

RENEW MY CHURCH

FOSTERING MISSION VITALITY; INSPIRING DISCIPLESHIP



WE WILL MAKE THE MISSION OF CHRIST OUR OWN—
FOR OUR TIME.

Archbishop Cupich is calling every Chicagoland Catholic to join him in a multi-year initiative to revitalize our Church in the Archdiocese and ensure its growth for generations to come.

Together through *Renew My Church*, we will create vital, vibrant, life-giving, Catholic communities across the Archdiocese. We will inspire disciples to accompany all members of our family of faith to seize this moment.

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RENEWAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR CALL.

The Archdiocese has changed in significant ways over the past several decades. Demographics have shifted dramatically, some buildings are in disrepair, and we have fewer priests to pastor. Yet, at the same time, there is new life as immigrants continue to make Chicagoland their home, as we ordain enthusiastic and energetic new priests and as we live in the historic time when Pope Francis is leading us to live in the joy of the Gospel. Thus, we should not be afraid to face our challenges, but embrace them, seeing this moment as a graced opportunity to chart new ways to live out our mission more fully.



WE ARE CALLED TO MAKE ALL THINGS NEW IN CHRIST.

Christ called St. Francis of Assisi to “Rebuild My Church.” As we are reminded by the image of the San Damiano Cross, Christ called Francis to, “Go, rebuild my church.” Francis came to understand that Christ was calling him to renew the Church, and not just rebuild a structure. That is the task before us.

Pope Francis has called us to dream big for the Church. “I dream of a ‘missionary option’, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channeled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation.”

Archbishop Cupich is calling us to renew the Church in Chicago. “Just as our ancestors responded in faith to their dreams and built the church we have today, it is our time to dream big and to take up this work.”

Look out for more information about *Renew My Church* in your parish bulletin. You play an important role in this renewal of our Church.