# **Family** Notes





# St. Michael's Cathedral

St. Michael's Cathedral is the mother church of the Archdiocese of Toronto. Over the past three years, the cathedral has been undergoing significant renovation and restoration work to maintain its beauty, accessibility and prominence as both a place of worship and an architectural icon.

One of the Five Core Directions of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Pastoral Plan is The Cathedral as a Sign of our Mission. The Family of Faith campaign will provide support to this key element of the pastoral plan. Here's an overview of what's happening at the cathedral and what's planned for the future.

#### **Recent Work**

In recent years the Archdiocese of Toronto has invested **\$35 million** in necessary work. The safety and stability of the cathedral was the first priority. This work involved the foundation and underpinning, the reinstallation of the loft (providing an additional 250 seats), the repair and conservation of exterior masonry, and the maintenance of the Cathedral's spire.



## Family of Faith Funding

With **\$25 million** dedicated to the cathedral through the Family of Faith campaign, we will help ensure the continued investment in the transformation of this historic building. Family of Faith funding will be used to solidify the structure and enhance the beauty of the cathedral.

# A Cathedral-Specific Fundraising Effort

Significant additional funds are required for future work (est. **\$60 million**). The archdiocese will use annual operating funds as well as additional future fundraising opportunities to support the extensive and important work that needs to be completed.



#### **An Inspiring Beacon**

Just as the family home grounds us in tradition, setting the tone for generations who will reach out beyond its doors for years to come, so too the cathedral reminds us of Peter, the rock on whom the Church was built, inspiring others to share the Good News in abundance.

Our cathedral echoes the outreach provided by parishes across the archdiocese: care for the poor, sick and marginalized, a beacon of prayer and fellowship in the midst of a secular world, a home to welcome family, to meet us in our joys and struggles, to help, guide and care for us.



### The Cathedral Block

While renovations are being funded by the Family of Faith campaign, it is important to recognize that the cathedral is housed on a large parcel of land that covers almost an entire city block. The archdiocese also owns land across the street from

the cathedral (St. Michael's Choir School). This area is known as the Cathedral Block.

The archdiocese has been working over the past year with an architectural firm, development economists, local stakeholders (i.e., St. Michael's Hospital and Ryerson University), heritage consultants, parking experts, marketing consultants, and archdiocesan staff to develop a master plan for the block. The Family of Faith campaign is not intended to support the future campaign for the Cathedral Block.



### To learn more about...

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Archdiocese of Toronto Pastoral Plan: www.archtoronto.org/pastoral
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