

On the Way – ¡Ándale! – A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

NEW EVANGELIZATION

STRENGTHEN OUR PARISHES \$21 MILLION

The largest goal of the archdiocesan campaign, a percentage of funds raised at each of our parishes will be returned directly to each parish to fund their defined needs. See inside this brochure for how our parish will benefit.

ESTABLISH NEW PARISHES \$7.1 MILLION

Based on current and future projected growth data of our area, the archdiocese will establish 6 new parishes where they are most needed to serve the nearly 250,000 additional Catholics who are moving into the archdiocese within the next ten year.

FUND CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTREACH PROJECTS \$8.7 MILLION

Serving over 238,000 people annually across the archdiocese, Catholic Charities seeks to bring the love of Christ to those most in need. The funds will establish a site in Del Rio, create a Catholic Charities permanent endowment to support programing, establish a Pope Francis Center to provide services on the east side of San Antonio, and provide infrastructure support to the Guadalupe Community Center.

ESTABLISH A PILGRIMAGE CENTER AT MISSION CONCEPCIÓN \$2.3 MILLION

Over a million visitors each year tour the recently designated World Heritage Site of the 300-year old Catholic Spanish Missions. Renovating and repurposing the chapel at the former St. John’s Seminary to become a center for pilgrimages to the missions will give the Church the opportunity to recount the history of the Franciscan missionaries who founded the missions as places of faith and refuge.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

STRENGTHEN CAMPUS MINISTRY \$8.1 MILLION

Purchasing 10 prime acres at Texas A&M San Antonio and the construction of a new St. Anthony Student Center at UTSA will better allow the Church to be at the heart of campus life, forming the hearts and lives of students, faculty and staff.

RENOVATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS \$7.3 MILLION

Our Catholic schools develop the whole person: mind, body and soul. Funds raised will provide major impact grants for substantial capital improvement and building projects at schools selected by a review committee.

CATECHESIS AND FORMATION

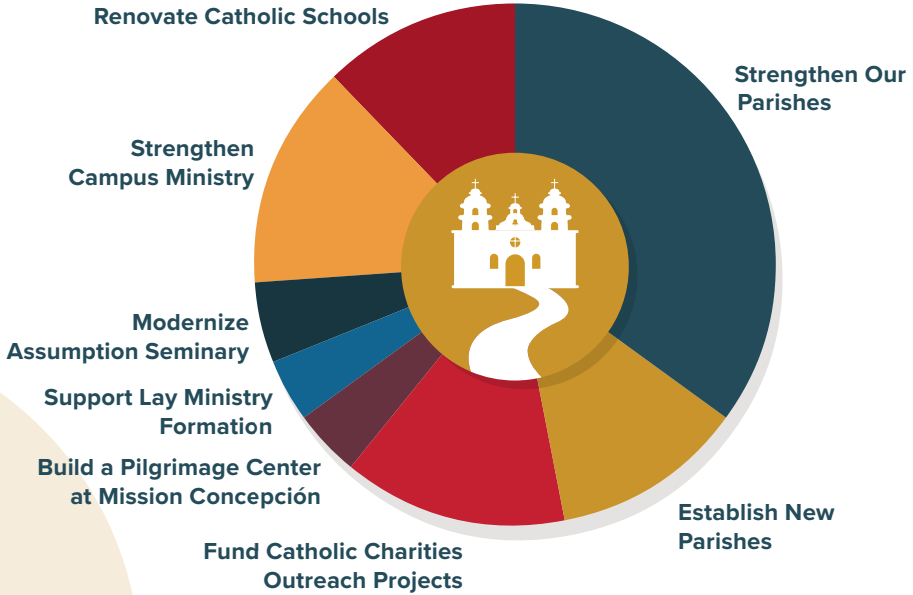
MODERNIZE ASSUMPTION SEMINARY \$3.3 MILLION

Funds will completely redesign and renovate St. John Hall Center for Pastoral Formation to make the 50-year-old student center a state-of-the-art, multipurpose facility to accommodate formation, pastoral education and spiritual direction for over 90 seminarians. Outside groups using the facility for vocation promotion, discernment, meetings and conferences will also benefit the larger Church community.

SUPPORT FOR ECCLESIAL LAY MINISTRY FORMATION \$2.2 MILLION

Our ability to meet current and future parish leadership needs calls for the preparation and authorization of lay ecclesial ministers. These funds will create the Margil Institute for Formation in Ministry to make available degree and certificate level formation to lay persons willing to serve in leadership in the Church.

CAMPAIGN GOAL \$60,000,000



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SAN ANTONIO, TX



A Message from Archbishop Gustavo

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST,

The Lord’s call to be **On the Way - ¡Ándale!** is an invitation to discipleship and serves as the theme for our historic archdiocesan capital campaign. To be a **disciple** is also to be a **steward**, to give of ourselves and our resources—spiritual and material—for the good of one another. As God has been faithful to us in the past, so will he continue to bless us as we now face very serious current needs and challenges for the future because of rapid growth in our area. This case for support outlines these many and pressing needs as well as our plan to address them. It is the fruit of broad consultation, focused study, and ardent prayer. As your archbishop it is my hope that **everyone** in the Archdiocese of San Antonio benefits from this campaign, which is why I am inviting you also to play a role in meeting these challenges through prayer and financial support.

Please pray for our beloved archdiocese. As the Lord invites us to remain **on the way** at this pivotal time in the history of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, may we not respond reluctantly but with joy and with haste. How can we respond otherwise to our loving God’s urgent call: **On the Way - ¡Ándale!**

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Gustavo García-Siller, MSpS
Archbishop of San Antonio



PARISH GOAL

Our parish target for **On the Way - ¡Ándale!** is **\$2,424,000** of which we will receive back **30%** or **\$727,200**.

If we go over target, our parish will receive 65% of every dollar raised up to 150% of target, and 100% of every dollar raised beyond that! Our parish has gone through a careful process of consultation and discernment to determine what the most pressing needs are in our community:

- Continuing a Strong Tradition of Worship — Sanctuary Projects (\$162,000)
- Facilitating the Spiritual Growth of our Members At All Life Stages—Faith Formation Projects (\$195,000)
- Planning and Design of Additional Facilities (\$370,000)

Our St. Francis of Assisi parish community is committed to living and exemplifying the four foundational practices of Great Catholic Parishes: A Living Mosaic (Simon, 2016). These include excelling on Sundays, intentionally evangelizing, fostering spiritual maturity and plans for discipleship, and sharing leadership.



PARISH PROJECT

For 37 years, our community has been known for our hospitality and welcoming spirit, our robust and meaningful celebration of sacraments in the community, our focus on spiritual growth at all life stages, and our discipleship and outreach to others in need.

Continuing a Strong Tradition of Worship—Sanctuary Projects

The proposed resurfacing and repair of our baptismal font, replacement of heating element and installation of water softener addresses faults in original construction and in maintenance of limestone. New pew cushions and upholstery will replace the current torn and frayed upholstery. The repair, replacement and addition of kneelers will give more people an opportunity to kneel. A proposed refreshing and re-purposing of the Bridal Room will provide additional worship space. The purchase of fabric and other artisan supplies, as well as a mechanical lift, will enhance our celebration of liturgy and liturgical seasons. An additional need is to improve and organize the storage capacity in our liturgical environment closet.

Facilitating the Spiritual Growth of our Members At All Life Stages

The proposal is to update and purchase additional audio-visual equipment for our Religious Education Building classrooms, to purchase online/licensed, age appropriate faith formation materials, and to make space modifications to the parish library to create an additional classroom and larger meeting space. Installation of new AC units will provide temperature control and consistency. These efforts will facilitate our growth in discipleship and formation of community.

Planning and Design of Additional Facilities

The long-range (10 year) plan for our parish includes the expansion of our only large group space, Henke Hall, which currently has a capacity of only 325 for our 3,047 families. Eventually this expansion would also include installation of a commercial kitchen. Additional hall enhancements include new LED lighting, replacement of HVAC equipment and a new audio management system. The purchase of a bus would facilitate transportation to retreats, assemblies and other local and distant events.



“One of the founding values of our St. Francis of Assisi parish community is the expansiveness of our collaborative outreach. This capital campaign gives us an opportunity to lead by our effort to meet not only the carefully identified needs of our archdiocese, but also those of our own parish. Let’s lead with enthusiasm. I believe that our efforts will continue to energize us, unite us and transform our hearts as they have for the 37 years of our parish history. Pope Francis encourages us daily to help each other—we all need each other. ¡Ándale!”

FR. TONY VILANO

