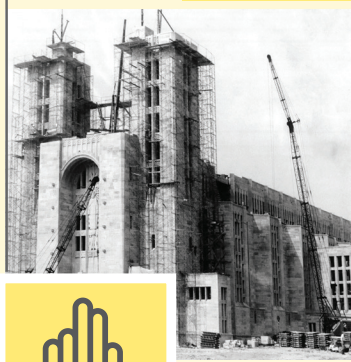
1871

Archbishop Martin John Spalding requests that the School Sisters of Notre Dame staff the school and the school is renamed The Cathedral School.



1904

The Great Baltimore Fire destroys 1,343 buildings in a 75-block area, sparing O'Neill's.



1919

Thomas O'Neill dies leaving a bequest for the building of a Cathedral in the city of Baltimore.



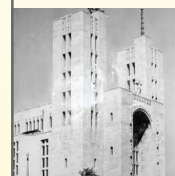
1954

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Cathedral is held, and the following day Pope Pius XII issues a decree instituting the feast of Mary Our Queen annually on May 31. This decree influences the naming of the Cathedral. The Cathedral's cornerstone is laid at the first celebration of the feast, May 31, 1955.



1959

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen is consecrated in October and officially dedicated in November.





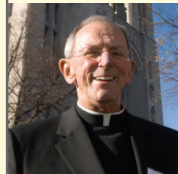
1960

The Cathedral School is relocated and opened behind the new Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.



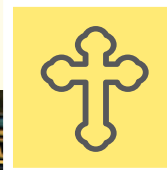
2000

Monsignor Armstrong Parish Center Opens.



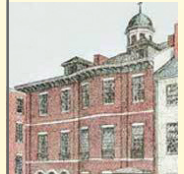
2014

The School of the Cathedral is awarded the prestigious designation of a National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.



2021

The School of the Cathedral celebrates the 150th Anniversary of its founding on Mulberry Street in 1871.



1995

His Holiness Pope John Paul II leads an ecumenical and interreligious prayer service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen.



2009

The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

2019

100th Anniversary of the death of Thomas O'Neill.

The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen celebrates its 60th Anniversary.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR Giving

You may make commitments to the Vision of Hope Campaign in the form of cash, pledges, securities and planned gifts. Pledges may be completed over a five year period, in whatever increments are most appropriate for you.

Cash

You may make an outright gift by cash or check. Cash gifts are tax deductible, as provided by law.

Pledges

You may make a pledge to the Vision of Hope Capital Campaign through 2028 (up to 60 months). Pledges allow you to contribute a larger gift than would be possible to make in any one tax year. Pledges can be set up electronically through Faith Direct by setting up an online account or by contacting our parish office.

Securities

Securities can provide an attractive means of giving. Through this type of gift, one can receive the charitable income tax deduction and avoid paying taxes on “capital gains” that would otherwise be due if the stocks were sold. In some cases, you may even be able to carry a tax “loss” for a multi-year period.

Matching Gifts

Many employers will offer to match your gift or pledge and you will receive the credit for the contribution. Please contact your Human Resources Department to see if the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish and School qualifies as a designated charity.

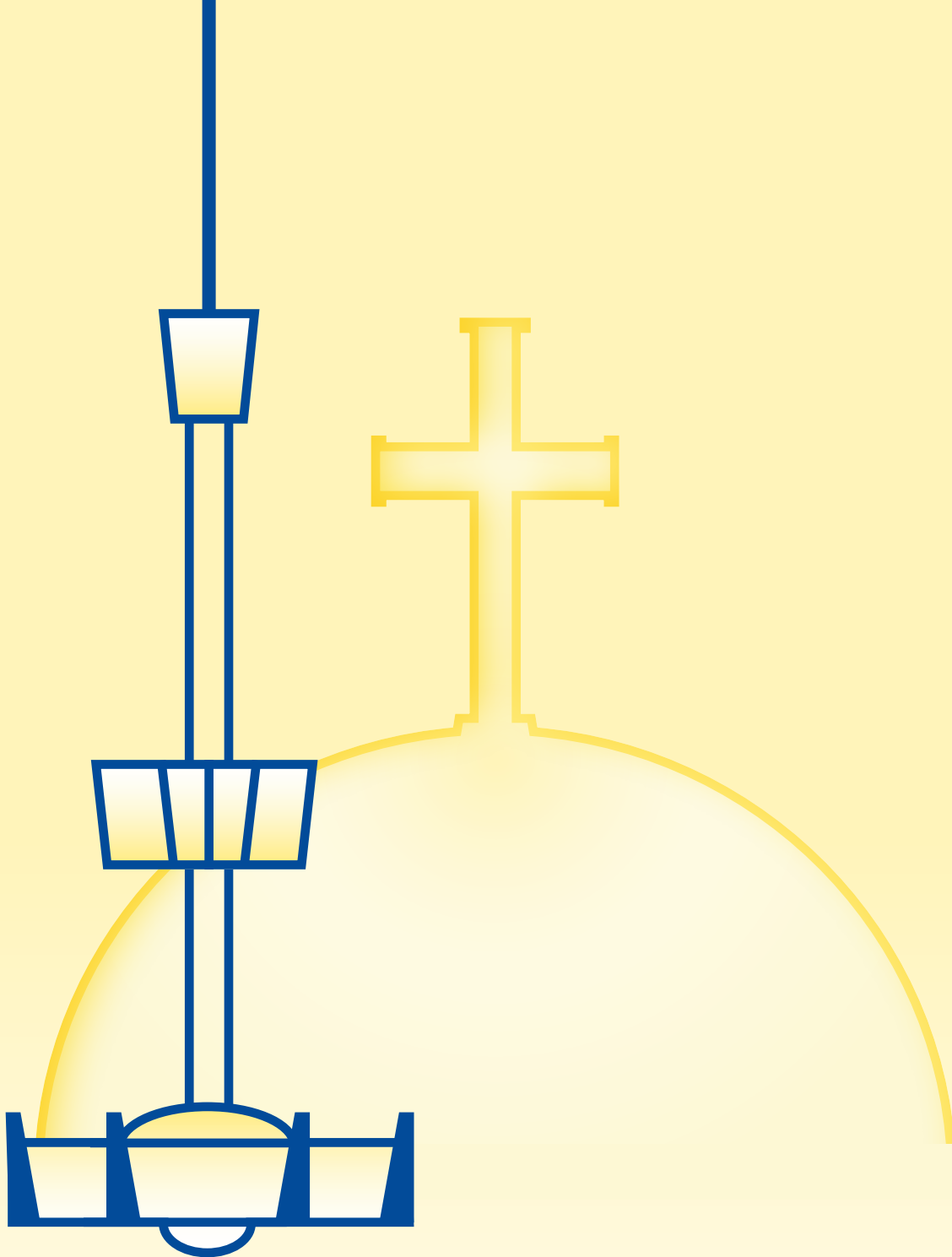
Life Insurance

The Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish and School may be named as the beneficiary and owner of an insurance policy or ownership of an already existing policy may be transferred to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish and School. The latter method may provide attractive income tax benefits.

Life Income Gifts

There are many ways that one can make a gift to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish and School and receive income for life in return. Through one of a number of planned gift options, the donor can place cash, securities or other assets in trust. Upon the donor’s death (or that of a beneficiary) or at some pre-determined time, the trust terminates and the funds are transferred to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen Parish and School. These life income gifts sometimes provide income, capital gain and/or estate benefits.





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