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Ensuring Another
100 YEARS

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**UPON THIS ROCK –
PRESERVING OUR HOME**
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN





TO PRAISE *to bless* TO PREACH

UPON THIS ROCK, ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC PARISH WAS BUILT – FIRM IN FAITH, STEADFAST IN MISSION AND EVER GUIDED BY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST. SINCE THE DOMINICAN FRIARS LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COMMUNITY IN 1889, WE HAVE BEEN A TESTAMENT TO GOD’S ENDURING PRESENCE. INSPIRED BY THE DOMINICAN MOTTO – TO PRAISE, TO BLESS, TO PREACH – WE HAVE GROWN IN FAITH, FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP.

Through every challenge, our parish has remained unwavering, emerging stronger and more united. With joyful hearts, we welcome all who seek a deeper relationship with God, offering inspiring liturgies, dynamic preaching and faith formation that engages both heart and mind. Our commitment to service and justice reflects the Gospel we live, and our warm, vibrant community continues to draw families who long for a place to belong, worship and grow in faith together.

To fully embrace where we are and where we hope to go, we must first honor the rock upon which we were built – the faith, perseverance and vision that continue to guide our journey forward.

Dear Members and Friends of St. Dominic Catholic Parish,

May the blessings and the peace of Christ be with you.

It is both a privilege and an honor to write you at this most momentous occasion. Commencing a capital campaign, while no easy endeavor, is to be rewarded. The 100th anniversary of the first Masses celebrated in the glorious church building of St. Dominic Catholic Parish will be October 7 of this year.

It is a rare treat to have such a magnificent structure still standing and looking to serve for another 100 years. St. Dominic’s has stood the test of time, both with its structure and its community. As a Dominican parish, we have always worked to praise, to bless and to preach. You have clearly taken our mission to heart and have heard the call with the *UPON THIS ROCK – PRESERVING OUR HOME* Capital Campaign.



*The Gospel has come alive in each of you.
This campaign is witness to a rare commitment to care
deeply for that which you did not yourself build –
but you are open to sustain, support and stabilize
to pass forward to those yet to come.*



I am humbled to be a part of this project as the current provincial of the Dominican Friars of the Province of St. Albert the Great (Central Province), in which St. Dominic’s is located. Your community has our full support and prayers for success to carry out this much-needed restoration of a landmark building that is so much more than stone and mortar. It is a home of worship that would not be the same without you. You are a part of something much greater than any of us individually, myself included. What a rare gift.

Carrying out the work of God in mission with might is no easy feat. So I thank you for your care, support and loyalty. To step outside of your comfort zone – to hear what God may be calling you to do on behalf of the greater good of this project – to choose to give sacrificially – will not be forgotten by the present but most especially by God.

Countless thanks and blessings be yours, I remain,

Yours in Christ and St. Dominic,

Fr. Louis Morrone, O.P.

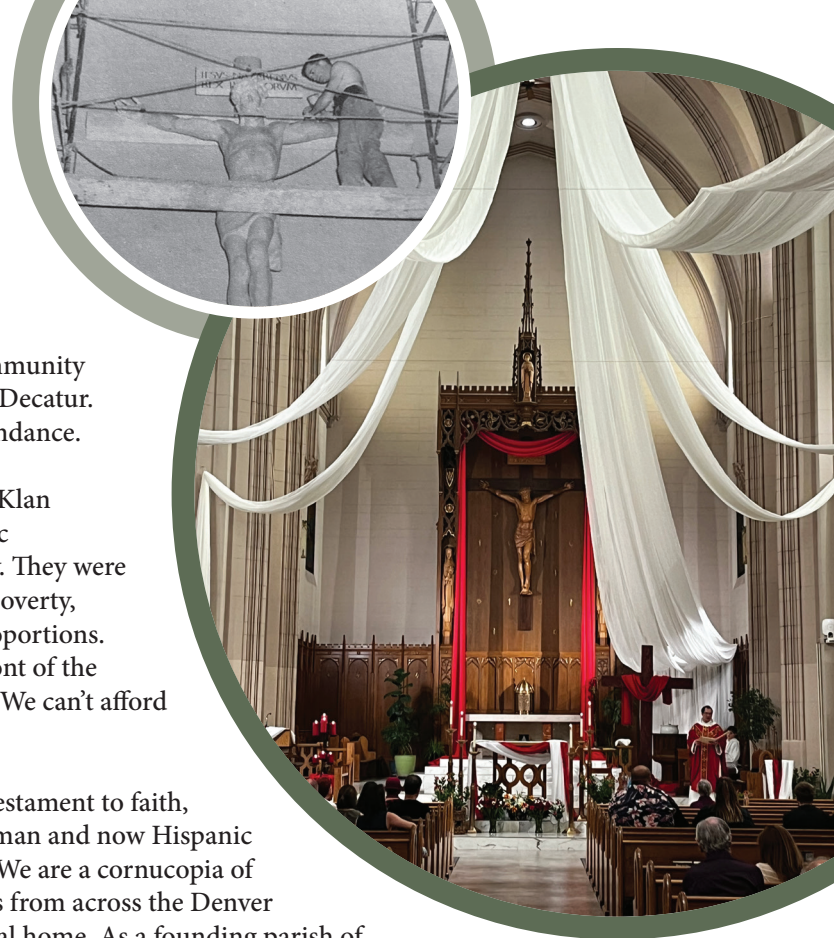
Fr. Louis Morrone, O.P.
Prior Provincial
Dominicans, Province of St. Albert the Great - USA

WHERE WE WERE

St. Dominic Parish was born of immigrants. The railroad-working Irish were the first to move into the neighborhood around the turn of the 20th century. In 1889, the fledgling community worshiped at one point in the back of a feed store on 25th and Decatur. According to church records, there were 28 households in attendance.

In the early 1900s, in the face of a rising swell of anti-Catholic Klan sentiment, the priests and parishioners of the budding Catholic community stood firm to build the church as we know it today. They were good and humble stewards who dreamed big in spite of their poverty, so they planned and started to build an edifice of cathedral proportions. When a burning cross was planted on Federal Boulevard in front of the under-construction church, a parishioner famously declared, “We can’t afford NOT to build this church.”

Our present grand church was dedicated in February 1926, a testament to faith, resilience and hope. Over the years, waves of Italian, then German and now Hispanic immigrants arrived here and called St. Dominic Parish home. We are a cornucopia of nationalities called to worship Christ as one. Faithful Catholics from across the Denver metro and suburban areas call St. Dominic Parish their spiritual home. As a founding parish of the Catholic Archdiocese of Denver and the Dominican Province of St. Albert the Great, *we have proven that we are here to stay, to teach, to preach and to worship our God.*



WHERE WE ARE

As we approach the 100th anniversary of our iconic church, we are called to reflect on our past as well as to look forward as good stewards of our blessings. Parish leaders have been working for some time to identify our needs, as well as to discern a responsible vision for the future.

A 2023 facilities assessment confirmed that the time to act is now – and we need to focus on our church building. Our grand church, described in 1939 as a “church of cathedral proportions,” is a historic landmark that now requires urgent attention. We cannot delay or kick these projects down the road. A church of St. Dominic’s size and beauty does not last 100 years without the structure needing maintenance, care and attention. That is where we are. Our beloved church needs maintenance care and our attention – NOW.

Our most pressing need is to restore our aging and deteriorating windows, particularly on the south side. Rotting wood detracts from the glorious presentation of our church and threatens the windows’ stability. Restoring these windows, which were meant to inspire us, will enhance the beauty, function and comfort of our church.

We also need a new mechanical cooling system, which will reduce energy costs and bring comfort to our parishioners and guests, especially during our sweltering Colorado summers. Praying in church should be elevating and reverent, yet the ongoing discomfort from high heat and stagnant air in our church distract, interrupt and strain the prayerful experience during Mass and adoration. When our church was built a century ago, Denver was not as hot as it is now, nor were there as many people.



Today, with over 460 households in our parish, we must be faithful stewards of our sacred space, preserving its beauty and function *for the next 100 years.*



WHERE WE'RE *going*



These proposed plans and projects will strengthen the structure of our church, enhance its ability to operate and invest in our parish's mission
**TO PRAISE,
TO BLESS,
TO PREACH**
as we journey into the next 100 years.

UPON THIS ROCK
CAMPAIGN

WE ARE STEWARDS OF WHAT WE HAVE. We did not build St. Dominic Church 100 years ago, but we are its caretakers today and tomorrow. This sacred place has been a house of worship for generations, and it is our turn to ensure that it stands strong for future generations. We are called to do more than attend Mass and receive the sacraments. We are called to be stewards – to preserve and care for the church that means so much to so many.

For over a year, parish leaders have carefully discerned a path forward. The facilities assessment revealed the level of restoration, refurbishment and renovation that we need. The campaign planning study confirmed the overwhelming support of our parish family. With a clear vision and unwavering faith, we move forward – building upon this rock and preserving the precious gift we were given 100 years ago – St. Dominic Church.

Through the *UPON THIS ROCK* Capital Campaign, we will take a tiered approach to addressing our parish's most vital needs. All registered parishioners are invited to participate, demonstrating our collective commitment. We will seek grants and foundation support to bolster their generosity.



PHASE 1 (Summer 2025 - Fall 2025) Estimated - \$730,000

Restore two windows: Starting with just two windows will give us a better idea of what the restoration process includes before we address the others. Experts will remove the vinyl covering, restore the wooden support frames and add protective glass – a vast improvement on the vinyl protectors that limited the windows' stability. We know a great deal more now than craftsmen knew when the windows were originally installed 100 years ago. These efforts should protect the windows far into the future.

Install evaporative cooling system:

This system will address the stifling heat of our Denver summers for church attendees that has become a health issue for some parishioners and guests. We are not air-conditioning an entire church. An indirect evaporative cooling system will cool a vertical 10 feet. It is much more economical and efficient to install and operate.

Repair masonry: As a matter of safety, we will address the needed tuck-pointing of the church. Tuck-pointing is the process of repairing or replacing the deteriorated mortar between bricks and stones. This process should restore the structural integrity of our church building and the front and side steps.



PHASE 2 (Fall 2025 - Summer 2026) Estimated - \$1,385,000

Restore south and east windows

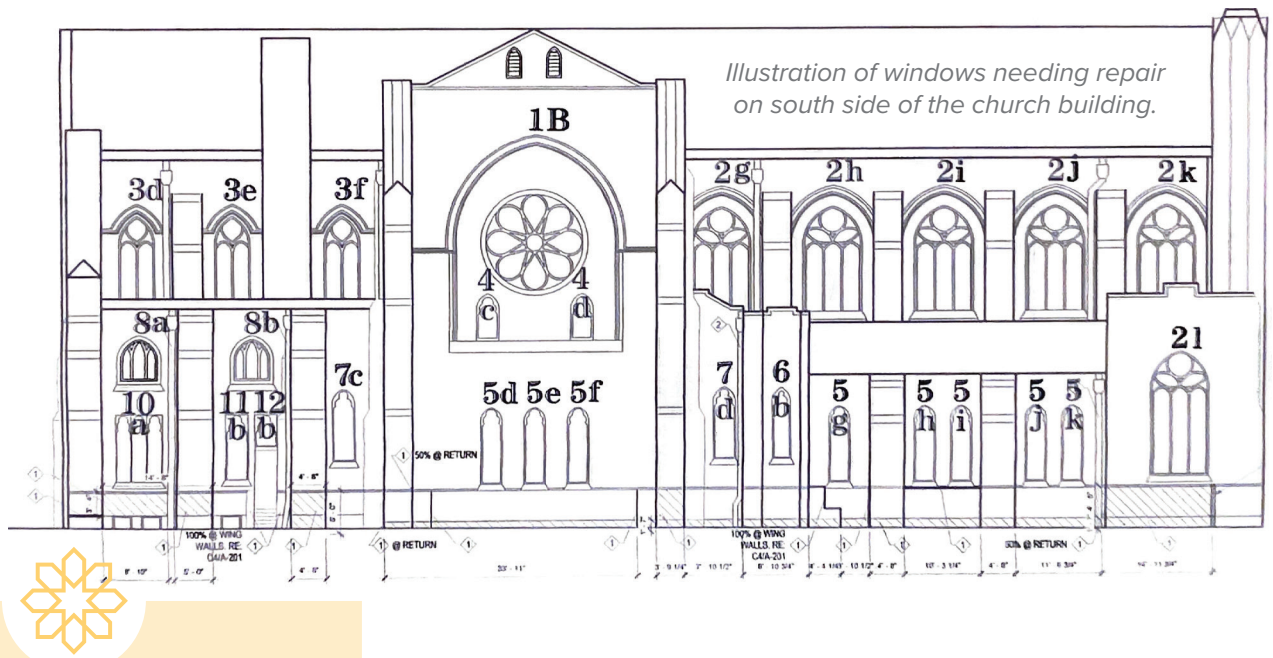
Refurbish and secure all doors:

Our church doors are severely weathered. The locks often don't work. We will make our church safer and more secure by repairing and restoring all of the doors. We will do all we can to preserve the original solid oakwood doors. Replacing them would be far more expensive.

Repair gutters and downspouts:

Water from rain and snowmelt has run off too close to our church's foundation, causing water issues in the basement. Gutter and downspout repairs and additions will rout the flow of water away from the building. This should help prevent the church basement from flooding.





PHASE 3

(2026 - 2027)

Estimated - \$1,980,000

Restore north and west windows

Paint church interior:

We will refresh the interior of our church with new paint throughout.

Upgrade church lighting:

Replacing our dim and dated lighting with high-quality, efficient fixtures will enhance the ambiance of our sacred space and bring our lighting into the 21st century.

PROJECTED COSTS

Window restoration*	\$2,500,000
Cooling system	\$550,000
Concrete/steps	\$75,000
Tuck-pointing/downspouts/gutters	\$50,000
Doors	\$150,000
Painting/lighting	\$770,000
Contingency funds, design, printing and postage, project management, grant writing and special events	\$405,000

TOTAL PROJECTED COST: \$4,500,000

**Cost estimates for window restoration are fluid, as each window's condition will determine labor/material costs.*

CELEBRATION
GOAL | \$730,000

CHALLENGE
GOAL | \$2,115,000

VISION
GOAL | \$4,095,000+

MIRACLE
GOAL | \$4,500,000+



FOUNDATION SUPPORT

St. Dominic Catholic Church is a registered historic site. We are eligible to apply for funding from multiple foundations. Denver's philanthropic community has expressed interest in supporting our campaign to restore this sacred space, but their generosity depends on our own commitment. As members of the St. Dominic family, we must first stand firm *upon this rock*, demonstrating our dedication to preserving our beloved church and inspiring others to join us in this labor of love.



The funds raised in this capital campaign will be deposited in a separate account from the budget of the parish. Should these projects become fully funded and accomplished, any additional funds raised will be used for the parish's upcoming needs as determined by parish leadership.



METHODS OF *giving*

There are many ways of giving that can meet your needs and support our efforts in a meaningful way. Pledges are commitments made in good faith but are not legally binding. Commitments can be fulfilled through installments that meet with your budget (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually). We encourage all donors to consider an initial payment of 10% to 20% of your total pledged gift to begin your commitment.

Selecting the best gift plan depends on your personal financial situation and goals. As tax laws are always changing and everyone's situation is unique, donors are encouraged to consult with their financial advisors to determine which method of contributing is most beneficial to them.

Some are financially capable of sizeable gifts. Some can offer less. But remember the widow's mite. Look for creative ways to give: Could you forego your regular Starbucks run, monthly Netflix subscription or weekly pizza night and put those funds towards your campaign contribution? Don't reduce your current weekly offertory or take out a second mortgage, but don't absolve yourself of sacrificing and be left to live with regret.

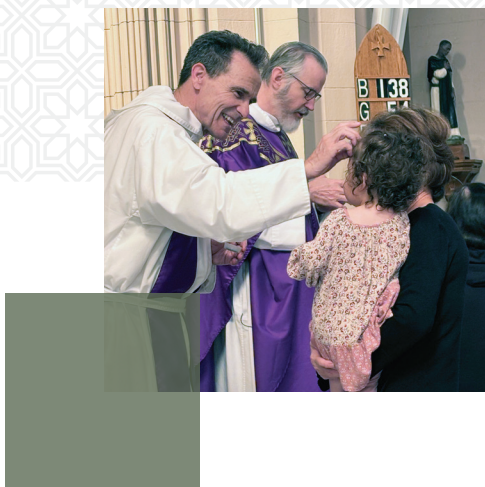
OUTRIGHT GIFTS

Cash/Check/Credit Card/Automatic Payment are the most common giving methods and will make funds immediately available to address the initiatives of **UPON THIS ROCK**. Donating is as simple as writing a check, authorizing a charge or recurring automatic electronic payment on your credit card or from your bank account. Checks should be made payable to **ST. DOMINIC CATHOLIC CHURCH**, noting *Capital Campaign* in the memo section of the check. To make a gift or pledge electronically via credit card or to set up an automatic payment, contact Marcela Perez via email (m.perez@stdominicdenver.org) or in the parish office by calling (303) 455-3613.

Donors also can use donor-advised funds and *qualified charitable distributions* (QCD) from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) for the benefit of the capital campaign. Please contact Marcela Perez, Director of Operations (m.perez@stdominicdenver.org), for more information about how to make a gift through these methods.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY

A gift of property may have a tax advantage for some. The Catholic Foundation of Northern Colorado has a history of managing this type of transaction on behalf of parishes. You may identify 100% of the proceeds to go to St. Dominic Catholic Church, noting the capital campaign. Please reach out to Lisa Kukura, Executive Director of Gift Planning at the CFNC. Call (303) 867-0611 or write LKukura@thecatholicfoundation.com to connect.





We love this church and this community – the people, the music, the celebrations, the sacraments – especially the Mass. Celebrating 100 years of this church and doing our part to ensure that it can flourish for future generations is an extraordinary gift. We are so grateful to be able to invest in the future of this church, and to ensure that it will continue to serve the needs of our parish and our community.



BOB & NANCY HABERKORN, *Honorary Chairs*



GIFTS OF SECURITIES – STOCKS, BONDS AND MUTUAL FUNDS

Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds or mutual funds that have been held for at least one year and a day and have appreciated offer special tax advantages. You may receive a tax deduction for the full market value of the gift, but you will not have to pay capital gains tax on the appreciated amount.

If you sell depreciated stock and contribute the proceeds, you may receive both a tax deduction for the charitable gift and a deduction for the capital loss, creating a win-win situation for both you and our *UPON THIS ROCK* Capital Campaign effort.

PLANNED GIFTS

A *planned gift* is any contribution that is arranged in the present and allocated at a future date and commonly donated through a will, trust or estate. Some planned giving tools allow for a gift made now to create a lifetime of income for you and a charitable gift when you pass. These gifts can enable you to take full advantage of tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Planned gifts can be made through:

- Bequests by will or living trust
- Charitable lead or remainder trusts
- Charitable gift annuities
- Beneficiary benefits from IRAs, pensions or financial accounts
- Life insurance

The above information is not tax advice. Donors should consult their accountant or tax attorney for more information about these options.

A planned gift outside of the *UPON THIS ROCK* Capital Campaign may also be your legacy. Your planned gift can secure the stability of St. Dominic Catholic Church into the future.

BUDGETING YOUR GIFT

<i>3-Year Pledge</i>	<i>Annually</i>	<i>Semi-Annually</i>	<i>Quarterly</i>	<i>Monthly</i>
\$500,000	\$166,667	\$83,334	\$41,667	\$13,889
\$250,000	\$83,334	\$41,667	\$20,834	\$6,945
\$150,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$4,167
\$100,000	\$33,334	\$16,667	\$8,334	\$2,778
\$75,000	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$6,250	\$2,083
\$60,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$1,667
\$45,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250
\$30,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$833
\$15,000	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$417
\$9,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250
\$7,500	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$625	\$208
\$5,400	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$150
\$3,600	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100
\$1,800	\$600	\$300	\$150	\$50





As we approach the 100th anniversary of the first Masses at St. Dominic's, I am grateful for those who built our faith-filled community all those years ago. This 100-year milestone celebrates our past and calls us to strengthen our parish for the future. The *UPON THIS ROCK* Capital Campaign honors our heritage by ensuring that St. Dominic's remains a beacon of faith in Denver for generations to come. We are our ancestors' wildest dreams.



SOPHIA PARNELL, *General Chair*



Who would say the past just fades,
like water beneath the bridge it strays?
Yet sometimes the past is a gift so bright,
a legacy of love and light.

To gather in Mass, our faith to grow,
A seed once planted, now we sow.
Thanks to the clergy, steadfast and true,
And devout hearts from ages anew!



FLOR AMARO, *Campaign Cabinet*



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