



## A1- CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT

**Announcement by Pastor after the homily – October 22/23**

### INTRODUCTION

After months of preparation, consultation and prayer, the Diocese of Syracuse is about to embark on a capital campaign that will raise the necessary funds to restore the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Our Cathedral is the centerpiece of our Mother Church and we have a shared responsibility to assist in this important fund raising effort. All families throughout the Diocese will be called upon to make a sacrificial gift in the form of a pledge, payable over a 36 or 60 month period. Only with the financial commitment of all will we be able to reach our challenging goal of \$10 million. The early stages of the campaign have received a great response- the initial outreach has already taken place, and the response from families and clergy in our Diocese has raised over \$7 million. Over the next several weeks you will be hearing more about the campaign and learning what you can do to help us be successful.

Now, I would like to take a few moments and read a letter from Bishop Cunningham.

### **READ LETTER FROM BISHOP CUNNINGHAM (BULLETIN INSERT 1)**

### CONCLUSION

Our beloved Cathedral belongs to all of us; only through shared commitment throughout the entire Diocesan community can we achieve our goals. Therefore, all contributions, from the smallest to the largest, will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one and should be made in good conscience and true Christian spirit. Three weeks from now we will have our commitment weekend for this campaign. We kindly ask you to begin to pray and think about your participation. *We realize that not everyone can make the same size gift; however, we encourage each family to participate in a meaningful way, within their means.*