

St. Alphonsus Parish, Greendale, WI.

Faith In Our Future Campaign Overview and Project Request Procedure

Faith in Our Future (FIOF)

Faith In Our Future was an Archdiocesan fundraising campaign started by Archbishop Dolan in 2007 to strengthen Catholic Education and Faith Formation throughout the Milwaukee Archdiocese. The FIOF campaign for St. Alphonsus was kicked off in the summer of 2009 and completed in December 2009. FIOF for St. Alphonsus will run for 3 years, from Jan. 2010 thru 2012. Donations by parishioners are sent directly to the Archdiocese FIOF Trust and are allocated back to each parish monthly. Of the fund drive goal of \$1.5 million, current pledges amount to about \$1.3 million. It is possible that realized monies may be below anticipated amounts due to people not giving their pledged amounts. St. Alphonsus will conduct follow-up efforts to actively pursue additional pledges from those who were not able to give in 2009, and to solicit pledges from new parishioners. An initial mailing did occur in Feb. 2011.

The St. Alphonsus FIOF Case Statement is as follows:

1. Investing in our Facilities/Debt reduction: Our facilities support the Physical foundation for our future. Facilities support the spiritual, education and athletic activities for our 2500 parish families. We need to continue payment on our 2003 investment that gave us the community room, gathering space, new school entrance, elevators and other improvements. Debt reduction = the first \$750,000 raised.
2. Investing in Catholic Education: This is the Educational foundation for our future through St. Alphonsus School serving over 350 students and our Christian Formation Program which serves over 700 children and youth. We need to maintain and upgrade some of our over-70-year-old educational facilities. Capital improvements = 25% of the fund balance. Examples: energy efficient windows, heating system updates, water drainage, roof and flashing repairs, restroom plumbing and energy efficient lighting, etc. Also Continuing Education for day school teachers and catechists.
3. Investing in Lifelong Faith Formation: This is the Spiritual foundation for our future. = 25% of the fund balance. Examples: Continuing education for our staff, lay leaders and volunteers, programs such as Dreams and Visions, local and global stewardship programs, the St. Alphonsus School Endowment fund, parish electronic communications improvements, and mission outreach, etc

Guidelines for submitting projects to be funded from FIOF:

1. Projects should be over and above normal Parish expenditures.

2. Projects should be \$5,000 or more since projects costing \$1,000 to 5,000 should come out of the normal parish operating budget.
3. Parishioners, groups or committees submitting requests should create a written request using the prescribed request form. This form and instructions will be available on the St. Alphonsus web site, <http://st-alphonsus.org/>
4. This form requests information including a project description, cost breakdown, project benefits, timing of disbursements and a statement on operating budget impact. Committees are asked to prioritize between their own multiple requests, if applicable
5. Project request forms should be submitted to the St. Alphonsus Parish Office, 5960 West Loomis Road, Greendale, Wisconsin, 53129. They will be routed on to the Parish Finance Committee for its recommendation, and then the Parish Council for approval.
6. It is estimated that it may take up to 90 days for this approval process and feedback will then be given to the project submitter.

The Finance Committee will initially review each project from a financial perspective, then will pass them on with their recommendations to the Parish Council for final approval. The Finance Committee and Parish Council will evaluate each project using the following criteria:

1. Does the project meet the FIOF Case Statement guidelines?
2. Will the project be a good fit of the funds available and the potential benefit?
3. Does it enhance Catholic Education and Faith Formation?
4. Does the project fit in with our St. Alphonsus Mission?
5. How many parish members will it benefit?
6. Does it have a good chance of success?
7. Does it fit within our overall finances and cash flow?
8. Does the project impact future parish operating costs?

The Finance Committee proposes that funds can begin to be available as follows:

- Debt Reduction: The first \$750,000 must be spent on this in compliance with our Case Statement. Retiring our debt, or reducing it to a level that can be managed outside of continuous 3-year campaigns, is a major goal of our Parish. At current giving rates, it is anticipated we will have received back about \$750,000 from the Archdiocese around Sept. 2011.
- Catholic Education: 25% of the balance (currently estimated to be at least \$225,000 by the end of the campaign). As soon as an initial hurdle amount of \$25,000 is received back from the Archdiocese, projects can be granted. At current giving rates, it is anticipated this will occur in the fall of 2011. Projects can be submitted for review starting July 1, 2011.
- Lifelong Faith Formation: 25% of the balance (currently estimated to be at least \$225,000 by the end of the campaign). As soon as an initial hurdle amount of \$25,000 is received back from the Archdiocese, projects can be granted. At current giving rates, it is anticipated this will occur in the fall of 2011. Projects can be submitted for review starting July 1, 2011.

Note: St. Alphonsus intends to publicize status of FIOF spending through periodic Parish bulletin articles to keep parishioners informed of all significant FIOF project plans and expenditures.