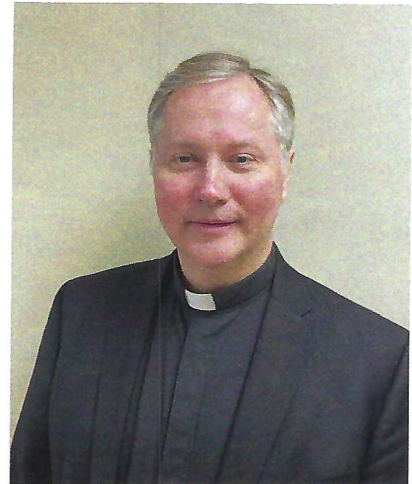




Dear Friends in Christ,

St. Peter Damian is participating in the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign, along with every parish within the Archdiocese of Chicago. This campaign is an opportunity to strengthen our local parish and support the broader Chicago Catholic community by spiritually renewing our parishes, supporting our priests, and assisting parish communities in need.



I am fully supportive of this campaign and encourage your participation to join with the faithful from across the Archdiocese of Chicago who are helping to ensure our local church is strong and vibrant for generations to come. Our share of the funds will enhance our campus security and address essential structural needs for our buildings.

Please take a moment to review the impact of the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign. Your pledge will make a significant impact within our parish, the Church and community. As your pastor, I hope you embrace this wonderful opportunity and I ask you to pray for the success of the campaign.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Christopher Ciomek

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Parish Goal:
\$765,000

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Parish Share:
\$382,500
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Our Parish Roots

The history of St. Peter Damian Parish begins with a 1929 meeting led by Mrs. J. Shields, bringing an organized Catholic presence to the area. The first Mass for the parish was celebrated in 1942 by Father Peter Gail in the home of the Buerger Family, with a local factory space soon set as a chapel. The parish was officially formed in 1949, with groundbreaking on Thanksgiving Day. The new church was dedicated in 1952 but suffered from a fire in 1953. Over the years, the parish saw numerous enhancements, including the completion of the parish offices in 1976 and the dedication of a new church in 1980. Major anniversaries were celebrated in 1999 and 2010, marking 50 and 60 years, respectively. The parish continues to thrive with ongoing improvements, active ministries, and striving to live the Gospel call.

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Our Share of the Funds

Through the Generation to Generation: Answer the Call campaign, we will not only play a significant role in this moment in the Church's history, but we will also support new and exciting projects at our parish. Through much prayer, planning, and conversation, we have identified our greatest needs and initiatives to strengthen our mission and vision for years to come. Our share of the funds raised will address the following:

ESSENTIAL BUILDING UPDATES

With three aging air conditioning and air exchanging units ranging from 25 to 40 years old, replacing these units is on top of our minds. It will ensure we are all more comfortable in the summer and winter while also lowering the operating costs. Simultaneously, we're addressing pressing structural issues, including leaks in our parish roof, by repairing the vapor barrier and adding a power wash coating application. These simple upgrades to the roof will extend its longevity, and provide more time until the roof needs to be fully replaced. Preserving the historical integrity of our chapel is also a priority, brick erosion is a present problem and tuckpointing is needed.



CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

Our campaign prioritizes our campus by enhancing both structural elements and technological capabilities. We'll replace the original church doors, increasing functionality and durability. Simultaneously, we're upgrading our security cameras across campus. Together, these measures will foster a secure environment for worship and community activities while improving the longevity of our shared home.

Gifts to Generation to Generation will be held in separate, restricted accounts and used solely for the specific priorities set forth in the Generation to Generation campaign case statement as well as this parish case statement. The campaign goals are approximate and based on anticipated needs and contributions.

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