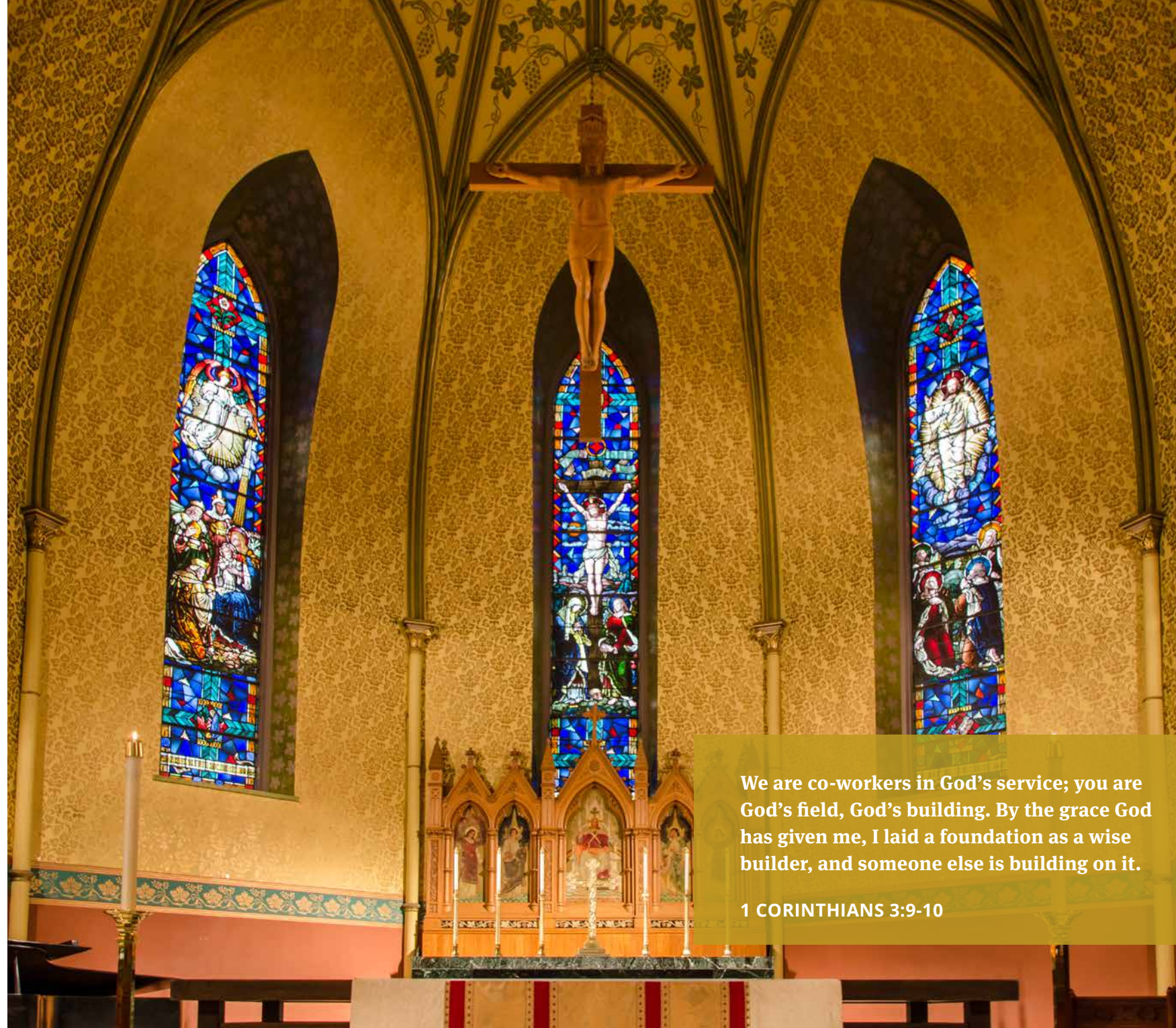




# **Restore. Reimagine. Rebuild.**

CAMPAIGN FOR ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL





We are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:9-10

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*St. James Cathedral is more than the home of our Bishop — it serves as a leader and beacon to Episcopalians throughout our Diocese and the Midwest. The Cathedral is a center for outreach — from feeding the homeless, to summer programming for youngsters, to financially supporting other ministries both here and in other countries. As such, the restoration of the cathedral is critical to us all.*

**NICHOLAS CHABRAJA**  
Diocesan Member of  
St. James Cathedral Chapter

## Restore. Reimagine. Rebuild.

St. James Cathedral Chicago, founded as a parish in 1834, is a vibrant and growing Episcopal community housed in an historic building. It became the cathedral for the Diocese of Chicago in 1955. Throughout our history we have adapted to meet the needs of a changing congregation, changing neighborhood, and changing world.

We are a Christian community committed to sharing the Good News, fueled by our passion for inspiring liturgy and music, faith formation, building a diverse and multi-generational congregation, and reaching out to our neighbors in need. Every year we provide 10,000 meals to people who are food insecure, organize a summer arts and adventure camp for children from across the city, and raise significant financial support for other outreach organizations.

Beloved by members and visitors alike, our building hosts five hundred events every year, from church services and diocesan events, to concerts, conferences, and tours. Our congregation has grown 60% in the past six years, and continues to add more programs and ministries.

Now the cathedral building needs a complete exterior renovation, evidenced by the

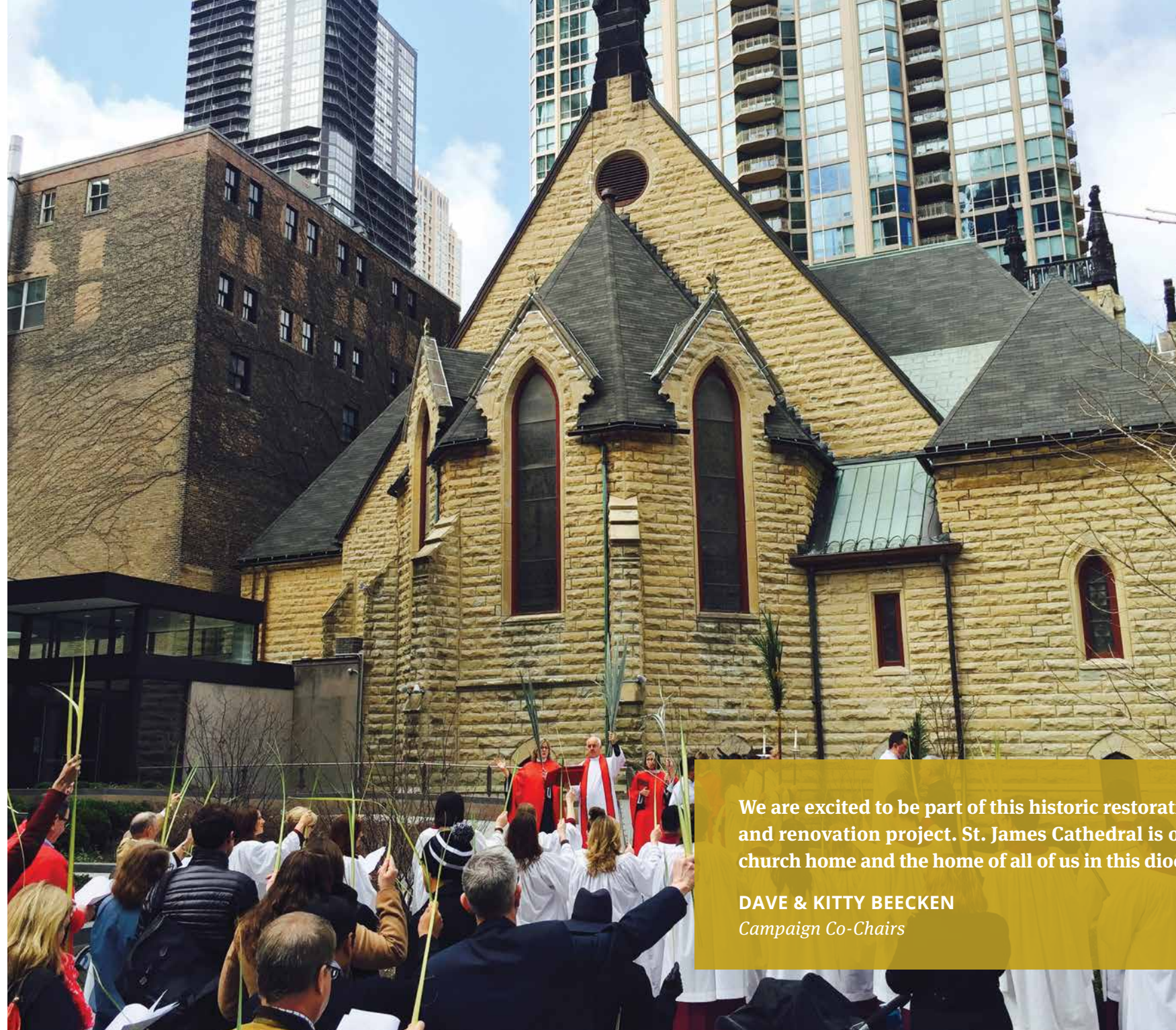
conspicuous nets and steel straps applied to the facade over the past five years. As we approach our third century, we face the challenge of ensuring that the building can sustain our ministries and growth. Our most immediate priorities are to restore the cathedral's stone exterior, replace the roof, restore the chapel and narthex, and commission a new organ to replace a failing instrument.

## \$16 Million Goal

St. James Cathedral is embarking on a campaign to raise \$16 million in cash and pledges to undertake these first critical tasks.

Additional fundraising will take place for other elements in further phases. Our **Restore, Reimagine, Rebuild Campaign** will build us an enduring house to serve the needs of our congregation for the rest of the 21st century and well into the next.





**We are excited to be part of this historic restoration and renovation project. St. James Cathedral is our church home and the home of all of us in this diocese.**

**DAVE & KITTY BEECKEN**  
Campaign Co-Chairs

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***My wife, Joanie, and I were married at St. James many years ago, and when we enter the nave, we have many great memories. St. James is a wonderful place to worship, and renovation should be utmost on our minds. Let's help in this effort.***

**CHARLES LEWIS**  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Hinsdale, Illinois

**O**ur building was built in 1875, a few years after the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed most of an earlier building on the same corner of Wabash and Huron. Only the bell tower and Civil War memorial were saved and incorporated into the new building. Over the years, harsh urban pollution, changing climate conditions, and ordinary weathering have taken a toll on the exterior.

**We will restore the stonework, make it beautiful and stable again, and ensure its viability for the rest of this century and well into the next.**

The roof is well past its 30-year lifetime, and we will replace it. The stained glass windows are in remarkably good condition, but we need to remove the protective exterior plexi-glass and replace it with a state-of-the-art covering. The gardens to the north and south need special attention, as do the sidewalks and parkways on Wabash and Huron.



*The exterior stonework, as well as decorative pieces like the bell tower finial, need repair and cleaning.*



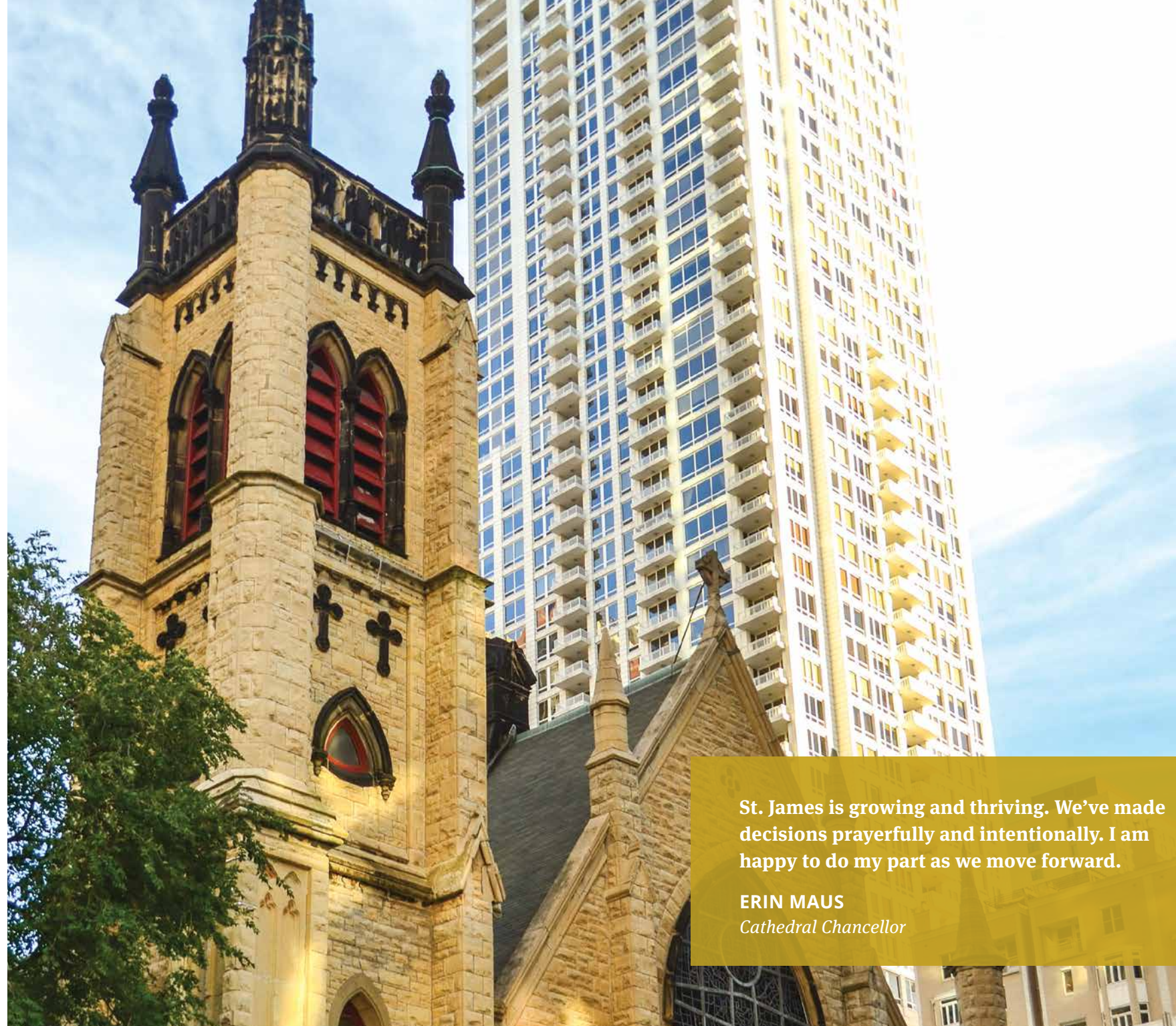


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St. James is growing and thriving. We've made decisions prayerfully and intentionally. I am happy to do my part as we move forward.

**ERIN MAUS**  
Cathedral Chancellor

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*My deep yearning for a spiritual home was satisfied when I found myself invited and welcomed by members and clergy into active ministry, worship and faith formation at St. James. The Holy Spirit called me here, and continues to call me to help build and sustain our Cathedral.*

**LAURA JENKINS**  
Lay Eucharistic Minister;  
Member of the Welcome Team

The Restore, Reimagine, Rebuild Campaign provides restoration of several important interior spaces, including **the Narthex, the Civil War Monument, the Bell Tower, and St. Andrew's Chapel.**

The narthex on the West end of the Cathedral contains historic bronze memorial plaques commemorating members of the congregation, including Chicago founding families, and a Civil War monument built to remember the sacrifice of St. James members who lost their lives in that war. The monument, floor, ceiling, vestibule, and lighting will be restored. In the bell tower, we will add stained glass to all the windows and install lighting to illuminate the tower at night from within, creating a beautiful and welcoming neighborhood landmark at the corner of Wabash and Huron Streets.

St. Andrew's Chapel was built in 1912, designed by noted architect Bertram Goodhue, who also designed St. Bartholomew's in New York City and Rockefeller Chapel in Chicago. It is modeled on a medieval Scottish abbey and includes a well-known altarpiece with paintings by the Scottish artist Phoebe Anna Traquair. In recent years, water infiltration has caused major damage to the north wall. We will restore this beloved space.



*The bell tower and the beloved St. Andrew's Chapel will be restored.*



# Cathedral Organ



Music is such an integral part of St. James;  
I am happy to head the initiative for a  
new organ.

**JOHN SMAGNER**  
Chair, Organ Committee

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*My late wife and I have  
always had a deep  
abiding love for the music  
program at St. James  
Cathedral. I am proud to  
be helping achieve the  
Cathedral's overall goal,  
and the goal to install a  
new organ that matches  
the caliber of our music.*

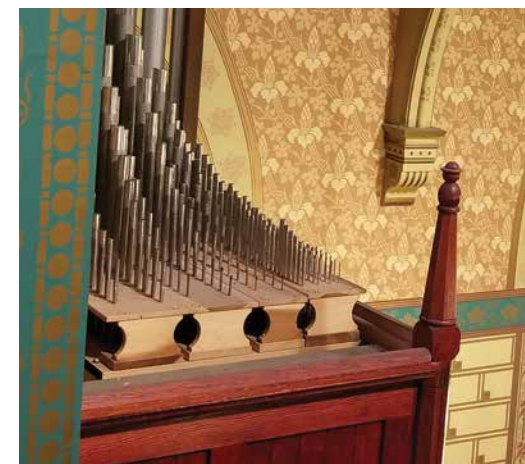
**DR. ROWLAND W. CHANG**  
Campaign Co-Chair

St. James Cathedral is known for its exceptional music, rooted in the Anglican cathedral organ and choral traditions, with music from the Renaissance to the Twenty-First Century. The Cathedral Choir leads the music for the Sunday 11:00 a.m. service, choral evensongs, and many special services. A chorister program for children was re-established five years ago after a 90-year hiatus.

The cathedral organ plays a particularly significant role.

The current organ was built by the Austin Organ company in 1920, with modifications made in 1961 and the late 1990s. By 2015 the organ was found to be structurally unsound and about half of the pipes were removed and stored. In 2018, an organ committee was formed to explore commissioning a new instrument.

With the help of a well-regarded organ consultant, the committee chose eleven organ builders to consider, made site visits to hear examples of each builder, and narrowed the search to two finalists. We anticipate deciding on the organ builder very soon and are eager to announce the decision.



*Music is integral to St. James. The cathedral  
is renowned for its outstanding program of  
choral and organ music.*





Our family loves this church. We are excited to help St. James Cathedral grow into the best it can be.

DR. FUNMI OLOPADE *Honorary Canon; Lay Reader*  
DR. SOLA OLOPADE *Lay Reader*

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*I came to love St. James Cathedral when my father, the late Quintin E. Primo, Jr, was Suffragan Bishop of Chicago, serving with Bishop Montgomery. From that time on, St. James has held a special place in my heart. I am happy to support the efforts to restore and repair our building.*

QUINTIN E. PRIMO, III



How You Can Help

The \$16 million will be raised through the active participation of Cathedral members of every background and giving level, along with friends from across the diocese and around the country, as we work together to realize our vision of a reimagined and restored Cathedral. Volunteers are already hard at work to realize our \$16 million goal. Please be as generous as you can as we move forward together.

Naming Opportunities

- Bell Tower
- St. Andrew’s Chapel
- New Cathedral Organ
- Exterior Renovation, New Roof
- Restored Stained Glass Windows
- Narthex, Civil War Monument



\$11 Million	Restore exterior stonework, roof, stained glass windows, landscaping
\$1 Million	Restore Narthex, Civil War Monument, Bell Tower Windows, St. Andrew’s Chapel
\$4 Million	New Cathedral Organ
\$16 Million TOTAL	

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER

*Faithful God, you call us to be living stones in a spiritual temple.  
Bless the mission and outreach of this cathedral church.*

*By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us confidently to restore  
its fabric, trustfully to reimagine our vocation, and boldly to  
renew our ministries in your name.*

*Make this place a house in which your love dwells and in which  
all your people find welcome.*

*Grant this, we pray, through the One who leads us ever onwards  
in your service, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**St James Cathedral**  
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