



*Safe & Secure  
for the  
Future*

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church  
Bristol, Rhode Island*



## *A Letter from Father Zinno*

Dear Parishioners,

What a joy and blessing it has been for me to be pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church these past five years, during this time when we celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. After spending ten years as assistant pastor from 1987-1997, it was such a joy to come back to this vibrant community of faith. God has been so good and gracious to me as I celebrate, this year, my own 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest.

As a parish, thankful for all that God has done for us, we must now look to the future. Given to us by our ancestors, our beautiful Church now needs to meet the challenges of this same future. Building a handicap accessible entrance, adding adequate bathroom facilities, enlarging our cry room, and re-pointing the brick work of the entry are essential elements needed in our Church. We must also meet fire safety codes in all our buildings, add air conditioning to the convent, eliminate our parish debt and assist the Catholic Charity Fund for this year. These are the initial steps we must take in this new millennium. To do all this, a minimum of \$750,000 is needed. I know that through your generosity this can be accomplished and indeed surpassed, since there are so many other things we can do to make our parish ***Safe & Secure for the Future***.

With God's bountiful help and grace we embark together on this campaign. To those who established our parish some ninety years ago and those who, through the years, sacrificed to make our parish vibrant and strong, we owe a debt of gratitude. In thanksgiving, now we must provide for generations to come. I am asking for your help, indeed be it sacrificial. Please give prayerful consideration to being a part of this campaign. Your parish needs you.... Our children and grandchildren's future of faith needs you! You have all been so generous in the past and I know that this campaign will be one of the great accomplishments of our parish for generations to come.

Ninety years of history are in these hallowed walls of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and we are thankful to our ancestors who provided for our faith. Now we look to the future, so that the generations to come will find in our parish, a home of faith, prepared to meet the challenges that lay ahead. Let us ask the good Lord to bless our endeavors and to inspire in us through the power of the Holy Spirit and the intercession of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, an outpouring of generosity, so that as one family in faith we can grow to the future that will be safe and secure for generations to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Henry P. Zinno, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Reverend Henry P. Zinno, Jr.  
*Pastor*

# Our Projects

After much prayerful discernment, study, and discussion among the Staff, Finance Council, various Boards and Committees of our parish, it has been decided to undertake a parish-wide capital campaign, **Safe & Secure for the Future**, to raise the funds necessary to improve our parish buildings, retire our debt, and make essential plans for the future of Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish.

Our parish was founded on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1917 by Italian immigrants who settled in Bristol. The creation of the parish came eighteen years after the community began holding a feast celebrating the Blessed Mother of God, Queen of Carmel on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1899. From a makeshift Church on High Street, we have grown to 1,600 families, with a Church, Rectory, Office Wing, Gym/Parish Center, School, and Convent. Now as we move towards the future, necessary improvements need to be accomplished so that we can be Safe & Secure for all that God intends for the years to come.

It is our goal to raise a minimum of \$750,000, with a challenge goal of raising \$1,100,000. Your outstanding generosity in the past will prove that our goals are well within our reach and even able to be surpassed! What is necessary to accomplish is:

• Complying with the new state fire codes in our Church and School	~\$200,000
• Renovations to our Church	~\$273,000
> Adding a handicap accessible entrance to the Church with a similar accessible bathroom	
> Increasing the size and improving the space of our cry room	
> Re-pointing the bricks at the entry of the Church	
> Enlarging our storage space	
• Improving the environment in the convent by adding central air	~\$25,000
• Eliminating our current debt	~\$110,000
• Fulfilling our parish obligation to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal (2007)	~\$54,000
• Architect and fund-raising costs/fees,	~\$88,000
	<b>~\$750,000</b>

This we can do if we raise the minimum amount of \$750,000. As we go higher, there is so much more we can do:

- Refinishing the pews in the Church
- Re-structuring the convent driveway and entrance
- Re-wiring the Church and Convent
- Re-surfacing our parking lot
- Improving the convent kitchen
- Adding to our parish and school endowment
- Adding a classroom(s) to the school

All these additional things can be possible as we near and even surpass our challenge goal of \$1,100,000.

In this anniversary year, we have the unique opportunity to express our thanks to those who came before us and provided for our faith by sacrificing to establish and build Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Likewise, we have the ability to prepare for the future so that our children and grandchildren can be provided for in faith, with a Church and Parish that is safe and secure. So, please join us, and join our ancestors of old as together we make our parish, **Safe & Secure for the Future**.



# Church Renovation and Expansion: Renderings and Floor Plan



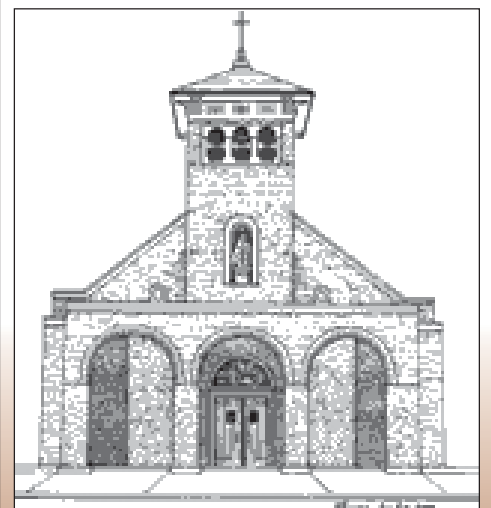
*Side view of the church*



*Proposed front view of the church*



*Site Plan*



*Current view of the church*

## How You Can Get Involved



Throughout the *Safe & Secure for the Future* Campaign, Father Zinno, the Campaign Committee and volunteer workers will reach out to all members of our community to communicate our parish's dreams for the future and describe how everyone can get involved. Several important events are being held in order to give every parish family an opportunity to participate.

First, there will be a series of campaign receptions. Every registered family will be invited to attend one of these special gatherings that allow our parishioners the opportunity to gather as a family and learn about the needs of our parish.

Parishioners will also be able to read about our building plans through this campaign brochure. Every family is asked to consider all the information contained in the brochure and then make a prayerful decision about how they will support this effort. Those who do not respond will be personally contacted by fellow parishioners who will volunteer their time over several weeks for the success of the campaign. The volunteers, members of your parish family, will be giving their time to undertake the vital task of making home visitations and increasing the awareness of this campaign.

***Whether you participate by attending a campaign reception, responding at Mass or by mail, or by graciously receiving a parish volunteer into your home, it is your act of involvement that will make this campaign a success.***

## How To Pledge Your Support

Our Lady of Mount Carmel would like to raise a minimum of \$750,000 through the efforts of this campaign. Every member of our parish community is integral to our success in reaching this goal, and, therefore, each family is asked to consider making a pledge to the campaign to the best of their ability.

Each family is asked to consider a pledge of \$4,000 or more, payable over three years (or longer, if needed). A pledge of \$4,000, after a down payment of \$400, is \$100 per month for 36 months. ***This breaks down to only \$3.29 a day!***



## We Need Your Special Generosity

Everyone is asked to prayerfully consider how their generosity can reflect their gratitude for the gifts that God has given them. We know that a pledge of \$4,000 will be a challenge for some of our parish households, therefore, it is vital to the success of our campaign that those who are able to make larger pledges do so. In Deuteronomy 16:10 we are reminded, "the measure of your own free will offering should be in proportion to the blessing the Lord has bestowed on you".

***Individuals who are financially capable of pledging \$10,000, \$25,000, \$50,000 or more, are asked to step forward and become leaders of our campaign.*** Please review the Suggested Pledge Plans and on the following pages and choose a plan that is right for you and your family.



**Not everyone can make the same size gift,  
but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.**

## Suggested Pledge Plans

GIFT LEVEL	TOTAL GIFT	10% DOWN PAYMENT	3 ANNUAL PAYMENTS	6 SEMI-ANNUAL PAYMENTS	12 QUARTERLY PAYMENTS	36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	DAILY SACRIFICE
Cornerstone	\$250,000	\$25,000	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$18,750	\$6,250	\$205.48
Benefactor	\$100,000	\$10,000	\$30,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$82.19
Sentinel	\$50,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,250	\$41.10
Guardian	\$25,000	\$2,500	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$1,875	\$625	\$20.55
Patron	\$20,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$500	\$16.44
Champion	\$15,000	\$1,500	\$4,500	\$2,225	\$1,125	\$375	\$12.33
Advocate	\$10,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$750	\$250	\$8.22
Steward	\$7,500	\$750	\$2,250	\$1,125	\$563	\$188	\$6.16
Partisan	\$6,000	\$600	\$1,800	\$900	\$450	\$150	\$4.93
Provider	\$5,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$750	\$375	\$125	\$4.11
Supporter	\$4,000	\$400	\$1,200	\$600	\$300	\$100	\$3.29

The pledge plans in this brochure are provided as a “suggested” guideline when considering your pledge. Please review the pledge plans carefully and select one that fits your family's financial situation.

### Pledges Via Cash, Check:

Simply complete your pledge card by selecting the amount of your pledge and down payment (optional, but encouraged). Make sure to select your method of payment, i.e., monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual payments. Please make checks payable to **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**. You will be mailed payment reminders and a special payment envelope in accordance with the payment plan you choose. Once completed, please return your pledge card in the weekly collection, bring it by the parish office or return it in the mail.

### Credit Card & Bank Draft payments:

On back portion of your pledge card is a form to fill out if you choose to have payments automatically withdrawn from your credit card or bank account. Simply fill out the necessary information on the back of the pledge card. For Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) from your checking account, please include a voided check.

### Gifts of Stock:

Donors can use their own broker/agent or the diocese's agent to transfer and sell stock. *If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not incur capital gains tax and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock.* The stock must first be transferred to the parish before being liquidated. **Please contact the campaign office for more information.**

### Gifts via IRA:

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 permits individuals 70.5 or older to rollover up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the qualifying charity as income. Retroactive to distributions made from IRAs in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2005. This provision is time-limited; it will not apply to any distribution made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2007. An individual may exclude up to \$100,000 from his/her gross income for each tax year for qualified charitable distributions from an IRA.

## *Your Pledge Can Be Given In Memory Or Honor Of A Loved One*

Memorials are special ways of honoring the people we love, whether they are living or deceased. These memorials are often made for a special intention or in thanksgiving for blessings received from God. Memorial items can be made in honor of almost any suggestion a donor deems worthy.

In addition to individual memorials, all contributions to our campaign will be recognized on the ***Safe & Secure for the Future*** Memorial, to be displayed prominently in our parish. By making a gift to this campaign, you will have the opportunity to make your pledge in memory or in honor of a loved one. This Memorial will serve as a lasting tribute to honor the sacrifices our parishioners generously made. The Memorial will display the name(s) of the person or family and the name(s) of those they wish to be remembered.

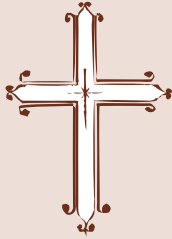


## *Your Decision To Give*

No one can tell you how much you should give. The individual parishioner/family is the only one who actually decides what to contribute, since the financial obligations of each family are different. What you give will be held in the strictest confidence.



***This is our parish and only through sacrifice can we achieve our goals. All contributions from the smallest to the largest will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one. It should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.***



## Safe & Secure for the Future Campaign Prayer

Good and gracious God,  
most loving Father of us all,  
we are grateful for all of your gifts to us  
as the parish community of  
Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
during this the 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our founding.

Thankful for our past,  
we now look forward to the future with hope.  
As a thanksgiving offering for our past blessings,  
we make a gift to future generations to come  
so that our parish may be safe and secure for all that lays ahead.

Fill us with your life giving Spirit  
that we may face the challenges of our undertaking  
with courage, cooperation, and generosity.

Through the intercession of our Blessed Lady,  
Queen of Carmel, may our efforts to live as  
a community of grateful disciples  
committed to proclaiming the Good News,  
be a source of blessings to many,  
especially our children and grandchildren.

May our efforts in this our anniversary year  
affect generations to come so that this parish  
of Our Lady of Mount Carmel may continue to  
be a community of hope, founded on faith,  
always generous in charity.

We ask this in the name of the  
Risen Christ who has revealed  
Your love and shares with us the life  
that lasts forever and ever.

AMEN

## People Who Make It Happen

Many people contribute to the life of our parish and provide vision for our future. Our deepest gratitude extends to those who have given the gifts of their time and talents to make this project a success.

### Pastor

Rev. Henry P. Zinno, Jr.

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### Additional members of the Campaign Committee

Mrs. Josephine Murgo

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***And Special Thanks to the Parish Staff & our many  
dedicated Campaign Volunteers...***

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