

"...In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

(Acts 20:35)



Message from Father Scott

My Dear Parish Family,

What does Our Lady Queen of Martyrs mean to you? How has it changed you? Your children? Or perhaps even your grandchildren? Hopefully it means a place of faith, welcome and hope; truly a family home known as OLQM.

It has changed our lives for the better. And because we are a family, it is our responsibility to be there for each other, to work toward common goals, and continue to change lives in the future. Which is why I am excited to announce that our parish will be joining Archbishop Vigneron in the **Changing Lives Together** initiative. At a time when our community needs it most, this initiative will strengthen our parish and bring us closer to one another through fellowship and faith. It's an ambitious, but realistic stewardship campaign, which will bring us together as a community.

In the weeks ahead, you will receive more information on **Changing Lives Together**. When you are asked to join, I hope you will answer the call to get involved. I personally look forward to working with each of you as you share your time, talent and treasure. In the meantime, please feel free to learn more about the initiative by visiting www.aodclt.org or call the parish office at 248-644-8620.

Change begins one heart at a time. Will you open your heart?

Rev. Scott A. Huttenlocher

Let's Change Lives Together

Together we can make a difference. The **Changing Lives Together** Initiative is all about how Our Lady Queen of Martyrs and the entire Archdiocese of Detroit can work together as one body in Christ's name to truly change lives for the better in Southeast Michigan. Whether it's bringing one more person back into the flock, helping one more child get a Catholic education or keeping our important parish programs running smoothly, we can all do something to help change lives.

Changing Lives Together is a parish-driven, archdiocesan-wide initiative to raise funds which will create a stronger future for the 1.4 million Catholics living, working and worshipping in our six-county archdiocese by:

- Strengthening every parish in the archdiocese – including OLQM.
- Strengthening Catholic education – so every child who wants a Catholic education can receive one.
- Strengthening priestly formation and lay leadership – so there are enough trained leaders in our archdiocese to minister to all who need to hear Christ's word and live as He would have us to live.
- Strengthening the Church in the City – establish a fund to provide grants to underwrite struggling ministries and programs that are vital to the mission of the Catholic Church.





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Our Changing Lives Together Leaders

A special thanks to those who have already committed to work together to make a difference in our community at OLQM and for those who need our help in the archdiocese. Thank you for saying "yes." But they can't do it alone. The success of our **Changing Lives Together** initiative depends on all of us raising our hands to raise up our archdiocese and parish family.

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Ask yourself:

If not this, what?

If not here, where?

If not now, when?

If not me, who?



Stay tuned for more information Official information kick-off is in February

This is just a sneak peak at **Changing Lives Together**. We will kick-off with Information Weekends about our parish and archdiocesan goals in February. With this kick-off, you will receive an information packet and learn more. All of us at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs are so blessed, we have so much to offer, whether it be our time, talent or treasure. Please pray for the success of this initiative and ask God how you can help. We may not all have equal gifts to give, but we are called by Christ to share the gifts we have and sacrifice for the good of all.