



# Cathedral Capital Campaign News

*Sacred Heart Cathedral, Davenport, Iowa*

## Ground-Breaking Scheduled

by Fr. Rich Adam, Pastor

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I can't imagine the excitement, feelings or thoughts Antoine

LeClaire must have had back in 1851 at the ground-breaking of St. Margaret's Church, a church that was provided for, built, furnished and named after his loving wife, Marguerite. Thus, a new era of Catholic history in the Davenport community began!

As Davenport grew, so did St. Margaret's. In 1881 St. Margaret's was chosen to be the Cathedral of the newly-formed Davenport Diocese. It was in 1889 when Bishop Cosgrove announced a new Cathedral due to the growing population and inadequacy of St. Margaret's. It was on November 15, 1891 that Sacred Heart was dedicated as Davenport's new Cathedral.

Let's fast-forward 125 years and once again our Cathedral is still vibrant and strong, but lacking in adequate facilities to meet the needs of our faithful. Bishop Martin Amos recognized the needs of

**ANNOUNCING!!!! Sacred Heart Diocesan Hall Ground-Breaking, September 11, 2016**  
Could we not have picked a more ominous date for Sacred Heart's Ground-Breaking?? So has been asked the question, but making sure the bids are in, returned and contractor chosen AND a free calendar for Bishop Amos to be present, this seemed to be the best date! So, mark your calendars and please join us for 9 am Mass Sunday morning, September 11<sup>th</sup> and immediately following will be a brief ground-breaking ceremony, north of Sacred Heart Cathedral followed by a few refreshments, drinks and cakes.

updating our Diocesan church and gave that project to myself upon my newly appointed assignment to Sacred Heart August 1, 2011. Thus began the origins of a new vision for Sacred Heart!! After 1 year of ascertaining this vision and possibilities, 1 year consulting with Architect Mark Miller (parishioner of SHC) and 4 years of campaigning, we've finally come to a point and time we can break ground and begin the building process!

Although contracts have yet to be signed and bids aren't returned at the date of this printing, it's estimated cost is some \$6,000,000.<sup>00</sup> – a far cry from the \$100,000.<sup>00</sup> it took to build the Cathedral in 1890!! Bishop Cosgrove assessed the entire Diocese to help build "their" Diocesan church, which endowed them with \$30,000.<sup>00</sup> support!

With the much appreciated help of Jim Collins and Jim Tiedje, Co-Chairs of our Sacred Heart Campaign, we're continuing to canvass the Diocese seeking financial support and awareness of our Cathedral and Diocesan Home!

A ground-breaking date has been set for September 11, 2016, following the 9:00 am Sunday morning Mass. A brief ceremony will take place, followed by refreshment, coffee and cakes. Please stay tuned for further notice and verification of these events!!



*Trees were removed from the west side of the Cathedral this Spring in preparation for construction.*

### *Special points of interest:*

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- Purchase of LeClaire Street houses
- Future of school building
- Alumni information
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## New Realty/Reality on Campus

### LECLAIRE STREET PROPERTIES

Many of you may have noticed the Mel Foster realtor signs posted earlier this Spring on LeClaire Street. After looking into the properties for sale and looking into the future and vision of Sacred Heart Cathedral, it seemed wise to invest in what these properties may offer. There was an asking price of \$110,000.<sup>00</sup> for the 3 properties.

After consulting with our Sacred Heart Finance Committee (several meetings), we did not want to use money from the Foundation which has been set aside for our new building campaign. Fr. Rich made a very fruitful trip to former parishioners from Riverside and Wellman and was gifted \$75,000.<sup>00</sup> for this purpose. The offer was made and accepted for \$70,000.<sup>00</sup> for the properties of 1009, 1101, 1115 and 1119 LeClaire Street. An adjacent lot, 1011 LeClaire, was added to our properties for an additional \$2,000.<sup>00</sup>.

So what is the future of these properties for Sacred Heart Cathedral? Actually there are many advantages for our acquiring these lots. Plans are immediately to demolish 1101 and 1115 LeClaire Street. Behind these properties, there's quite a ravine that would be a handy nearby site to put the ground which will be excavated for our new Diocesan Hall. Having such a convenient close location will save



MINNIE'S MAISON

perhaps \$15,000.<sup>00</sup> not having to haul this ground away, plus it will provide a nice fill for the property behind these houses once they are demolished.

For long time members of Sacred Heart who would remember parishioners Doc and Minnie West, they were residents of 1119 LeClaire Street. There's also quite a nice garage behind this house and, since the removal of the Manor's garage several years ago, there's a demand for more space for the parish lawn/snow equipment, tools, storage and the like.

This particular property also has much promise and a future, so it's been suggested we move the Sacred Heart Clothing Center from the house needing great repairs on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 1119 LeClaire Street with the name **Minnie's Maison!** (that's French for 'house'!)

The Clothing Center Board is very excited about the new facilities and will be spending these summer months preparing and moving from 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Parishioners are invited to help in this endeavor, as well as future projects at "Minnie's Maison!"

### SACRED HEART SCHOOL

The present Sacred Heart School was constructed in 1914 costing \$104,093.44! A fine academy until 2004 when it became no longer feasible to maintain. Now 16 years later another decision to close the school one final time has to be made!

With the ground-breaking of a new Diocesan Hall, the utility lines leading from Sacred Heart to the school will be unearthed and disconnected. To reestablish power, erect a utility pole, transformer, gas lines, etc. etc. would be an enormous cost. The average cost of operating the school these past 2 years is over \$20,000.<sup>00</sup> per year. After much thought, contemplation and prayer, it was best decided to disconnect the power and no longer use the building.

We're in a time of transition, which calls for improvising and imagination! After consulting with Faith Formation Director Susan Stanforth and Deacon Dan Huber, we're assuming that Religious Education classes will move to various sections of the Cathedral! This will make an interesting year for our RE teachers and our youth!! Other meetings and organizations will also have to improvise using the conference room in the rectory, setting up tables in the church entrances, or meeting in the rectory or homes. This can be done and with everyone's cooperation, help, assistance and prayers it could very well be a smooth transition and prepare ourselves more to celebrate and especially appreciate our new Diocesan Hall and building!



#### SACRED HEART ALUMNI

Did you know that we have a webpage devoted to all past graduates of Sacred Heart Catholic School?

[shcdavenport.org/sacred-heart-alumni](http://shcdavenport.org/sacred-heart-alumni)

Visit this page to learn how you can enroll in the Sacred Heart Alumni database.



# Brick, Mortar & Discipleship

by Jim Collins, Co-Chair, Campaign Committee

## Building Up the Kingdom of God



One of the first things a volunteer in a capital campaign realizes is that while you are fundraising to build something new to an institution, you must still sustain what you

already have and are doing. The institution (church) still has bills to pay, required maintenance on buildings and grounds to make and services/charitable works to do (see page 5).

Cheers! for Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish exceeding its goal of \$3 million raised for the Campaign. Cheers! to Sacred Heart Cathedral for sustaining the on-going maintenance and payment of bills during the Campaign. And Cheers! for not only sustaining but growing the Cathedral's mission efforts for those in need.

Sacred Heart Cathedral has a long and proud legacy of charity to those in

need, social action for equality and working for understanding and unity of the diversity in our immediate neighborhood and world community.

Since the beginning of our Campaign, we have seen growth in our mission services and their positive impact both in the church and community. We are in partnership with many organizations including but not limited to:

- Birthright, Café on Vine, Catholic Worker, Churches United, East Bluff Neighborhood Association – EBNA, Diocese of Davenport/ Social Action, Habitat for Humanity, Hilltop Campus Village Association – HCVA, Humility of Mary Housing/Shelter, Neighborhoods Energized To Succeed – NETS, People Uniting Neighborhoods and Churches – P.U.N.C.H., QC Interfaith, River Bend Food Bank and Scott County Waste Neighborhood Clean.

Some of the programs these partnerships make possible include but

are not limited to: SHC Food Pantry and the SHC Clothing Center (pillars to SHC missions both serving the neighborhood and the greater regional area for over 40 years), Catholic Worker Bus Token Program, Christian Service Meals, CROP Hunger Walk, SHC Giving Tree/SHARE (food program) and several racial, ethnic, and international unity efforts via Social Action initiatives and the Cathedral's broadly diverse congregation (arguably the most diverse racial/ ethnic church congregation in the region).

So, Cheers! once again to Sacred Heart Cathedral that has demonstrated its ability to multi-task by conducting a successful capital campaign while sustaining and growing on-going programs and missions efforts. Blessings & thanks to all donors and volunteers to the Campaign and any of the Cathedral's many discipleship initiatives.

## Sacred Heart Cathedral Financial Stewardship



Below is a bird's-eye view of the SHC financial stewardship.

Recognizing our church's mission of performing the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, Sacred Heart is very generous. Consider the financial support of these organizations:

**2015/2016**

<b>Food Pantry</b>	<b>\$40,749.35</b>
<b>Diocesan Collections</b>	<b>11,969.77</b>
<b>Birthright</b>	<b>2,313.76</b>
<b>Clothing Center</b>	<b>1,571.68</b>
<b>Humility of Mary</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>Quad City Interfaith</b>	<b>800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,204.56</b>

### ELECTRONIC GIVING (ACH)

Do you ever forget your envelope when coming to Mass? I can't tell you how many times that we would get to church only to discover that we forgotten our envelope at home! We would then make special trips into church during the week just to make sure that our contribution was received because we knew how much the parish needed it. Our lives were and remain quite hectic and it is easy to be distracted and forget those small things. I share this with you because many of us share this same struggle of balancing time and appointments and remembering everything on our list. To combat our forgetfulness, our distractions, or simply to have a few less checks to write, Rachel & I made a decision to switch to Electronic Giving.

It has been the best thing for us and I think you will find the same thing.

Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church grow. Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

Get started today! Ask for an authorization form in the church office or print one from our website: [shcdavenport.org/electronic-giving](http://shcdavenport.org/electronic-giving).

*Dcn Dan Huber*



# Capital Campaign Update

by Jim Tiedje, Co-Chair, Campaign Committee



Soon we will be breaking ground on our new gathering space and Cathedral Center. Since joining the team of parish members who have been diligently working on the campaign for the last few years, I have come to realize even more how important this project is not only to our parish, but to

the broader diocesan community and the inner-city community where Sacred Heart Cathedral is located. It is long overdue but our future is bright!

In Faith we move forward! We especially appeal at this time to members of our Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish who have not yet contributed to the campaign. We ask that you please consider making a meaningful gift now. Once we have a clearer picture of the amount needed to complete Phase II of our building campaign, we intend to re-activate the group of parish members who earlier made personal contacts to many of our parish members in hopes of securing additional contributions from within the parish community.

The committee anxiously awaits the critical bidding process that will tell us more about where we are in our fundraising efforts. We are currently at the level of \$4.7 million in pledges. This is an amazing amount, but undoubtedly as the bids come in we will recognize that we will need to push harder in our fundraising efforts. Our original goal of raising \$3 million from members of our parish has been accomplished. We have received some very generous gifts from outside the parish and the Diocesan Cathedral appeal that was started in 2015 has greatly enhanced our campaign. It is hoped that we can continue to grow that particular source of funds in the future to help support the Cathedral Center.

### TO DONATE TO THE CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND:

Mail check directly to:  
**SHC Foundation**  
**422-E. 10th Street**  
**Davenport IA 52803**

OR

Donate online via a secure website:  
[shcdavenport.org/capital-campaign](http://shcdavenport.org/capital-campaign).

### CATHEDRAL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- Fr. Rich Adam
- Jim Collins, Co-Chair
- Jim Tiedje, Co-Chair
- Jim Carter
- Frank Cincola
- Carol Haines
- Dcn Dan Huber
- Larry Klosterman
- Mark Miller
- Beth Slesicki
- Bill Tiedje



Aerial view of new Diocesan Hall.

Courtesy Mark Miller

### TOTAL COST OF DIOCESAN HALL CONSTRUCTION:

Gathering space, hall, kitchen, restrooms	\$2,951,900
Lower-level classrooms	2,712,800
Porte-cochere	58,900
Renovations to Cathedral	241,300

**TOTAL** **\$5,964,900**



# Sacred Heart Stewardship

by Pat Keys, Past Clothing Center Director

When Cathedral Manor no longer was an option to use as a free Clothing Center, I was in the process of discerning God’s plan for me. Fr. Bushur planted the seed of using the properties Sacred Heart has for something worthwhile for the neighborhood. At this time I brought Head Start to the school. When Msgr. (now Bishop) Gruss came, we discussed moving the Clothing Center. All is history now as we decided on 415 E. 10th as the site.

Having worked with Head Start families, I knew the need for clothing for children and adults. I envisioned a Hospitality House that also gave away clothing. Jim Carter and Denny Hurd were as excited as I was and they

transformed the rooms into useable space. Many volunteers came forth and the ministry took on a life of its own. Over 5 years it became a Hospitality House plus a comfortable spot for people who just needed to talk and be respected for themselves. To quote Jim Carter "they need to be respected and have dignity". I feel that goal has been established and is ongoing. We have become a resource center for people needing furniture (which we don't have, but can usually find), seeking pre-school for their children, finding food pantries in their neighborhood and on and on.

The love and respect the clients show us, the volunteers, is unbelievable. While we try to lead them to the

resources they need, we always try to lead them in the direction of being self-sufficient. The gratitude shown by most customers is sincere and constant. I think all the volunteers will agree with me that it is hard work physically and emotionally. We go home stiff and aching and sometimes a bit weepy, but we can't wait to get back.



While I am not as involved as I was, my heart is there. My hope for the future is just to keep doing what we are doing. It is needed and it is worthwhile. I know God is smiling down on Sacred Heart Clothing Center.

## A Year of Mercy



*“I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: ‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.’ (cf. Lk 6:36)”*

These words of Pope Francis echo throughout this year, reminding us of our call to “be merciful.” I believe Sacred Heart Cathedral has practiced the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy quite well. Not that we are exhausting our efforts, but working hard to be the witness of Christ in our world and community. When looking at the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, it is evident that Sacred Heart

has a passion for Social Justice. Via our special collections to Birthright, Humility of Mary, Quad-City Interfaith and the many Diocesan collections (not to mention the Annual Diocesan Appeal), a great portion of our budget is generously offered to others in need.

When one considers the \$150,000 toward Catholic Education, the \$40,000+ to the Food Pantry, the staffing of a parish nurse and ministries of SHC, plus the many other special collections, there is great evidence and witness of stewardship and care for our brothers and sisters. May we continue this practice and strive to support the Sacred Heart family financially and spiritually, to keep these ministries and missions alive!

### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

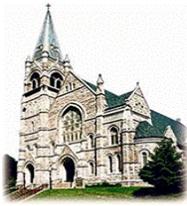
- Feed the hungry*
- Give drink to the thirsty*
- Clothe the naked*
- Shelter the homeless*
- Visit the sick*
- Visit the imprisoned*
- Bury the dead*

### SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- Counsel the doubtful*
- Instruct the ignorant*
- Admonish sinners*
- Comfort the afflicted*
- Forgive offenses*
- Bear wrongs patiently*
- Pray for the Living and the Dead*



**STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION:**  
*Jim Carter, Building & Grounds Director, saved a significant amount of budget dollars by painstakingly repairing a section of the Cathedral ceiling over the winter months.*



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Announcing!!  
**2017 Sacred Heart's  
CATHEDRAL SUNDAY –  
VALENTINE DINNER  
Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Due to the closing of our school building, the location of this celebratory, fund-raising, benefit dinner will be moved to the Rogalski Center on St. Ambrose University Campus!

It's time to mark your calendars, budget your tickets and plan to take your sweetheart to a dinner that not only expresses your love to your spouse/friends but to Sacred Heart!!

Dinner will be elegantly served (Steak/Salmon), together with drink and fine company.

\$75 per ticket/\$150 couple.

This Cathedral Sunday-  
Valentine Celebration let's  
"Be the Heart of Sacred Heart!"

