



THE CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN FOR CENTRAL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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For nearly 100 years, Central Catholic High School has fulfilled a mission of profound value.

It has made a lasting imprint on the character of generations of young men.

It has inspired and guided graduates to live the Catholic and Lasallian values instilled in them by the Christian

Brothers who have been an integral part of the school since it was founded in 1927.

The “Central Catholic experience” has prepared generations of young men to proactively engage in the life of our city and region, and to serve their community and nation.

Now, the Central Catholic community is looking to the School’s second century. We are moving forward with plans to ensure that Central Catholic’s future is every bit as bright as its past.

This effort—the most ambitious in our history—will provide the resources essential to bring those plans to life.

A BROTHERHOOD, A FAMILY

For all those who know Central Catholic and what it stands for, this storied institution is more than a school—much more.

- Central Catholic is a place of tradition—where timeless rites like “walking the Quad” and the legacy of academic and extracurricular pursuits connect Central Catholic students of today with those men who have gone before them.

- Central Catholic is a gateway of opportunity—welcoming young men from every neighborhood and background into a shared experience and providing them with an education of excellence.

- Central Catholic is a diverse community guided and inspired by Lasallian values—providing not only an experience of academic challenge and growth but a foundation for life.

In short, Central Catholic is a brotherhood and a family. An alumnus who graduated four years ago can call on another who graduated 40 years ago and know that call will be answered and a helping hand extended. Proud and loyal, our 25,000 alumni stand strong together—and with remarkable consistency, they go on to lives of achievement, service, and leadership.

It is for all these reasons that the members of the Central Catholic community are passionately committed to sustaining the School’s mission and ensuring its ongoing success. Doing so will position CCHS to thrive in an increasingly competitive environment for decades to come.

THE PATH OF PROGRESS

In launching this effort, Central Catholic is moving forward from a position of strength, guided by a visionary strategic plan, and building on an impressive record of progress.

Most recently, the school conducted a successful effort to construct the Zupancic Family STEM Center and Staley Plaza, DeLaSalle Counseling Center, Holy Family Chapel, and the Faculty Center, while also significantly enhancing the school’s endowment. Prior to these most recent projects, we renovated the Clifford E. Brown Library, McGinley Dining Hall, and McGonigle Theater and created the Performing Arts Center.

As a result of these investments, Central Catholic’s students and faculty have an array of outstanding facilities to support their work—whether it is project-based learning in the lab or creative explorations on the stage. Our current capital plans focus on the few remaining points of weakness in Central Catholic’s facilities portfolio. In shaping these plans, the school’s leadership has worked with particular care because we know that, given the impossibility of expanding our campus footprint into the surrounding neighborhood, these will be the last major additions to Central Catholic’s campus for the foreseeable future. We must make the most of this opportunity.

PLANS AND PRIORITIES

Phase I: The Brothers House

The need for renovating the Brothers House has been more than clear for years, but work has been deferred as the Christian Brothers have insisted each time that facilities for students take priority. Now the time has come. This work is currently finished.

The plan is to reconfigure interior spaces so that a building that once housed over 40 brothers can now be a comfortable and appropriate home for the Christian Brothers who serve the Central Catholic community. The rooms and floors now unused will be converted to administrative offices for the school's needs, thereby freeing space in the Main Building for students' needs.

The Christian Brothers have made clear that they want to be part of Central Catholic's future for many years to come—and that they want to live and work on campus. The rest of the Central Catholic community strongly agrees.

Phase II: The Student Center: Supporting Athletics, Enriching Campus Life

The centerpiece of the school's plans is a new building that will combine indoor athletics facilities, a lecture hall, a classroom, a TV studio, a dining hall, common areas for community events and informal gatherings, and a parking structure. The athletic components of this new Student Center are expected to include a state-of-the-art gymnasium, student/faculty fitness center, and locker rooms for home and away teams. The Student Center will rise on the site of Central Catholic's current gymnasium, a 1970s-era structure which has served the school well. The facility is inadequate to meet the school's increasing needs and does not merit further investment in renovation.

The new facility will support experiences at the heart of a Central Catholic education—gathering as a community. It will, for the first time, provide the school with a regulation-size basketball court. It will house a gymnasium which can seat 1,200 spectators for games and allow the school to serve as a host for regional tournaments. Outside, a spectator viewing deck along the athletic field will provide, for the first time in the history of the school, seating for fans in a stadium experience on campus.

The Student Center will position Central Catholic to maintain enrollment as the school competes with suburban schools whose facilities investments have far eclipsed our own. It will support activities promoting the essential goals of fitness, wellness, and active living, with the lifelong benefits these bring. And it will benefit every student enrolled at the school.

Phase III: The Main Building

Unlike the Brothers House, the Main Building has benefited from many improvements over the years. At this stage in the implementation of the Master Plan for Campus Facilities, the priority is to focus on ADA compliance, campus security, and HVAC upgrades, including air conditioning for the remaining sections of the building. With the weight room and locker rooms moving from the basement into the new Student Center, we also have the chance to repurpose these spaces as a music studio and stage construction studio, conveniently located just below the theater.

SEEKING YOUR PARTNERSHIP

Central Catholic is moving forward with plans that will have a positive impact on the experience of our students for generations to come. Together, we are writing the first great chapter in the story of our school's second century. With identified needs totaling \$50+ million, our plans are ambitious, but with good reason. We are making the most of an opportunity to transform our campus and our students' experience that we will not have again.

Central Catholic is seeking philanthropic investment in building a new landmark facility and renovating existing ones. More fundamentally, however, what we are seeking is an investment in Central Catholic's mission. By making your commitment to this effort, you are stepping forward as an essential partner in that mission. We thank you.