



## PRIMARY DUTIES

### Share Your Story

Share excitement about the campaign and its goals with fellow parishioners. Actively engage your fellow parishioners through follow-up calls and visits to explain why you decided to support the campaign.

### Listen

Listen to your fellow parishioners and answer their questions about the campaign.

### Complete Pledge Cards

Bishop Provost will ask each individual and family to consider making a gift to this campaign in a letter. Soon after, you will assist your fellow parishioners with completing their pledge cards.

## Return to the Lord CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Lord, you call to us, and we return.  
Your Word gives us the hope of rising again:  
rising from the storms that have ravaged our lands;  
rising from the poverty that haunts our streets;  
rising from the despair of loneliness that  
afflicts many of our youth;  
rising to respond to the needs of the people of God  
through the ministry of the sacred priesthood.

Lord, may we take this opportunity to rise  
to the challenge and return to you  
that we may be your hands, feet and voice  
in the Diocese of Lake Charles.

Your great Saint and our Patron,  
Saint Peter Claver said,

"This is how we spoke . . . not with words,  
but with our hands and our actions."

We make this our prayer:

May we respond with generosity of  
treasure, the availability of time,  
and the sharing of our talents.

May your will be done.

May we return to you,  
and say to our brothers and sisters:

"Arise, lift up your hearts, and  
return to the Lord."

Amen.



## VOLUNTEER TEAM INFORMATION

Diocese of Lake Charles  
Stewardship & Development Office  
(337) 439 - 7400  
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# Thank you for Considering to Serve



This campaign will invite every person in the Diocese of Lake Charles to invest in the future of our priests, parishes and ministries.

By being a volunteer on this campaign, you will assist your parish in reaching its goals. Together, with other leaders at your parish, you will serve as an ambassador on behalf of Bishop Provost to your fellow parishioners.

## AS PART OF THE VOLUNTEER TEAM, YOU WILL:

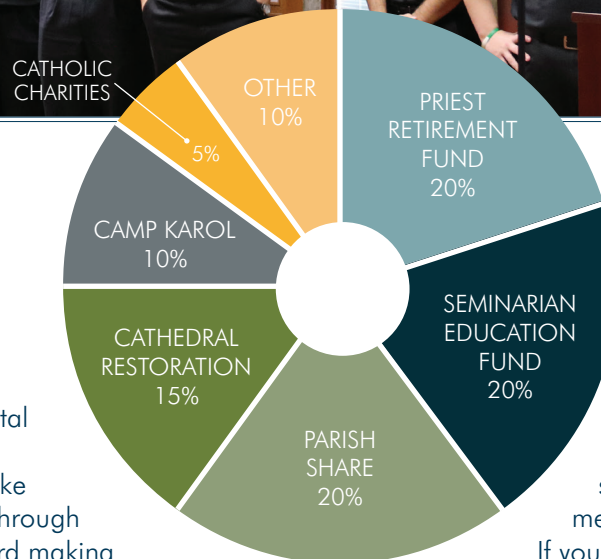
- Commit to the 3-4 months of active campaigning scheduled to occur at your parish.
- Attend two regional meetings during the campaign. (This may involve travel to a neighboring parish.)
- Personally follow-up with fellow parishioners to answer their questions and assist them in making their gift to the campaign.
- Attend meetings at your parish to learn about the progress of the campaign and report on the status of your follow-up visits.
- Make a gift to the capital campaign to help build momentum for your parish.
- Openly support the goals of the campaign.

## WHAT IS THIS CAMPAIGN FOR?

The *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign is a \$16 million investment for future generations in our diocese and is the first capital campaign in the 35 year history of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The funds raised through this campaign will go toward making strategic improvements to ensure the Catholic Church continues to grow and thrive in Southwest Louisiana.

The *Return to the Lord* Capital Campaign is a significant effort focused on six goals:

- Building our **Priest Retirement Fund**
- Bolstering our **Seminarian Education Fund**
- Strengthening our **Parishes**
- Restoring the **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**
- Creating **Camp Karol of Saint Charles Center**
- Expanding **Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana**



## NEXT STEPS

Contact your parish staff to let your pastor know that you are willing to be part of the campaign team. Make sure to provide your most up-to-date contact information so parish and campaign staff can send you details about upcoming meetings and relevant information.

If you need additional time to consider or would like to further discuss the volunteer role, contact your parish office and either the pastor or parish campaign chair will reach out to you.

The capital campaign staff will soon be hosting regional training meetings. If you accept this invitation to join the parish campaign team, please mark your calendar to join other parish and diocesan leaders for this important training. All pastors, staff, campaign chairs and volunteers are asked to attend. *Additional details regarding exact training dates and locations will be provided by your parish's campaign chair.*