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Campaign Progress



After raising over \$12 million in our first year of the Christ the Cornerstone campaign we move confidently into the second half of this vital campaign, which will permanently transform the physical proclamation of God's desire for His people at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

More students were impacted by the mission this year than ever before, with hundreds receiving the Eucharist, spiritual direction, Bible study participation, and personal formation each day. Join us in the bold and courageous work of helping young people discern God's call for them at this university of 43,000 students.

We need your support now more than ever to build - not just a building - but a rock for Christ and a foundation for faith that will stand for generations, both in the center of UW-Madison as well as in the heart of each person who enters St. Paul's for the next century and beyond.

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Vocations: A Worldwide Impact



[Click to watch](#) Fr. John Putzer's brief testimony about the impact St. Paul's made in his life and discernment to be a priest for the Diocese of Madison.

In 2012, he was asked by the Holy Father to enter formation for future service to the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See. Fr. Putzer lives in Rome where he studies diplomacy, history, languages and more in preparation for service to the Church.

Pray for him and all young people as they seek to know and faithfully do God's will through whatever vocation they are called!

Donor Highlight – John & Jo Ellen Stollenwerk

Former CEO of Allen Edmonds Shoe Corp John Stollenwerk is not only a man committed to the community but also to the Catholic Faith and the world-wide Church. Born and raised in Wauwatosa, WI, Mr. Stollenwerk attended Catholic schools in Milwaukee including Marquette University before he and his wife JoEllen volunteered internationally with Catholic Relief Services and Papal Volunteers.

As someone with tremendous leadership experience in business and Catholic organizations, Mr. Stollenwerk and his wife understand the importance of investing in missions that have a strong impact, especially ones that can so greatly affect the lives of young people and the future of the Catholic Church.

We are grateful for the Stollenwerks' support as we continue to expand the mission to transform the lives of thousands of young people who come from all parts of the state, country and world!

How did you first become involved in St. Paul's mission?

I first met Fr. Nielsen through a mutual friend, Rick Schmidt from Milwaukee. Rick is working with Fr. Eric on the plans for the new St. Paul's and I became fascinated with the idea and St. Paul's mission. (It also brought back many memories from the ill-fated MU-UW football games in Madison - often passing and sometimes going into St. Paul's before parties!)

What has inspired you to support the building campaign?

My wife JoEllen and I believe that St. Paul's is a vital part of the UW-Madison campus. It reaches more folks than you think by its presence in the heart of campus. Young people are coming out of their home environment for the first time, on their own in a mostly secular and materialistic atmosphere. It's easy to feel lost in this huge university which can be impersonal outside of the classroom.

St. Paul's has much to offer to students of all faiths - it is as all of Catholicism is: very ecumenical. What students take back with them after their UW experience lasts a lifetime and is passed onto their families. Who knows how this mission can continue to impact future generations!

You didn't attend UW-Madison - how does this project's scope extend beyond the university? Why is this project urgent and important for our state and young people?

St. Paul's is more than just the UW campus - it reaches out world-wide to those who embrace it or even pass by it. St. Paul's chapel and student center is a special place for stability, faith, calm and meaning in the vibrant world of the university.

St. Paul's is alive with students coming and going, organizing and debating, attending lectures and participating in the Mass and Sacraments. It is a place with the leadership and students setting the atmosphere of today's Church with excitement. St. Paul's is alive. It has just outgrown its space which is limiting its impact.

St. Paul's needs to grow to increase its impact on the students at UW and beyond. A new building with architecture and spaces that are modern and comfortable will give St. Paul's mission the right environment to continue to expand.

What is your hope for the future of St. Paul's?

We hope that St. Paul's becomes an inspiration for all students and people who work and support UW-Madison. That it grows as the university has grown over the years and that St. Paul's continues to have a lifelong impact on more and more people and becomes a model for Catholic centers at universities worldwide.

What does St. Paul's offer young people that will aid them in the discernment of their vocation (marriage, priesthood, religious life) and in practically living that vocation?

At this time in their lives for many it is a time of discernment as to their future: what are they looking to do in their life, what are they going to study, what decisions are they making as to their life at the university, their future as to a profession and vocation?

St. Paul's is there to assist in making these decisions. The staff is available as are the students' peers for debate and discussion, and the Eucharist is nearby for prayer and reflection.

St. Paul's is among other things, a place of solitude and peace. With the expanded facilities of the new chapel and student center, St. Paul's will be able to offer more space for private reflection and personal interaction with other young Catholics to support their discernment and the path of life they will take.

Mission Forward: A Space for Discernment



The beautiful new Chapel (as well as the intimate crypt Chapel, not pictured) will be a refuge for prayer, discernment and reflection for all who visit St. Paul's.



The current Chapel no longer meets the needs of today's students.