



# LIGHTING THE WAY



“And they that be wise shall shine at the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever.” *Daniel 12:3*

When we look at stars, we are looking back in time, to the moment when light from those celestial bodies began traveling to our present location. Stars also provide guidance for navigation. In the same way, the commemoration of the bicentennial of the Diocese of Richmond in 2020 will provide a look back in time and will chart our course for the future.

On the eve of this historic time for our Diocesan faithful, I am reminded of our mission to participate in God’s work to renew our Church and the world through Word, Worship, Community and Service. In my travels across the Diocese, I have witnessed first-hand that this is not only happening but flourishing.

It is your spirit of generosity that makes this mission possible. Therefore, I would like to express to you my deep appreciation for everything you have done for your parish and for our larger Catholic Church through your support of the Catholic Community Foundation. Your prayerful support lights the way for future generations and, like the stars, shall last forever and ever.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Bishop of Richmond

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## building our future

The purpose of the Catholic Community Foundation is to assist donors in achieving their charitable goals and to assist parishes, schools and Catholic organizations of the Diocese of Richmond in meeting their long-term financial needs. On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Catholic Community Foundation, I am pleased to share with you some of the key initiatives and accomplishments of the Foundation, all of which are advancing the mission of our Catholic Church.

- ✦ The Foundation added seven new endowment funds totaling \$988,496.
- ✦ The assets of the Foundation grew to \$159,841,944 (as of 6/30/19).
- ✦ In a challenging year for the Church, the Annual Diocesan Appeal exceeded expectations with over \$4.2 million raised on a goal of \$3.3 million.
- ✦ Sixteen parishes participated in the Foundation’s increased offertory program with 13 of them exceeding their previous year collections.

- ✦ Twenty-one parishes began participating in a special program designed to help increase the amount of planned (legacy) gifts for parishes. The results have been outstanding with 36 parishes receiving a total of \$1,926,939 in bequests.
- ✦ The Foundation’s Lumen Christi Legacy Society has signed on 142 members after only two years of existence.

While there is much to celebrate, there is still much to be done. The path ahead challenges us to work closely with our parishes, schools and donors to identify and implement methodologies for advancing our faith.

Thank you for your generous support and partnership in working with our Foundation in building for the future.

Susan Hickey, Chairwoman of the Board  
Catholic Community Foundation  
of the Diocese of Richmond



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# ADVANCING OUR SHARED MISSION

“The recent addition of an eastern vicariate site at Holy Trinity church in Norfolk has been a great success! People are so grateful to have high quality formation in real time [live streamed] and interaction with speakers without having to travel.”

✦ Emily Filippi, Director of Christian Formation — Catholic Diocese of Richmond

Emily Filippi and her team have taken full advantage of the Distance Learning technology made possible through the **Living Our Mission** campaign. To date, they have used the technology to record theology

classes, stream Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute workshops such as Family Systems, offer ongoing formation for parish catechetical leaders such as a cultural intelligence workshop and provide parish RCIA team training.

\$2 million of the **Living Our Mission** Case for Support went to creating the Distance Learning and Ministry Training sites throughout the Diocese, bringing broad access to excellent programming for not only lay leaders, but also for Catholic schoolchildren and ministry training for staff and volunteers serving in parishes and schools. By using the latest in technology, programs can be presented to larger groups no matter where they are located (the Diocese is comprised of 33,000 square miles with 146 parishes and 24 Catholic Schools). Ultimately, these opportunities go a long way to helping people feel more connected with their peers and the larger Church.



## Distance Learning Utilization

SITE	MINUTES	CALLS
Pastoral Center <i>Richmond (Central Office of the Diocese)</i>	21,874	219
Saint Bede Catholic Church <i>Williamsburg</i>	7,174	49
Catholic High School <i>Virginia Beach</i>	1,988	73
Peninsula Catholic High School <i>Newport News</i>	1,284	34
Roanoke Catholic School <i>Roanoke</i>	1,212	26
Jubilee House Retreat Center <i>Abingdon</i>	782	9
Saint Andrew's Catholic Church <i>Roanoke</i>	653	7
Holy Trinity Catholic Church <i>Norfolk</i>	459	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35,426</b>	<b>423</b>



In 1980, Fr. William O'Brien, Pastor, wrote then Bishop Walter Sullivan, that the community of Saint John the Evangelist Church in Waynesboro needed more room to meet their growing needs. Forty years later, this dream has become a reality. For over 80 years, Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church has been an anchor for the Catholic faith in the Shenandoah Valley.

This parish family has nearly doubled over the past 25 years and is home to over 2,000 members. The current church building, dedicated in 1932, could seat about 280 people. With expected growth to climb to 3,000 members in the next thirty years, church leaders felt the urgency to address the issue.

In the course of their planning and guided by the Holy Spirit, they concluded that expanding the current campus was not a viable option. With no vacant adjacent land available, the added costs of asbestos abatement and any updating in

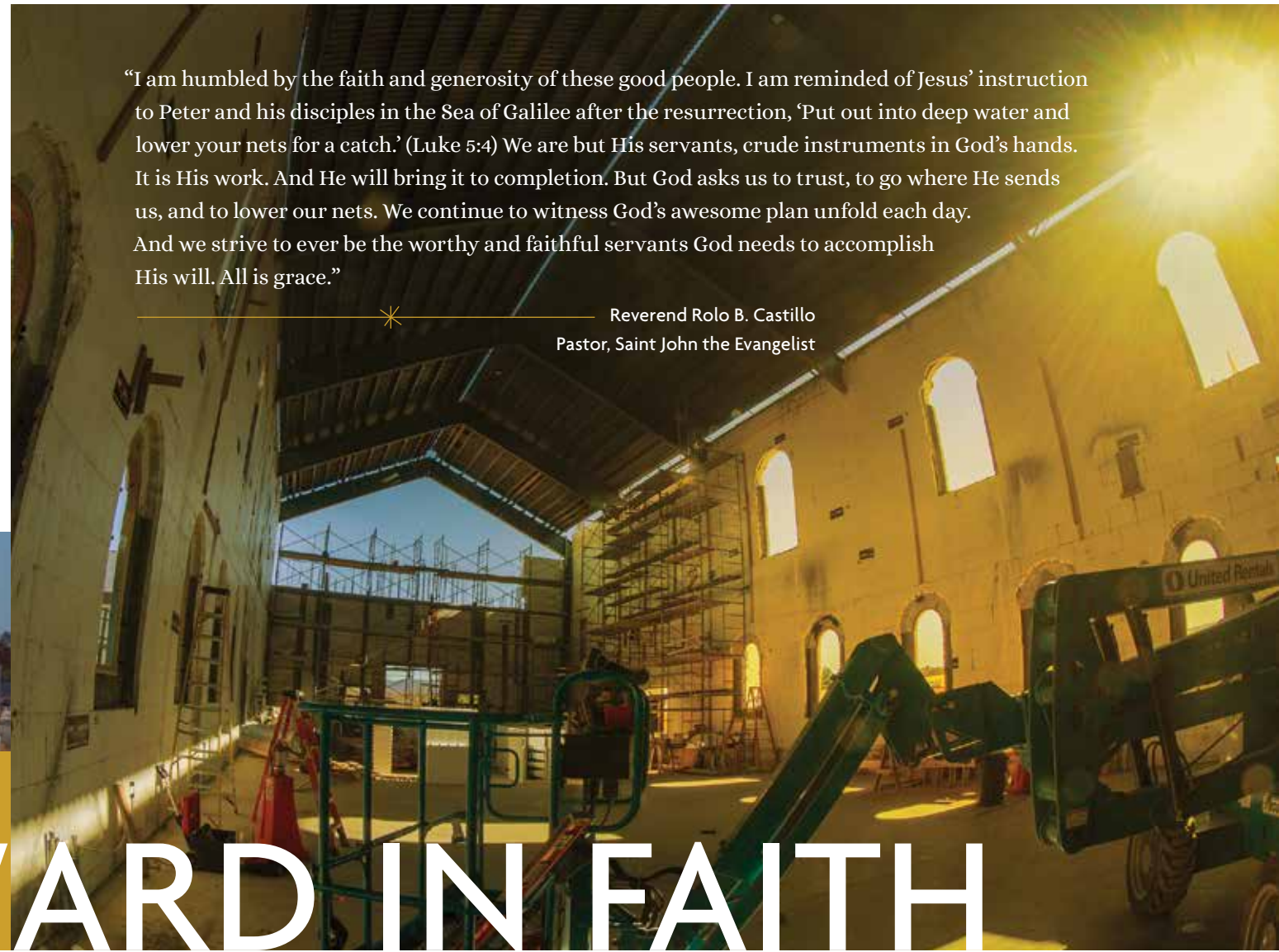
compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, they had to explore other options. These included relocating to another property and building a larger church along with a parish hall and providing handicap-accessible restrooms, more parking, education space and community gathering space.

To significantly aid them in accomplishing this landmark opportunity, Saint John the Evangelist Church turned to the **Living Our Mission** campaign. Moving forward in faith and with over 300 generous donors responding, they surpassed their \$3.4 million goal. Other anonymous donors have stepped forward as well, providing an additional \$5 million toward the building project.

The dedication of the new church is to take place in the summer of 2020. The parish continues to discern, pray and plan to address many of the challenges they face as a vibrant and growing community.

"I am humbled by the faith and generosity of these good people. I am reminded of Jesus' instruction to Peter and his disciples in the Sea of Galilee after the resurrection, 'Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch.' (Luke 5:4) We are but His servants, crude instruments in God's hands. It is His work. And He will bring it to completion. But God asks us to trust, to go where He sends us, and to lower our nets. We continue to witness God's awesome plan unfold each day. And we strive to ever be the worthy and faithful servants God needs to accomplish His will. All is grace."

Reverend Rolo B. Castillo  
Pastor, Saint John the Evangelist



# MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH





**S**aint Benedict Catholic School (SBCS) is Richmond's oldest parochial school, founded by the Benedictine Sisters of Virginia in 1919. Throughout their rich history, SBCS has brought together Richmond's children, from different backgrounds and neighborhoods, to learn – united as God's beautiful children. Today their school continues that vital mission, serving approximately 200 students each year in a wonderful, small-school community with just one class per grade (JK-8).

As SBCS marks its 100th Anniversary, they seek to enrich this wonderful institution through a capital campaign for their Centennial Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to responsibly

steward their century-old school building and property by completing essential capital improvements today. The goal for this campaign is \$1 million and breaks down into three key areas:

- \* Renovating Their Aged HVAC System
- \* Enhancing and Updating Their Outdoor Campus
- \* Preserving Community Spaces, Annual Fund and Stewardship

Key to the campaign is their partnership with the Catholic Community Foundation. The Foundation is currently working with SBCS on engaging supporters, building campaign teams and monitoring progress in conjunction with the school's leadership.

"The Catholic Community Foundation is proud to assist Saint Benedict Catholic School with their Centennial Fund. Being good stewards of their building and grounds will help them ensure that many more students can benefit from a truly wholesome education that inspires them to be good citizens and good contributors to our society," said Margaret Keightley, Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation.

One of the cornerstone purposes of the Catholic Community Foundation is to assist schools like SBCS as well as parishes with strategic counseling and development services. Its efforts are focused on resources, guidance and assistance that address the immediate and future needs of our Catholic community while growing Catholic philanthropy.

The staff of the **McMahon Parater Scholarship Foundation** collaborates closely with schools in raising scholarship funds through the Education Improvement Scholarships Tax Credit program (EISTC). Since EISTC began five years ago, 205 partial scholarships have been awarded to Saint Benedict Catholic School, representing about \$191,159 in scholarships. While the EISTC program benefits all eligible families, as a predominantly Catholic community, EISTC at Saint Benedict means eligible Catholic parents can get the help they need to make Catholic education a reality for their children. To learn more about this important program, please visit [mcmahonparater.org](http://mcmahonparater.org).



**McMahon Parater  
Scholarship Foundation**

# SERVING GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN





## NURTURING INDEPENDENCE, DIGNITY AND SELF-WORTH

For over forty years, the mission of Saint Francis Home has been to provide high-quality residential and assisted care and services for older and disabled adults of limited financial means. They strive to nurture a home-like environment where independence, dignity and self-worth can thrive.

Connection is a key part of their community. There are regular varied opportunities, ranging from mind stimulating activities like board games and dominoes, movie nights, and fun outdoor celebrations such as luaus and ice cream socials. They also have a new chapel which provides a place for quiet worship.

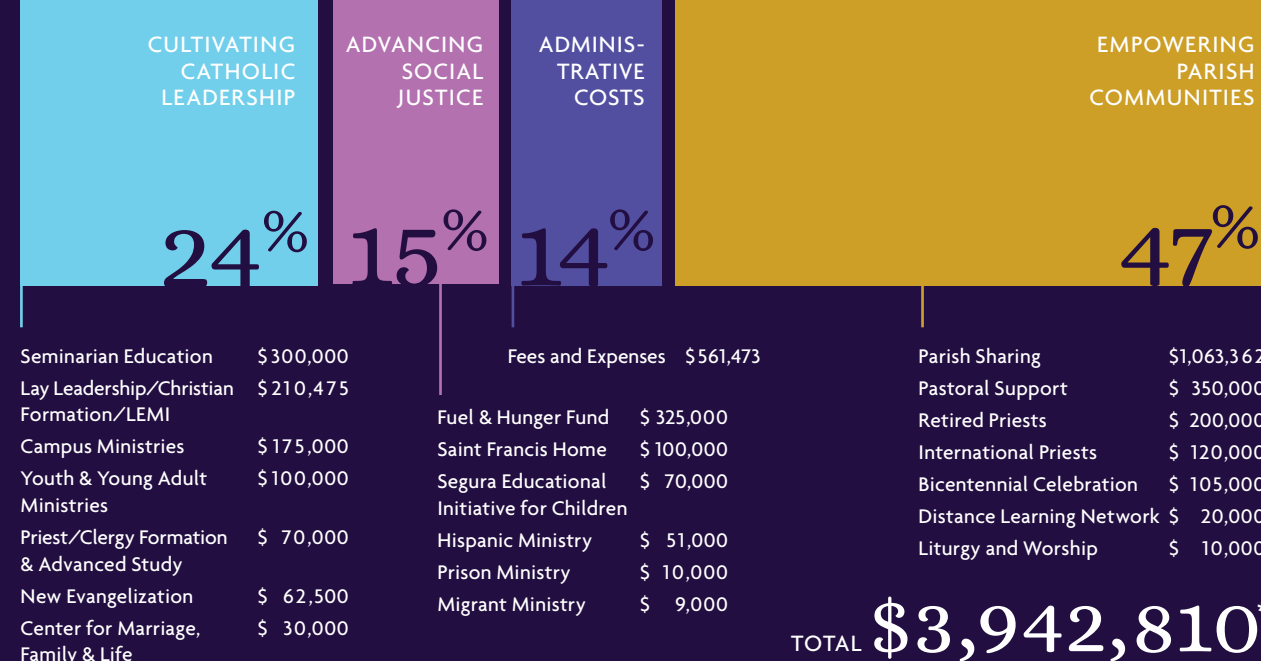
Many residents do not have family who can help financially, and many do not have family or friends who visit them

regularly. Saint Francis Home truly serves society's most vulnerable. Their room rate is about one-half the average Assisted Living facility rate. Still, most of their residents depend on government assistance.

This year the **Annual Diocesan Appeal**, for the first time, provided funding to this ministry with the purpose of helping them advance their mission and strengthen their community. In the first year, Saint Francis Home received \$100,000 from the Appeal. Between the 2019 Appeal and the next two Appeals, Saint Francis Home will receive a total of \$300,000.

Although the facility is based in Richmond, residents come from all regions of Virginia. To learn more about their work, visit [www.saintfrancishome.com](http://www.saintfrancishome.com).

## 2019 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – CASE FOR SUPPORT BREAKDOWN



\*Based on a projected collection amount of \$3,942,810 versus the total raised of \$4,226,668 as of 11/1/19.

## BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

### CULTIVATING CATHOLIC LEADERSHIP

#### Seminarian Education

The Diocese currently has 30 men in various phases of preparation for the priesthood. The cost to educate one seminarian is approximately \$50,000 per year which includes room & board, tuition and health insurance. A significant portion of this cost is funded by the Annual Appeal.

### ADVANCING SOCIAL JUSTICE

#### Hispanic Ministry

The Appeal is helping to grow Hispanic ministry in our Diocese by empowering our volunteer parish ministry leaders, enhancing certificate programs, providing outreach ministry through Women's and Men's Conferences and building a Migrant Ministry program.

### EMPOWERING PARISH COMMUNITIES

#### Pastoral Support

Parishes and other ministries across the Diocese are often in need of additional pastoral support, however they cannot afford the cost of an additional full-time priest assigned to their location. The funds from the Appeal will help to offset a portion of the compensation of 10 priests assigned in various roles across the Diocese.



Legacy giving is a culture. When one makes a legacy gift they are expressing their faith inspired by the many blessings God has graced them with throughout their life.

As a part of its ongoing ministry, the Catholic Community Foundation seeks to build this culture by working with individuals, parishes and schools in realizing their own expressions of faith. It serves as an encouragement to look beyond the immediate needs of today for the benefit of our Church tomorrow.

Over the past three years, the Foundation has been most actively working with individual parishes on

their own legacy giving programs. This past Spring, Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Glen Allen, became the first parish to achieve the Catholic Community Foundation's level of Bronze Status by accomplishing all their first-year goals. These include convening a Legacy Giving Committee, increasing endowment using legacy gifts and promoting their own Lumen Christi Legacy Society.

As a part of completing their first year, each parish is also tasked with developing a five-year legacy giving strategy plan which includes outlining their goals and vision. At Saint Michael, their five-year plan began with a vision for the next 25 years...

“Over the next twenty-five years, we envision a parish where our children and grandchildren will make lasting contributions to their faith and community.”



## MAKING A LASTING CONTRIBUTION

# ENABLING LONG-TERM FINANCIAL STABILITY

Endowment funds are like a farmer's crops. Properly tended and with time, they continue to generate a harvest that can be reaped for generations. In the Church, the principle is the same with the beneficiaries of these endowments being ministries of our parishes, schools and larger Church.

Ms. Davenport, a long-time parishioner of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Richmond, lived in an extremely modest home and drove a very modest car. All the while she had over \$1 million in assets. Upon her passing, she left nearly all of it, including her home, car and two dogs to the parish she was devoted to throughout her life, Saint Patrick.

Through her ultimate act of faith and stewardship, Saint Patrick established the Saint Patrick Legacy Endowment Fund within the Catholic Community Foundation.

This perpetual fund effectively enables Saint Patrick to achieve long-term financial stability. Even today, the parish has already been able to take advantage of the funding provided to them. Recently, Saint Patrick discovered the need to replace their 150-year-old slate roof with a new one. Ms. Davenport's faithful gift made this possible.

As the proceeds from her endowment fund continue to grow over the years, the parish will be ensured that, whatever the need, Ms. Davenport's legacy gift will see them through.





## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION	JUNE 30, 2019	JUNE 30, 2018
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 37,574	\$ 37,649
Net Pledges Receivable	1,907,580	3,584,408
Charitable Gift Annuity Investments	1,384,740	1,330,538
Investments, at fair market value	158,541,204	148,070,407
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 161,871,098</b>	<b>\$ 153,023,002</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Investments held for others	\$ 92,788,528	\$ 87,151,390
Charitable Gift Annuity Obligation	847,593	847,506
Total Liabilities	93,636,121	87,998,896
Net assets, unrestricted	65,391	38,210
Net assets, temporarily restricted	51,176,619	48,014,975
Net assets, permanently restricted	16,992,967	16,970,921
Total Net Assets	68,234,977	65,024,106
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 161,871,098</b>	<b>\$ 153,023,002</b>
<b>STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES</b>		
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Contributions	\$ 1,486,474	\$ 2,212,343
Fee for General Support	229,467	201,232
Investment income	3,326,861	4,674,814
Total Revenues	5,042,802	7,088,389
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Contributions to Beneficiaries	1,473,231	322,208
Administrative expenses	358,700	309,181
Total Expenses	1,831,931	631,389
<b>Total increase in net assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,210,871</b>	<b>\$ 6,457,000</b>
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>		
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$ 159,925,944</b>	<b>\$ 149,400,945</b>
<b>Total investment income, including agency funds</b>	<b>\$ 7,953,121</b>	<b>\$ 11,111,709</b>

# 2019

## FULFILLING OUR MISSION

I have had the privilege to serve in the Diocese of Richmond for over 44 years and have been repeatedly surprised by the generosity of the Catholic community.

My ministry has primarily been in urban settings. Despite the fiscal challenges and the many sacrifices of the various parish communities, I have discovered that the giving of just a few people can make a major difference in the life of our church. For instance, when I was Rector of the Basilica in Norfolk, someone left the parish their rental property. This legacy gift was not only a blessing for the parish but the parish school as well. This one gift made the challenges we were facing as a parish community less burdensome.

Whether it is a legacy gift, an outright gift to your parish's offertory or the Annual Appeal, the old saying remains true that "money funds mission." This is why the Catholic Community Foundation is so important to our Church. Their work will ensure our ministries have the resources they need to fulfill their missions for today and

for tomorrow. Their work can only be accomplished, however, through the continued generosity of the Catholic faithful.

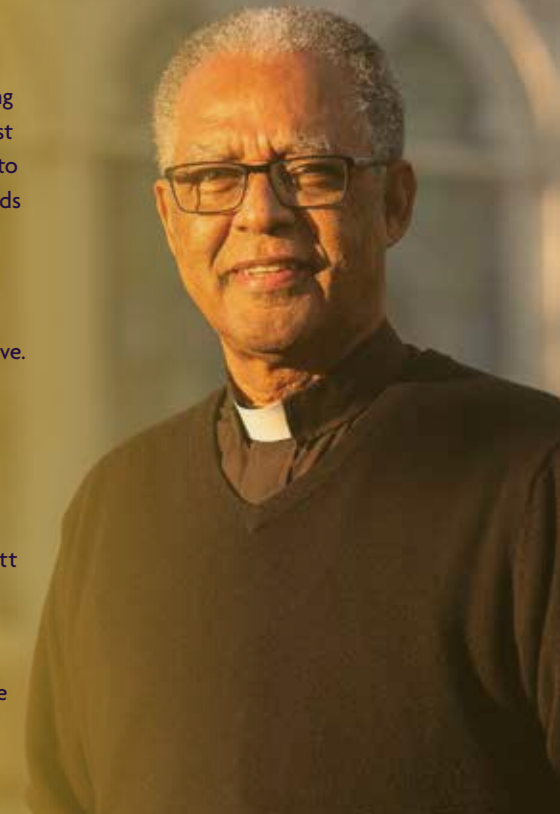
As a teen in my home parish of Holy Rosary, I recall the parish priest stating on many occasions in his homilies that "God is never outdone in generosity." Throughout the years, I have been a living witness to God's bountiful goodness. Just when things looked very bleak in trying to make ends meet with meager parish funds at times, God would send someone to share their bounty.

God has been very good to me and the people of God I've had the pleasure to serve.

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.



Very Reverend Monsignor Walter Barrett  
Pastor, Saint Joseph, Hampton  
Pastor, Saint Mary Star of the Sea,  
Fort Monroe  
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