THE JOURNEY FORWARD

Impacting Lives Through Faith & Service
A LETTER
from our
PASTOR

So they said, ‘Let us rise up and build.’ Then they set their hands to do this good work.

NEHEMIAH 2:18

Today, Old St. Patrick’s is home to a membership of more than 3,000 households and innumerable friends. As our community of faith has grown over the years, we have continued to redefine what it means to be an urban church—to live a life in faith and service. We share a commitment to honoring the traditions of our faith that have inspired and engaged us along the way and we remain open to new ideas and opportunities, seeking to have an even greater impact as we journey together into the future.

There is much for us to celebrate—both in regards to Old St. Pat’s rich history—and in recognition of what our mission and ministries look like today. This really is an amazing place. Our commitment to welcoming all who come through our doors, to celebrating our faith with a bold and lively spirit and to taking our inspiration from the Eucharistic Table to go out into the world and make a difference makes me proud to be on this journey with you. I am truly blessed to be your priest.

Old St. Patrick’s is known for traditions of vibrant hospitality, strong programing and life-changing outreach. Building on the Church’s tremendous strategic growth over the past thirty plus years, the Journey Forward Campaign is an opportunity to advance Old St. Pat’s mission while expanding this faith community’s impact in the neighborhood, the city and beyond. The Campaign offers us the chance to ensure that a new generation of members will be able to experience this sacred place and to live out the Old St. Pat’s mission and story for years to come.

When we started this process last summer, I had a vision that together we could expand our outreach ministries to offer more meaningful service to our homeless brothers and sisters. I had specific hopes for what might be possible if we fully restored the Rectory and I wondered if we couldn’t also take the bold step of securing and preserving the physical assets that help bring Old St. Patrick’s ministries and programs to life. As we talked to and connected with many of you over the course of the last several months, you generously shared your feedback and advice to help shape the plan we have today. What you will see on the following pages, and learn more about as we discuss the Campaign priorities together in the coming days, is the manifestation of an exciting vision—one that will move Old St. Pat’s forward, meeting the needs of the present reality and for generations to come.

I am asking you to honor both our traditions and our potential to have an even greater impact together by thoughtfully considering your support for the Journey Forward Campaign. I hope you will join me in envisioning what our future might look like and how, together, we are going to make that vision a reality.

Many thanks in advance for helping Old St. Pat’s take the next step on its journey forward.

Fr. Tom Hurley
This is who we are, and this is what we do...
OLD ST. PATRICK’S CAMPUS

OLD ST. PATRICK’S OUTREACH MISSION

Outreach programs and effective collaborations are a part of the fabric at Old St. Patrick’s Church. This faith community has a successful track record of creating and nurturing high-impact community-based programs, helping them to grow and flourish. Helping to eradicate poverty through jobs and education has been a key area of focus since the inception of Old St. Pat’s social concerns mission.

1846
APRIL 12 — Old St. Patrick’s Church was founded on Easter Sunday and was the second parish established in Chicago

1871
The Great Chicago Fire misses Old St. Patrick’s Church by just two blocks

1912 – 1922
Chicago artist Thomas O’Shaughnessy creates Old St. Patrick’s 15 magnificent stained-glass windows including the, “Faith, Hope & Charity” triptych

1964
Old St. Patrick’s was designated the oldest church and public building in the city of Chicago

1977
Old St. Patrick’s Church is listed on the National Register of Historic Places

1983
Only four people are registered members of Old St. Patrick’s Church when Rev. John J. Wall becomes pastor. “Church in the marketplace” plan is unveiled with strong outreach to young adults and professionals

1985
First annual Block Party is held

1989
Old St. Patrick’s School (now known as Frances Xavier Warde) is opened as the first new Catholic grammar school in Chicago in more than 40 years

1994
The 711 W. Monroe building (now known as the Jack Wall Mission Center) was purchased by OSP and built out

1995-1996
Restoration of the church interior and exterior is completed

1999
Purchased property at 625 W. Adams for future gathering/sacred space and to ensure that, as a destination church, we maintain long-term control of our parking needs

2002
The Center for Social Concerns moved to the newly renovated 703 West Monroe Building

2004
The new Frances Xavier Warde School is completed on Old St. Patrick’s campus

2006
Old St. Pat’s conducts a year-long observance celebrating 150 years in this historic, sacred space and 160 years as a faith community

2007
Fr. Tom Hurley officially became pastor of Old St. Pat’s Church during a Mass of Installation held on Oct. 14

2012
Elevator and Cloisterwalk between the church and school are completed

1857
Rev. Denis Dunne brought the St. Vincent de Paul Society to Chicago making Old St. Pat’s the first parish to found a society created specifically to serve the needs of the poor

1887
Mercy Home (now Mercy Home for Boys & Girls) is founded at Old St. Patrick’s Church

1914
The Catholic Social Center (now known as the Marillac Social Center) was established at the invitation of Father William J. McNamee, pastor of Old St. Patrick’s Church

1985
The Community Outreach Group is formed, establishing the foundation for Old St. Pat’s social concerns mission

1993
Old St. Pat’s becomes a joint-venture partner with the CARA Program

2002
The OSP Center for Social Concerns opens with CARA, the Career Transitions Center, Coprodeli, Peru, Friends of Fabretto, Nicaragua, Harmony Hope & Healing, Lift — India, Horizons for Youth, Jewish Catholic Dialogue, Global Alliance for Africa

2009
Community outreach and social concerns mission programs grow to number over twenty

2011
The CARA Program moves into its own building located contiguously to the OSP campus — as a reflection of the value of our ongoing partnership

2012
The Center at 703 is renamed The Mary & Bill Aronin Center for Social Concerns which is now home to eight unique programs:

- Career Transitions Center
- Coprodeli, Peru
- Friends of Fabretto, Nicaragua
- Harmony Hope & Healing
- Lift — India
- Horizons for Youth
- Jewish Catholic Dialogue
- Global Alliance for Africa

2012
The Kinship Initiative is launched to foster deeper connections between the Old St. Pat’s and North Lawndale communities

The JOURNEY
Thus far
Impacting People

When it comes to impacting people, Old St. Pat’s has a proven track record of building effective collaborations and a longstanding tradition of life-changing outreach through the Church’s social concerns ministries. Leveraging the Church’s success at program incubation (CARA, Career Transitions Center…) new and expanded programs will focus on addressing the needs of the community’s homeless through investments which would include:

Homeless Teen Student Housing in North Lawndale

- **Expand the Church’s outreach ministry in North Lawndale to serve the critical needs of homeless teen students**
- **In collaboration with North Lawndale College Prep and established service providers, develop a program that offers homeless teen students a better chance of moving upstream of the chronic issues they face**
- **Deliver the capital structure that will provide these students stability, community and greater capacity to succeed**
- **Continue Old St. Pat’s longstanding commitment to eradicating poverty through education and jobs**
- **Create opportunities for Old St. Pat’s to bring volunteer resources, and the Church’s leverage in the broader faith and civic community, to focus on the needs of these teenagers**

On-site Response to Our Homeless Neighbors

- **Develop collaborative program offering short term relief and connecting homeless people to more comprehensive services in the area**
- **Continue to leverage the strengths of the Old St. Pat’s community through volunteer engagements**

$1.95 M

Old St. Pat’s financial commitment towards building a teen student housing facility and launching the North Lawndale program
Impacting the Mission

Restoration and re-use of existing Rectory for the expansion of the mission and ministries of Old St. Pat’s

- Redesign space through a complete rehab of the existing building while restoring the structural integrity and enhancing safety
- Expand and improve sacristy space for enhanced liturgical and worship needs
- Create a multi-use room to accommodate a music ministry rehearsal center, in addition to a small chapel space for daily mass and other worship gatherings
- Build out welcoming multi-use space for hospitality and fellowship
- Design residence, including space for visiting and retired priests which will be important when recruiting highly qualified future presiders

$3.85M

Impacting the Future

Building an endowment fund to preserve and enhance Old St. Patrick’s Church for the generations of people who have yet to enter our doors

- Honor Old St. Pat’s history, preserve the beauty, celebrate the Church’s story and protect Old St. Pat’s spirit
- Near-term enhancements including renovating the fellowship hall and refurbishing the sanctuary floors, lighting and stained glass windows

$1.9M

$1.4M/Endowment
$500K/Phase I Campus Enhancements
Since I was a student at North Lawndale College Prep, there’s been a lot of talk about a program like this.

To see this now is so exciting. This needs to happen.

Titan Jackson

THE JOURNEY FORWARD
CAMPAIGN PRIORITIES

OUTREACH
Impacting People
$1,950,000

THE COMMUNITY CENTER
Impacting the Mission
$3,850,000

PRESERVING THE CHURCH
Impacting the Future
$1,900,000

TOTAL CAMPAIGN GOAL
$7,700,000
With special thanks...  

to all who shared their stories, ideas and hopes to help bring the vision of this Campaign to life. Thank you to the Members and Friends of Old St. Pat’s, the Campaign Steering Committee, Staff and Collaborative Partners for providing your input and energy throughout the process and thank you for your commitment to advancing the mission of Old St. Patrick’s Church on the journey forward.

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VOICES
of
OLD ST. PAT’S

We love this community. Whether spiritual or otherwise, it is like none we’ve ever known.
KATHIE & TOM STOKES

We want our kids to experience Old St. Pat’s like we have. It’s our time to step up and to pass on the traditions.
ROSE LOFTUS & LIAM HEALY

You can actively and proudly live out your faith here.
JILL & JEFF WROBEL

Old St. Pat’s is a place where we can show our kids what church can be.
MYRNA & JOSE TOBIAS

Old St. Pat’s awakens and encourages us to be who we are and who we are called to be.
JOE HARZICH

If every church were like this it would be a better world to live in.
KATIE NEE & MIKE HOBBS

This is an opportunity to leave a footprint in the future.
PEG ROTH