



## To Dream without Limits

It is impossible to dream without limitations when you are burdened by factors that discourage creative dreaming. So often those burdens not only impact our individual dreams, but also the collective dreaming that can occur as people join together to do God's will in communities like Sainte Genevieve Catholic Parish.

As we know from our personal experience, when we have financial debt, we do not experience freedom to live as we would like and to provide for our families as we wish. Similarly, when a parish and school is burdened with debt, our collective dreaming is hindered.

The reality is that financial freedom allows parishes to dream without limitations. Dreaming without limitations unleashes the powerful faith that resides in the pioneer spirit of our community. Financial freedom means eliminating debt, managing expenses, maximizing revenue, employing best financial practices, and building a parish community that continues to make this place so special in the minds and hearts of many.

## We Choose the Freedom to Dream

Over the past decades our parish and school have operated like so many others; making do with limited resources and sacrificing the ability to dream because of immediate financial concerns. Over the past ten years this parish has amassed a debt to the Archdiocese of Saint Louis and it is time to free ourselves from this burden. It is time to free ourselves to dream once again.

**We, the Catholic community of Sainte Genevieve, set a challenge to be debt-free by December 31, 2018.**

Confident in the spirit of our parish, school, and her stakeholders far and wide, we challenge ourselves to raise \$900,000 to eliminate all debts and assessments, and to build a strong financial foundation for the future. The lessons learned from the past and the hard work done to address underlying financial concerns ensures us that we will never again find ourselves in this position. We will not operate in a similar fashion as the past; we will move forward implementing best practices and excellent stewardship.

## Dare to Dream with Us

We are inviting all members of Sainte Genevieve Parish and all those whose lives have been effected by the Catholic church in Sainte Genevieve and Valle Catholic Schools to partner with us in making this dream of financial freedom a reality. While this is an ambitious undertaking, we know that this goal is realistic if we all work together to secure this financial freedom!

**As a sign of his belief in the people of Sainte Genevieve, Archbishop Robert J. Carlson has pledged to gift \$300,000 to eliminate the remainder of our debt once we reach our goal of \$900,000.**

Please consider supporting our Dreams Initiative by making a tax-deductible gift.  
Make checks payable to: Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church and return to the parish office.

Gifts of stock, crops, or even a Required Minimum Distribution from an IRA can have great tax benefits for you, while at the same time supporting this important Initiative! Please also consider your company's matching gift program.

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