

## Parish and School Capital Needs

The Diocese of Columbus has been in existence for 150 years, which means that many of our church and school buildings are well over 100 years old, and in need of maintenance and care. There are more than 100 parishes and 50 school buildings in the Diocese, and many of our smaller communities do not have the funding to keep up with the larger emergency maintenance needs such as roofs and boilers.

There is also a great opportunity to help schools and parishes cut their energy bills drastically by providing funding to upgrade all of their lighting to LED bulbs. Using LED lights reduces energy usage and costs by up to 60% in some cases, and reduces maintenance costs associated with frequently changing bulbs. When a parish or school upgrades their lighting, they are also eligible for rebates from AEP, making an investment in energy efficiency an extremely worthwhile project which will reap cost savings for years to come.