

How Much Longer Would You Like

The Campaign for Cathedral



Its STUDENTS, Its FACULTY, Its FACILITIES, Its FUTURE

by Chris Schellinger

What do you imagine is the most significant word in the title of our current campaign?

I'll make a case for the word, **Future**.

We find ourselves in the midst of raising funds in order to build a modest but critically important addition to the Cathedral campus. This project has been waiting in the wings for more than forty years. Dear alumni, families, faculty, staff, and friends, we **must** get this done. This is our last chance.

When the fall of 2019 rolls around there will be at least two brand new shiny schools competing for the attention of families and students in our community – Technical High School and Sartell High School. Cathedral's new academic building must also open by the fall of 2019 if



we hope to stay relevant to those young families already making choices for their children. Soon thereafter we must complete Phase Two, which includes the renovation of the 1938 building and an expansion of our athletic complex.

One hears the argument, "it's the teachers not the bricks that make a school." True enough. But, ask those

same teachers if they'd like to be given the same tools, environment, and support typical in a dozen or more surrounding schools and you know their answer. It is high time we provide our **excellent** teachers, delivering an **excellent** education, **excellent** facilities in which to deliver it. Let's finish this campaign and get the new building built for our awesome teachers so

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Aerial View of Phase One and Two

they can deliver even more impressive programming.

Folks, this is serious. The new academic building is not a want, but a need. This challenge must be met if Cathedral is to continue for another 133 years and become ever more important and significant to the fabric of our Church, this community, and region.

So is there any good news?

Well of course!

Mike Mullin has been named President Emeritus of Cathedral. In that role Mike has been asked by both the Cathedral and the Catholic Community Schools Boards to assist with Cathedral's transition to the new system. An important part of Mike's work is leading

the Campaign for Cathedral to success. Joining Mike in this work is yours truly, Chris Schellinger. While Mike has a number of other duties related to the transition, my only job is to focus 100% on completing the campaign and getting the new academic building built.

We will soon be transforming the

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conceptual design provided by Cuningham Architecture into detailed design. Our focus will be on students, teachers, 21st century learning, and the future. Every square foot of the new building will undergo scrutiny for function, cost, and long-term practicality. We want the biggest bang for the buck. We'll have builders, families, educators, designers, an architect, and the trades involved as a team from the very beginning.

Hundreds have stepped up so far to say they will support this all-important project at this critical time. Together they have committed more than \$11 million towards our \$16.5 million goal.

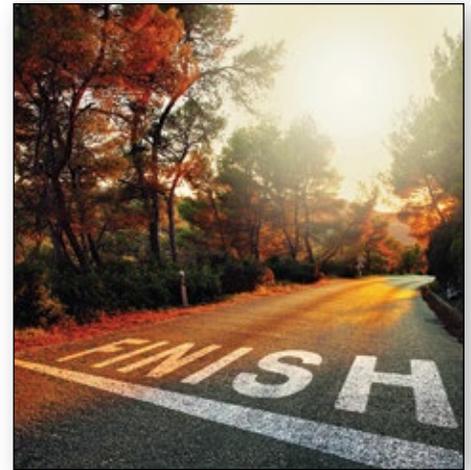
While we are investing in the next 100 years of Cathedral we are also making a significant investment in our entire E-12 Catholic school system; \$1.5 million of the \$16.5 million is dedicated to supporting a variety of capital projects for the area Catholic elementary schools.

“ Make no mistake. This will not happen without every single one of us. This is not someone else's job. No one else will take care of this if you and I don't step up. ”

Let us plan for the truly great and good things that can happen and realize that we, you and I, are in a position to make these great and good things happen now. We do this for our community, for our children, and for our children's children.

Join the hundreds who have already made significant commitments to this project. The future of Cathedral is in your hands. For how much longer would you like it to exist? Together let us move past just existing and into a new era of exciting growth. Together let's dream of and make possible a bigger, a better, and a stronger Cathedral.

We are very close. We are almost there. The finish is in sight. Together we can make the future a reality for current and future generations.



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West elevation of New Academic Building (7th Avenue N)