

# ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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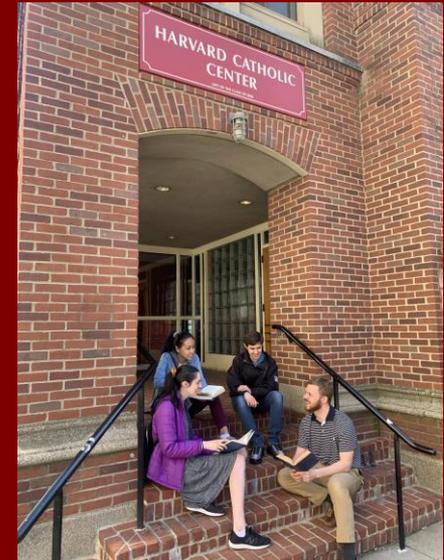
CAMPAIGN PLANNING - CASE FOR SUPPORT



**ASSURE A HAVEN OF  
REVERENT WORSHIP**



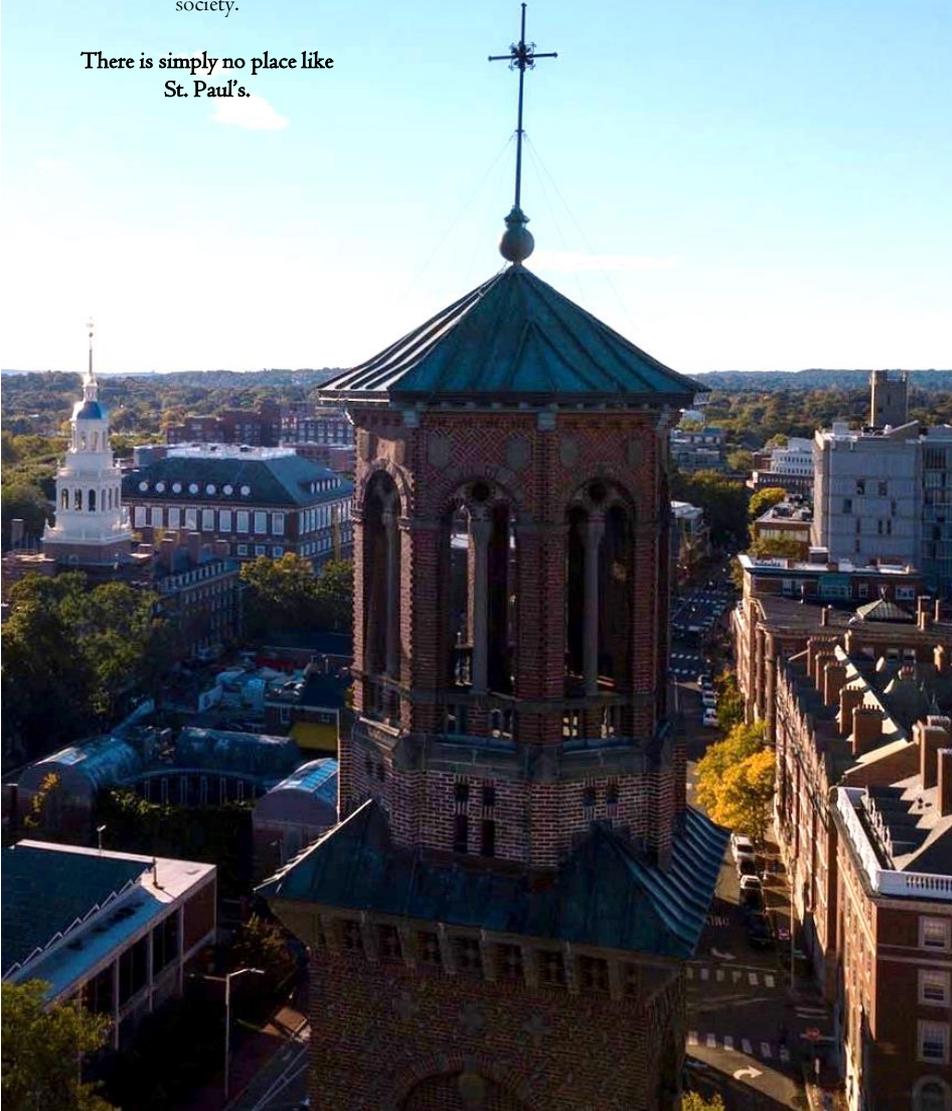
**LET MASTERWORKS OF  
SACRED MUSIC RESOUND**



**ELEVATE A BEACON OF  
CATHOLIC THOUGHT**

The intersection of Bow and Arrow Streets is where the manifold treasures of the Catholic faith meet the Harvard Community and the “joys and hopes, griefs and anxieties” of our contemporary society.

**There is simply no place like St. Paul’s.**



## **St. Paul’s Catholic Community is in the right place at the right time to become a unique, global force for the renewal of Catholic life and thought.**

Over the decades, St. Paul’s has earned international renown for the profound beauty of its liturgical and musical traditions—and for ministries that touch lives within the Harvard community and far beyond.

The individual parts of our community - St. Paul’s Parish, St. Paul’s Choir School and the Harvard Catholic Center - mutually enhance and support one another’s missions and together make up a unique center of Catholic faith, life, and culture.

Now, as it approaches three landmark anniversaries, St. Paul’s has a historic opportunity to become a global parish, extending its mission into our society and culture and enriching countless hearts with the light of Jesus Christ.

The need is urgent. And St. Paul’s will rise to it, making the most of its synergies with Harvard University, the world’s foremost center of ideas, learning and discovery.

# Why Now

## THE PANDEMIC AS REVELATION

COVID-19 has brought untold physical, financial, and emotional suffering to the human family. We pray for liberation from the virus and its many hardships.

Yet challenging times such as these have a way of shocking us into new levels of clarity and deepening our appreciation for what is most important and meaningful in this life.

- If the pandemic has exposed the limits of our control, it has also cast light on our dependence on God.
- We have a keener sense that the allurements of this world are not enough to fulfill us. We are spiritual beings in need of transcendence.
- While the virus has kept us physically distant from one another, it has underscored our fundamental yearning for community and fellowship.
- The response to the pandemic has shown just how much our society needs wise and compassionate leaders rooted in truth.
- Along with a sharper awareness of the fragility of life has come a renewed appreciation for what endures.

**What can you do to help the St. Paul's Catholic Community affirm what matters most and create a more hopeful future?**

## St. Paul's Parish

This is a story that brings Jesus' parable of the mustard seed to life. St. Paul's Parish, which celebrates its 150th anniversary in 2025, began in 1875 at the corner of Mt. Auburn and Holyoke Streets, at the current location of Harvard's Smith Campus Center. In the early 1910s, the congregation outgrew the church and a new location was chosen farther down Mt. Auburn Street. Though construction was delayed because of World War I, the new church at the corner of Bow and Arrow opened, appropriately, on Easter Sunday, 1923. The beauty of the church building itself has inspired conversions to the Catholic faith. We are approaching the 100th anniversary of this beloved and newly renovated center of worship in 2023.

St. Paul's stands out as a "destination parish," attracting individuals and families from over 20 local zip codes each week. Members of many professions—doctors, teachers, firefighters, students, lawyers—come to find a place where their personal and work lives are nourished in dialogue with their Catholic faith. In 2020 alone, 28 adults were received into the Catholic Church.

In addition, visitors from around the world regularly experience—and take home with them—the richness of St. Paul's extraordinary Catholic architecture, music, and worship.

## Saint Paul's Choir School

Beginning in late 19th century, St. Paul's Parish, and its parish school, served a large immigrant community that settled in Cambridge between Mt. Auburn Street and the Charles River. The school was the first building to occupy the large sloping lot between Arrow and Mount Auburn, which is now the location of the St. Paul's campus. Constructed in 1889, the school at one time served over 1,000 students in grades 1 to 8.

The Choir School of today was founded in 1963 by Dr. Theodore Marier, an internationally acclaimed scholar of Gregorian chant. Dr. Marier's vision in founding the school was to revive the centuries-old boy choir tradition in service of Catholic liturgy in the United States. In so doing, he founded a school that combines three great foundations of Catholicism: faith, music, and education. The Choir School continues to serve at the liturgies each day and prepares boys with an unequalled education in music, faith formation, character development, and academic excellence. In addition, a new Music Director with an international reputation now leads the music program for both the parish and the school, bringing great enthusiasm and prospects for enormous impact.

## Harvard Catholic Center

The Harvard Catholic Center—which will celebrate its 130th anniversary in 2023—began as the Harvard Catholic Club, which was officially recognized by the University and Harvard President Charles Eliot in 1893. Since then, the organization has taken many different iterations, but the mission has remained the same: to bring students into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through worship, prayer, inquiry, and engagement with Catholic social teaching.

In just the past several decades, a score of marriages and dozens of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and women's religious life have been fostered. More recently, The Harvard Catholic Forum was established in 2020 to further the intellectual mission of the Catholic Center.

The Catholic Center adopted Harvard's original motto, "Veritas: Christo et Ecclesiae," which means "Truth for Christ and the Church." Throughout the years, the faith life and personal maturity of thousands of lay women and men have been supported and shaped here. Once treasured by such luminaries as Cardinal Avery Dulles and President John F. Kennedy, the Harvard Catholic Center continues to serve students, faculty, and professionals as a Catholic home for friendship, prayer, and intellectual integrity for those who desire to love, with equal passion, both the Church and the Truth.

## Sacramental Life

- Over 3,400 confessions heard each year
- 50 students attend daily Mass
- 400 students and faculty attend Sunday Mass alone, with 500 others
- Masses celebrated throughout campus for Harvard's law, business, & medical schools regularly
- More than a dozen adults each year, many from Harvard, and from the Greater Boston area, enter the Catholic Church through our RCIA program
- 50 couples attend top tier Pre-Cana program annually

## Prayer and Reflection

- Over 100 graduate and undergraduate students attend off-campus retreats each semester
- Every Tuesday evening, over 50 students gather in the church for Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Quiet Prayer, and a Social afterward
- Chapel of the Women Doctors of the Church available 24/7 for prayer
- Weekly Parish Eucharistic Adoration
- Choir School participates daily in devotional treasures of the Church

## Service

- Dozens of students serve at local shelters and participate in an inner-city tutoring program
- St. Paul's volunteers serve lunch to hundreds each Advent and Lent
- The Parish Food Pantry serves thousands annually
- Choir School supports "Coats for Kids" each fall

## Music

- St. Paul's School Choir Boys provide music, servers and lectors for Mass 6 times weekly and all holy days
- Weekly sung vespers
- Choir school alumni serve in Church leadership positions internationally
- Classical education creates well-rounded future scholars
- St. Paul's hosts dozens of international music events each year attracting hundreds of people
- Critically acclaimed music productions by the Choristers advance the mission of sacred music and receive international attention
- Semi-professional Parish choir sings weekly

## Global Reach

- Choristers have recently sung at great Cathedrals of Germany, Mexico, and Montreal
- Choristers sang during the Opening Mass for the 2020 March for Life at Sacred Heart Basilica in Washington, D.C.
- Hundreds of parishioners, shaped by St. Paul's, return to their homes throughout the world, to share a greater witness to their Catholic faith

## Inquiry and Study

- 100 undergraduates participate in weekly Bible Studies
- Dozens of lectures offered annually supporting the Catholic Intellectual Tradition through the Parish and Harvard Catholic Center
- Harvard Catholic Forum has hosted over a thousand participants in its first six months

## Pastoral Care

- Dozens of students receive spiritual direction and mentoring from Chaplains
- Trained Catholic therapists/parishioners offer counseling
- Unique “Caring for the Soul” ministry attends to the spiritual life of those with emotional or mental challenges
- Over 50 families served each week by the Parish Food Pantry

## Vocations

- Over the past 25 years, more than 25 members of our community have chosen a religious vocation. Harvard alumni, Choir School graduates and parishioners have gone on to serve the Catholic faithful as priests, nuns, brothers and deacons. These include archbishops, bishops, abbesses, pastors and many others
- The vocation of a strong Catholic marriage has often found its beginnings at St. Paul's and the Harvard Catholic Center, with many marriage proposals taking place in our Chapel of the Women Doctors of the Church

## Community

- Hundreds of pounds of spaghetti shared each semester at monthly Spaghetti Dinners for Graduate Students, Post-Docs and Young Professionals
- Harvard students participate in diocesan hosted Mass of Catholic doctors, lawyers and scientists annually
- Monthly “Pot-Luck Breakfast” for Young Families
- Daily coffee hour for parishioners

## Prominent Visitors and Lecturers (a Sampling)

- Saint Teresa of Calcutta (1982)
- Cardinal Karol J. Wojtyla (Saint Pope John Paul II)
- Cardinal Seán P. O'Malley, OFM Cap., Archbishop of Boston
- Dr. Scott Hahn, Catholic theologian and author
- Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles
- Dr. Elizabeth Lev, distinguished art historian
- John Allen, Catholic journalist

The recent “Inspiring Hope” capital campaign was an overwhelming success, enabling us to address structural needs in the church interior and make significant artistic enhancements to the main sanctuary and nave. The generous response to this campaign from the St. Paul’s Parish family will seed what we anticipate to be a comprehensive, bold fundraising initiative that will both glorify God and empower St. Paul’s Catholic Community to build a civilization of love. Our vision encompasses three overarching areas of interest: Capital Improvements; Endowments; and Programming:

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

#### A Gathering Space for Programs to Thrive

The lower church has always been a sanctuary where spiritual life flourished and cultural activities blossomed; it is now, however, in need of a long-deferred renovation. As we enter a new century, we envision a vibrant and lively program of activities that honors the history of our past with newly updated and modern facilities. Cultural and intellectual life will spring to life in state-of-the-art lecture spaces and new performance areas to showcase the extraordinary musical treasures so much associated with our world-famous Choir of Men and Boys and the talented students of Harvard. With private meeting rooms and improved storage areas for the needs of our many groups, the space will be flexible enough to accommodate small and medium-to-large gatherings. Groups would be as varied as a world-class Marriage Preparation program, our sisters and brothers in AA from the local community, and audiences for our internationally renowned lecturers.

We will also continue to serve those who wish for a quiet refuge from the world outside with a restored area for prayer, our third on the property. And not least, we envision a renovation of our Food Pantry which serves over 100 families weekly, along with an improved kitchen and new restrooms.

#### Let Sacred Music Resound!

The organ at St. Paul’s is central to our Catholic mission here and to the sacred music world in Boston and beyond. It has served us well for almost 100 years and accompanied generations of choristers and parishioners in raising their voices to glorify God. Numerous efforts have been made to maintain the instrument, and it is becoming increasingly clear that it will soon have to be replaced.

St. Paul’s has a unique opportunity to secure and restore a Hook & Hastings Co. organ that is of the highest quality and among the best in the country. The restoration of this fine instrument will help us to bring back the days when everyone in the church was singing, and for our music to be the catalyst for expressing to the world St. Paul’s identity as a reverent place of worship with a rich, vibrant liturgical tradition in a university setting.

#### Courtyard Piazza

A Courtyard Piazza will be created between St. Paul’s and the administration building, adding to the aesthetics of the campus and making the walkway safer for the heavy amount of daily pedestrian traffic. Entranceways will receive improved signage and protection against inclement weather.

#### Welcoming Front Entrance and Updated Student Lounge

The need for an expansion of the Harvard Catholic Center matches the growth of our ministry to Harvard students. We envision the creation of a secure and welcoming front entryway at Arrow Street, and an addition to and reconfiguration of the student lounge that will provide an attractive space for hosting dinners and special events for Harvard students.

## ENDOWMENTS

### Endowed Leadership Positions

Gifts to the campaign will enable St. Paul's to endow key institutional leadership positions:

#### The Harvard Chaplains

In addition to providing superb sacramental and pastoral leadership for the entire St. Paul's Catholic Community, these three ordained champions for Christ attend in a special way to the faith lives of Harvard students, ensuring their growth in knowledge, hope, and love. The campaign offers opportunities to fully fund the Senior Chaplain and the Undergraduate Chaplain and to further advance the Father George Salzmänn, OSFS, Graduate Chaplain Chair (in progress).

#### The Director of Music

By endowing this vital position, donors will assure our Catholic Community's ability to attract and retain world-class talent and sustain St. Paul's storied sacred music tradition. The Director of Music maintains dual roles, both instructing the boys of Saint Paul's Choir School in the great works of choral literature and leading the music program for St. Paul's Church, which includes the renowned Choir of Men and Boys.

### Scholarship and Program Endowments

Gifts to the campaign will enable St. Paul's Choir School to provide opportunities for success and the Harvard Catholic Center to bolster campus evangelization efforts:

#### Providing the Opportunity for Success

Socio-economic and ethnic diversity has always been the hallmark of St. Paul's Choir School. We draw students from many neighborhoods in and around Boston. Maintaining our diverse student population is important to our success in academics and music. By endowing scholarships, we can ensure a Choir School education remains broadly accessible for all families.

#### Campus Evangelization

The campaign will advance the evangelization efforts of our FOCUS missionaries to provide campus outreach to college students with intentionality and love. As Harvard's campus grows, so does our mission to invite students to deepen their relationship with Jesus and the Church (in progress).

## PROGRAMMING

### Harvard Catholic Forum

The Harvard Catholic Forum (HCF) was launched in the Fall of 2020, with the goal of bringing this community’s longstanding intellectual engagement with the academy, the professions, and the arts to the exacting standards of Harvard University.

As an overall framework for its programming, the HCF looks to the Transcendentals of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty, which adorn its shield. The HCF is partnering with the Lumen Christi Institute to incorporate best practices of successful university-facing centers of Catholic thought and culture.

Lectures and non-credit courses are currently being offered on a wide range of topics, including Faith and Science, COVID-19 and the Worldwide Church, and New Testament Greek and Christian Latin language workshops. Over the next several years, the Forum plans to expand its offerings dramatically with additional programs that are relevant to students, scholars, and the wider public.

### Global & Local Initiatives

Funding for this campaign will make possible mission trips for Harvard students and St. Paul parishioners, participation in a bi-annual Harvard-Vatican Leadership Summit in Rome, guest lecturers to the St. Paul’s campus, and a synergy with programs such as the Thomistic Institute.

There will be renewed focus on the Choir School as a global ambassador of sacred music, broadening the reach of faculty and students through visitation and cooperation with similar music programs around the world.

Social justice opportunities will be expanded by growing and improving the Food Pantry and outreach to local Cambridge/Boston Catholic charities.

Founded in 1980, our successful inner-city tutoring & mentoring outreach program EVKids will continue to receive support that enables tutors to grow as agents of a more just and compassionate world.

Through this campaign, St. Paul’s Catholic Community will “open wide the doors” and transform this storied parish into a worldwide leader, influencer and resource of Catholic worship, thought, sacred music, and service.

Our potential is extraordinary. All we need is you!

