

**"FRANCIS, REBUILD MY CHURCH." -  
A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

One hundred years has taken a toll on our building. The church is deteriorating and needs action now.

By acting now, we can forestall further cost increases and secure the church.

In order to reach our financial goal, we are seeking support from our parishioners, visitors, other parishes, corporations and foundations. The campaign emphasizes a spirit of **equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.**

All of us have been the beneficiaries of the sacrifice made by those who founded, built and maintained our beautiful church.

It is now our turn to make a similar sacrifice for ourselves and for generations to come.

**"Francis, Rebuild My Church"**

While Francis was praying before the crucifix in the near derelict church of San Damiano, outside the walls of Assisi, he heard a voice telling him to 'rebuild my church'. With typical enthusiasm he took this literally, Francis went out and begged for stones to repair the church. Our beautiful church is a gift from those who founded our parish. The building is 100 years old and in need of repairs. This is our call to rebuild and repair our church. It is our turn to leave a legacy to those who will follow us.

**MAKE A GIFT**

Bishop Randolph Calvo needs everyone's help to reach our goal. The parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas have made over 700 pledges from our 600 families. We have raised over 2 million dollars from pledges and reserves. We need the help of all our parishes, visitors, and friends to fund and complete this project. While all gifts are deeply appreciated, donors are encouraged to consider making a multi-year gift or pledge to the campaign. This allows for monthly payments over time which are easier to budget and makes possible a larger total gift.

If you would like more information about this exciting project please call the parish (775-329-2571 ext. 100).

*All gifts are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.*

Gift Level	Payment Schedules (Over three years)		
	Annual Payments	Semi-Annual	Monthly
\$30,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$833
\$20,000	\$6,600	3,300.	\$550
\$10,000	\$3,350	\$1,670	\$280
\$5,000	\$1,670	\$840	\$140
\$2,000	\$670	\$335	\$56
\$1,000	\$335	\$168	\$28
\$500	\$168	\$85	\$14
Make Checks payable to: <i>St. Thomas Aquinas Retrofit Fund</i>			

**Our Web site: [www.stacathedral.com](http://www.stacathedral.com)**

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## A Structural Retrofit

Over five years ago, discussions began regarding the upcoming centennial of St. Thomas Aquinas church building. As preparations developed for the hundredth anniversary celebration, it became clear that the building was in need of more than just cosmetic work. After much study and consultation with experts and parishioners, three areas of need were identified.



### Structural retrofit of the Cathedral:

A structural retrofit is needed for the Cathedral to serve a second century. This essentially means reinforcing the building and upgrading the structure after years of deterioration. It will also strengthen the building to better withstand the common seismic activity in the area.

### Upgrade of the interior of the church:

This will include repairs to the ceiling plaster, improvements to the lighting and electrical service, painting and upgrading of the restrooms.

**Increased accessibility:** The addition of an elevator on the west side of the church will create greater access to the main nave and parish hall for those with physical limitations. This part of the project will help to strengthen the west wall of the church and will comply with the federal *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*.

**Total Cost Estimate: \$5,000,000**

## Pledge / Gift Options

**“Francis, Renato and Jimmy”  
St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral Retrofit**

NAME _____ (PLEASE PRINT)	DATE _____	
ADDRESS _____		
CITY _____	STATE _____	ZIP _____
EMAIL _____	PHONE _____	
Desired Billing Schedule:    Monthly    Quarterly    Annually		
310 W. Second St., Reno, NV 89503		

  

<b>GIFT LEVEL</b> <input type="checkbox"/> \$30,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500.00 <input type="checkbox"/> \$ Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> One Time Gift	<b>DURATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> One Year <input type="checkbox"/> Two Years <input type="checkbox"/> Three Years <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Make checks payable to: St. Thomas Retrofit	<b>PAYMENT METHOD</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card* <input type="checkbox"/> Stocks & Bonds <input type="checkbox"/> Real Estate *To charge your pledge please call 775-326-9444.
TOTAL PLEDGE/GIFT _____	AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____	BALANCE DUE _____

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

This Pledge Statement is a good faith agreement between you and St. Thomas Aquinas. It is not a legally binding document. Thank You!

**We welcome your enthusiastic participation in this important endeavor. With your help we can transform our prayers and diligent effort into a legacy of faith for our diocese and community.**

## A Quick History



- In 1871, the parish, originally named St. Mary's, was founded.
- On March 2, 1879 the original church burned down along with downtown Reno.
- Less than one year later the parish begins rebuilding.
- On November 13, 1905 St. Mary's was destroyed by a fire a second time.
- The cornerstone at the present site was laid on July 28, 1907.
- On June 21, 1908 the "new" church, St. Thomas Aquinas was dedicated and opened.
- On December 22, 1909 the "new" Church was gutted by a fire
- In 1910, the church was repaired and reopened.
- In 1931, the church of St. Thomas Aquinas was raised to Cathedral status.
- In the 1950's the church was extensively renovated. The present murals and stained glass windows were added.
- Most recently, in 1997, the basement was flooded requiring the replacement of the heating plant (boiler).

