



Dear St. Peter Parishioner,

Central and Southern Alabama has faithful young men desiring to follow Christ and serve us as priests. Priests who will teach, provide the Eucharist, hear confessions, baptize our children and grandchildren, and anoint us at our time of need. Additionally, we see our youth increasingly energized and engaged in church life. There is a hunger for Scripture among our people. There is a sense that being a Catholic must affect one's life. This is great news and something to be excited about.

As every family needs to plan and prepare for the future; this is also true with our faith family here in the Archdiocese of Mobile. Together, this generation of faith, has decided to take responsibility for the mission and future of the Church. After much prayer and planning, the *Generations of Faith – Endowing Our Future with Hope* campaign has been launched across the entire archdiocese.

This extraordinary first-ever campaign in the Archdiocese of Mobile will help us to prepare for the future while allowing parishes to serve the needs of today. The campaign goal of \$30 million will focus on three endowment funds which will provide a perpetual source of funds to educate and form our seminarians, to guarantee adequate healthcare and modest needs to our senior priests who have served us faithfully, and to foster a Catholic identity by engaging the youth in the life and traditions of our Church. Additionally, the funds raised will ensure the future vitality of our vibrant faith communities. Each of the 83 parishes and mission parishes will participate in the campaign, and each family will be asked to make a pledge to support local parish needs and endowment funds. I am pleased to tell you we will receive 20% of all funds we raise at St. Peter up to the parish goal of \$485,000 and 80% of any funds collected beyond this goal! We will use these funds to repair our church bell tower. *Generations of Faith* has my full support and I am confident in announcing a historic endowment campaign that looks to the future.

To accomplish this monumental task, every parish and mission household is asked to provide a decision with regard to their level of support. We know that giving a sacrificial gift is personal and meaningful. To that end, we have asked a number of parish leaders to reach out to you personally and share more information about the *Generations of Faith* campaign. Please be welcoming when they reach out to you.

Together, we can accomplish God's call to build His kingdom on Earth. I have great hope for us and am moved by the generosity I have already witnessed. I look forward to counting you among our committed and growing faith family. Please join me in praying the enclosed campaign prayer for its success here at St. Peter and throughout the archdiocese.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Saleth Mariadoss, H.G.N.