

Dear Parishioners and Members of our Parish Councils,

I thank God for the successful launching of our three-year Parish Capital Campaign. Your presence, prayers, encouragement, and generous spirit have shown the deep love you have for our parish and its future. I sincerely thank our Parish Council members, Finance Council, Building Committee and Capital Campaign members, and every parishioner for your commitment and collaboration. Your support reminds us that when we work together in faith, great things are possible. Let us continue to pray, sacrifice, and give with joyful hearts. May God bless every family in our parish, and may the Blessed Virgin Mary guide and protect this mission. Amen

This year, like many other dioceses, we have seen a remarkable increase in participation in our diocese. The number of participants in the Rite of Election nearly doubled from 2025 to 2026. While we recognize this growth as the work of the Holy Spirit bringing people to conversion, it also calls for our attention and reflection. Bishop Lou would like to better understand what is contributing to this growth and how the diocese can more effectively support parishes and campus ministries in the years ahead. Those who have recently joined the Church are kindly asked to take a few minutes to complete this survey to assist the diocese in this important effort. [:https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peoria-ocia-2026](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/peoria-ocia-2026)

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