

Cathedral Preservation Campaign

We are called to prepare the diocesan-home, the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, for a second century of service. Recorded on the National and State Registries of Historic Landmarks, the Cathedral emerged out of ministry during the rebuilding years following the Civil War and subsequent growth in the Church. Its construction was made possible by a single gift of \$500,000 from Thomas Fortune Ryan, a Virginia-born New York businessman, and his wife Ida Barry Ryan. Its cornerstone was laid on June 4, 1903 and dedicated on Thanksgiving Day, November 29, 1906. Members across the Diocese and visitors nationwide recently enjoyed a range of centennial events, exhibits, ambassador visits to other communities, publications, liturgies and receptions.

A Challenge Gift

Now the Bishop has announced *a \$500,000 Challenge Gift* to inspire everyone to participate in the first-ever, *diocesan-wide campaign which seeks \$6,000,000 --\$5,000,000 to restore and repair the Cathedral, and, \$1,000,000 to expand endowment for ministries and outreach.* The Campaign has secured \$4,314,000 through outright gifts, multi-year pledges, planned gifts and a reimbursement made possible through the Virginia Historic Preservation Tax Credits program. More than 2,000 donors represent the Cathedral congregation, members across the Diocese, select corporations and foundations.

Ways of Giving

Donors may combine intergenerational or family gifts; select naming and commemorative options; or plan their gift as a multi-year pledge or tax-wise gift of stock, real or personal property, simple bequest or charitable trust.

The Needs

Exterior: Roof repair, flashing and gutter replacement, stone pointing and cleaning, window restoration, plaza reconstruction and stonework, drainage system.

Interior: Repairs to marble and plaster, electrical system and lighting upgrade, HVAC replacement, sound system replacement, repairs/improvements to Cathedral Hall.

Other Supporting Needs: Rectory interior and exterior repairs; historic preservation study/consultation/architectural services, communications/marketing support, expansion of endowment for future ministries and services.

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