Our power will be in presenting the same old truths in new forms, fresh new tone and air and spirit.

SERVANT OF GOD ISAAC HECKER, Founder of the Paulist Fathers
DEAR FRIENDS,

Greetings to you all!

Two hundred years ago in New York City, Paulist Founder Servant of God Isaac Thomas Hecker was born. Even in his youth, Isaac believed with all his heart that God had a special work for him to do. As a young adult, he became a Roman Catholic and it was clear to him that our faith would be a great unifying fit for North America. His devotion to the Holy Spirit allowed him to see God at work in every person, regardless of race, belief, or way of life. He was compelled to become a missionary and ultimately to form the Paulist Fathers, the first American community of Catholic Priests, so that all would know the treasure of God’s love.

For over 160 years, Hecker’s vision of missionary activity in North America through the pulpit, the press, and the electronic media has captivated generations of Paulists, associates, parishioners, and those beyond the pews. With Hecker’s missionary zeal and pastoral heart, Paulist Fathers have invited countless individuals to know and be welcomed into the Catholic faith.

The Paulist Mission to reach out to the searching, to reconcile those who have left the Church or who are on the margins, and to unify all peoples in God’s love burns brightly! Moreover, the Holy Spirit calls us to make all things new and to equip ourselves to respond to the needs of the Church in North America today.

It is with an abundance of joy that I present to you our Hope for the Future, a comprehensive campaign for the Paulist Fathers, with the initial goal of raising $20 million for the following:

1. **Building a new Paulist House of Mission & Studies** which will be a center for evangelization, reconciliation, and new media ministries as well as a home for the formation and training of the next generation of Paulist Priests. In addition, providing needed funds to recruit, form, and educate our novices and seminarians who will ultimately be your priests.

2. **Fortifying our outreach ministries**, including Busted Halo and the Paulist Press, through which the Good News is proclaimed through North America.

3. **Supporting our Senior Paulists**, whose heart for service remains strong, yet whose retirement needs are seriously underfunded at this time.

4. **Attending to the deferred capital needs of Paulist Houses across the country**, in which many Senior Paulists reside, especially our 90 year old motherhouse in New York City, the infrastructure of which is in immediate need of attention.

I invite you to review this booklet and prayerfully consider partnering with us in this ambitious Paulist effort to give God’s Word of faith, hope and love a voice!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Eric Andrews, C.S.P.
President, The Paulist Fathers
We are pleased to announce our plans to build the Paulist House of Mission & Studies in Washington, D.C. on the land where Paulists have resided for more than a century. This noble enterprise will be a home, at long last, for our seminarians, novices, priests, and several of our ministries. The first $12 million of our comprehensive campaign will be devoted to building this new, right-sized home, a short walk from the Catholic University of America.

Focusing our campaign on the formation of future Paulists will instill in our novices and seminarians the charisms that Father Hecker brought to the Paulists: personal devotion to the Holy Spirit, sensitivity to contemporary culture, the ability to communicate clearly and compellingly, a desire to reach those who are not connected, and a capacity to bring the values of Catholicism to American culture. Our seminarians, of diverse age and backgrounds, are mentored in a way that respects their gifts, shapes a passion for ministry, and instills openness to all. These seminarians will be an ongoing resource to respond to the ministry needs at all our Paulist foundations.

The building will also be home to various Paulist ministries which have a transformative influence across the American Church and culture. With state-of-the-art conference and livestreaming capabilities, this new facility will be able to connect with people around the world, fostering conversation, learning, and understanding for all involved. This will make it possible for our missionary society to have another powerful tool for reaching out and engaging with the wider Church.

The Paulist Fr. Ellwood Kieser Media Center
Among the most exciting aspects of the new building is the Paulist Fr. Ellwood Kieser Media Center, a studio and production space named for Fr. Ellwood “Bud” Kieser (1929-2000), the Emmy Award-winning founder of Paulist Productions. He is remembered for creating the “Insight” anthology television series and films such as “Romero” and “Entertaining Angels.”

The Spirit promises to teach us in all directions. What would the Spirit have me to do more in this work?

SERVANT OF GOD ISAAC HECKER, “Hecker’s Diary”
Paulists have been pioneers in print, radio and television broadcasting, the web, and new media. The Fr. Ellwood Kieser Media Center will continue Hecker’s vision to use all forms of modern communication to spread the good news. The Kieser Center will have the ability to live-stream lectures, liturgies, and conferences; to bolster our social media outreach; to help seminarians perfect the craft of preaching; and to offer more robust outreach by our media ministries (Paulist Press, Paulist Productions, and Busted Halo) and our evangelization and reconciliation offices (Paulist Evangelization Ministries and Landings International).

**VOCATIONS AND FORMATION | $1 MILLION - $5 MILLION**

*Forming Tomorrow’s Paulists*

We seek to establish three funds for the purpose of supporting the new Paulist House through operations, new vocations, and the education of seminarians and novices.

1. **Seminary Fund for Operations and Maintenance.** This fund will help underwrite the cost of operating and maintaining the newly constructed Paulist House of Mission and Studies.

2. **Vocations and Recruitment Fund.** This fund will enhance our recruitment budget, expand digital communication efforts to create greater awareness of the Paulists’ mission, host social gatherings and retreats for prospective seminarians, and fund the Director of Vocations position.

3. **Education Scholarship Fund.** We seek to continue this fund which, coupled with the Matching Gift program at Catholic University of America, has helped cover the estimated $70,000 annual cost of educating and housing our seminarians and novices. Currently we have seven seminarians, three novices, and one pre-novice.

We have a very relevant mission that addresses the needs and issues of today – connecting faith and culture in today’s modern world. I think that our mission of preaching the Gospel to people in university settings and big cities also requires and demands men who are capable and intelligent.”

**FR. DAT TRAN, C.S.P., Director of Vocations**

**Challenge Grant:**

Paulist Productions pledged to donate $500, up to $1,000,000, for every $1,000 raised for the Kieser Media Center.

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*HOPE for the FUTURE*
Christianity does not confine itself to the reign of God in the soul, it seeks to establish the reign of God upon the earth.

SERVANT OF GOD ISAAC HECKER
OUTREACH | $1 MILLION - $5 MILLION
Proclaiming the Good News

“From its very origin, your congregation has sought to speak the word of God in a language that people can understand.”
CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN, C.SS.R.

We seek to raise and dedicate funds to operate and strengthen our thriving ministries across North America in order to reach as many people as possible:

*Busted Halo Ministry to Young Adults*

“I had been away from the Church for over 25 years and just started attending again during Lent. Your show helped me learn and laugh as I began this journey back to my faith.”

MARIJEAN, Monthly Donor

Busted Halo, founded in 2000, helps people discover the Catholic faith, put it into practice in their everyday lives and share it with others joyfully by engaging people across all digital platforms. As of today, Busted Halo has already garnered:

- 250,000 listeners on SiriusXM
- 75,000 Facebook pages “likes”
- 16,000 Instagram followers
- 26,000 Twitter followers
- 500,000 views on Youtube

We hope to underwrite the operating cost of Busted Halo and to continue expanding Busted Halo’s outreach on every platform.

*Paulist Press*

Standing at the intersection of faith and culture, Paulist Press, the oldest English Catholic Publisher in North America, publishes materials that bring the Gospel to the world and promote healing, reconciliation, and personal growth. We seek to fund and hire the next generation of lay publishing professionals who can lead the influential Paulist Press into the age of new media and create synergy with all Paulist media ministries.

*Paulist Programs*

We also seek to fortify and expand such important programs as *Landings International*, which helps parishes welcome back Catholics who have been away from the Church, and *Openings*, an outreach inspiring artists to explore faith and spirituality in a secularized society.
Our Senior Fathers have given their lives to celebrate marriages, baptize, and anoint the sick and celebrate the Eucharist. They have preached countless missions and retreats. They have participated in the work of the Catholic Church on the national level, taken part in Ecumenical and interfaith activities, and assisted our Church in North America in implementing the Second Vatican Council. In their senior years, we honor them and their accomplishments. The need to support these men is great because:

- We have over 50 Paulists over the age of 70, including 10 in their 90s.
- Caring for a Senior Paulist costs an estimated $53,000 annually.
- With Paulist Fathers living longer, we estimate that pension and health care costs are underfunded by $5 million.
DEFERRED MAINTENANCE | $1 MILLION - $5 MILLION

Improving Our Historic Homes

Paulists, both active and senior, live in various Paulist owned locations across the country. Many of these Paulist homes whether in Boston, Chicago, Knoxville, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, or Vero Beach are in need of maintenance, structural repair, or loan repayment. This is truly a national need which especially impacts our senior priests.

Paulist Motherhouse in New York City

A focal point of this initiative is the Paulist Motherhouse in New York City. Built in 1931, it is our second residence on West 59th Street. It is the home to over twenty-five Paulists, including the pastor and associates who serve the Church of St. Paul the Apostle, the Presidential Board, the Publisher of Paulist Press, the Director of Busted Halo, ten senior fathers, and four missionary priests. The building is also the location of the Paulist General Offices, the Headquarters of Busted Halo ministries, The Office of Mission Advancement and the Convent of the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest (women religious whose vocation is to pray for priests and seminarians). Located in the heart of the broadcast, theatrical and fine arts districts of Manhattan near Lincoln Center, this building is critically situated for Paulist mission.

The most pressing needs of our venerable six-story home include a new roof which will meet the current New York City building code, new windows in the priests’ and sisters’ rooms to replace the original lead paned windows, upgrade of the elevator, a new exhaust system in the kitchen, and new water, steam, sewer, and gas lines throughout the building.
There are many ways for you to partner with the Paulists and our mission:

**INVEST:** Make a sacrificial gift to make our Hope for the Future a reality. Here are some of the ways you can give:

- **Credit / Debit Card / Automatic Transfer / Cash / Check:** The easiest way for processing your gift is online at www.Paulist.org/future. You may choose to have your gift drawn directly from your bank account (lowest fees) or credit or debit card as a one-time payment (consider removing to promote or keep the focus on pledges) or a recurring payment. Gifts may also be made by check/cash through recurring payments over the three-year commitment period.

- **Securities:** Stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that have appreciated can have an immediate impact on our campaign and create an income tax deduction for you based on their current value. Because there is no capital gains tax when you make a charitable gift, you receive an additional tax benefit above and beyond the charitable gift donation.

- **Qualified Charitable Distribution:** QCD is a distribution from an IRA made directly to an eligible charity, bypassing the owner of the account. Owners of individual retirement accounts who are at least age 70 1/2 can contribute some or all of their IRAs to charity. This rule applies only to traditional IRAs. If you have to take Required Minimum Distributions but you don’t really want or need the money, QCDs can be a good way to distribute the minimum required amount out of the IRA and avoid that 50% excise tax penalty. You’ll also avoid paying income tax on the distributions.

- **Planned Gifts:** Planned giving is the process of carefully selecting the best method and asset for making a charitable gift. Such a gift can enable you to take full advantage of the tax laws to accomplish your financial and charitable goals. Planned gifts can be made through bequests in your will or living trust, charitable remainder trusts, charitable lead trusts, charitable gift annuities, beneficiary benefits from life insurance, IRAs, pensions, or financial accounts.

**PRAY:** Please join us in praying to the Holy Spirit for this campaign and specifically for:

- The successful building of the new Paulist House of Mission & Studies and the fruitful formation of our seminarians.
- The Paulists’ mission of evangelization, reconciliation, and ecumenical and interfaith dialogue.
- The health and well-being of our Senior Paulists and their homes.

**ADVOCATE:** Offer your time and enthusiasm to this effort to help make disciples and demonstrate the Paulist mission for our Church today. Please prayerfully consider helping in the following ways:

- Become a member of the campaign team at your parish/foundation.
- Publicly support the goals of the campaign.
- Encourage others to support the campaign.

*“A true act of charity is worth immortality, for it has God for its beginning, middle and end.”*  
SERVANT OF GOD ISAAC HECKER,  
*“Notes of the Spiritual Life”*
Trust one who speaks to you now, not of day dreams, but actualities, of hopes realized, and of aims accomplished.

SERVANT OF GOD ISAAC HECKER, “Questions of the Soul”
CAMPAIGN PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your divine love.

Fill us with gratitude for all your gifts, the best among them, Jesus Christ, your love in the flesh as one like us.

You have given each of us individual gifts may we build them into a life well-lived and use them in service to others.

Help us to be good stewards of creation, share the gifts you give us generously, and serve those in need with compassion.

We ask you to bless the ministry of the Paulists and help us to share their mission to preach the gospel of mercy and reconciliation.

We pray this through the Holy Spirit in the power of Jesus Christ. Amen.

St. Paul The Apostle, Pray for Us.