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Alive News

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We are "Alive in Christ!"

This is an exciting time for our parish and the Diocese of Orlando. As the diocese approaches its 40th year anniversary of mission and ministry, we have much to celebrate. We are blessed with people of faith and vision – people who embrace and celebrate Catholic truth, transform communities, and make known the love of Christ throughout Central Florida. We are also blessed with a rapidly growing and increasingly diverse population, allowing the Gospel message to reach more people in more ways than ever before.

Our parish has launched a campaign, *Alive in Christ*, in partnership with the larger Church that will address immediate and long-term capital and endowment needs. A concerted effort, we join the other Catholic parishes in the diocese so that we are better able to minister to the needs of our parishioners.

Begin with Prayer



As Catholics, we begin with prayer. And now in this holy season of *LITURGICAL SEASON*, we deepen our resolve to pray faithfully. With that in mind, you are invited to pray for the success of the *Alive in Christ* Campaign and for the mission work that it will make possible here in our parish and far beyond. Our dream is that we can become more deeply united

as one family – giving ourselves in prayer with the goal of becoming more fully alive in our savior, Jesus Christ.



Let us pray with one heart, asking the intercession of St. Paul to whom the campaign has been consecrated in this year of evangelization.

Soon, you should receive a copy of our campaign prayer in the mail. Please consider praying this prayer daily. You may also want to offer a special novena or dedicate time before the Blessed Sacrament as a special intercession.

Born from the Synod...

Four years ago Bishop Wenski invited our diocese to examine itself, to dream about our future, and to lay a road map for the years ahead. This historic project brought together over 1,000 Catholics, lay and clergy, to serve on twenty planning commissions in *Starting Afresh from Christ: The First Synod of the Diocese of Orlando*.

Alive in Christ evolved from that exciting vision and is designed to fund the road map established by our Synod. *Alive in Christ* will make long-held dreams a reality within our local community and enable us to support the very important capital needs of our larger faith family. Through *Alive in Christ*, we will join together with every parish in our diocese to help fund the key priorities that emerged from our diocesan Synod.

As gifted, grateful and generous stewards of God's many blessings, we are:
Called to Grow as spiritual beings through our prayers for the success of *Alive in Christ*;
Called to Lead by offering our time and talent in the service of our Church throughout this effort; and
Called to Share by prayerfully considering a sacrificial gift.

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