

## ATRIUM TOUR

### “We are the Good Soil” Donor Display

<sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> **Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.**

Matthew 13:3-8

It is an ambitious campaign to be sure, but as Pope Francis exhorts us: “*Don’t be scared – dare to have fabulous plans. I encourage you to not be afraid to dream, to have great ideals, to be builders of hope.*” We have fabulous plans and they revolve around two objectives – the construction of an atrium with a 160-seat chapel and an enhancement of student opportunities funded through our Endowment. These objectives, which include the first dedicated chapel in Roger Bacon’s history, reflect the importance of our Franciscan charism and our Catholic faith.

Statistics tell us that when high school students graduate, many will fall away from their faith. These young men and women are the “seed.” As young adults, many will seek out their faith again once their circle of responsibility grows with work, marriage, and children. This is where their experiences at Roger Bacon become so important.

The lessons learned here...the values and morals taught and demonstrated...seeing value in themselves and others...service to their community – these are vital pieces of the “good soil” that is Roger Bacon. We do not know when the seed will be planted, but we strive to provide the good soil to give the seed every opportunity to flourish and bloom when the opportunity occurs.

# “We are the Good Soil.”

**Goal: \$ 10 million**

### **Objective 1: Build an Atrium**

- \$8 million
- 160-seat Dedicated Chapel
- Increase Student Safety
- Support Expansion Opportunities
- Increase Student Support Services
- Enhance STEM Programs
- Consolidate Administrative Support

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### **Objective 2: Endow Student Opportunities**

- Increase Endowment by \$2 million
- Generate \$100,000 annually
- Expand Assisi Scholar Program
- Increase San Juan Bautista Pilgrimage Participation
- Expand Student Enrichment Opportunities (St. Clare Society)
- Increase Endowed Scholarships
- Enhance Student Leadership Development
- Endow Mission Trip Experiences
- Increase Community Outreach Opportunities
- Establish and Endow School Chaplain Position

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

Question: **How will the atrium addition increase student safety?**

Answer: Safety will be increased in a variety of ways:

- The vestibule allows student ingress and egress before and after school.
- The visitor entrance during school hours will be via the atrium – allows the school to remain locked down during the day.
- **Limits visitor access to student areas.**
- Permits use off the atrium spaces independent of school functions/activities.
- Increases handicap access.

Question: **What are some of the key features of the chapel?**

Answer: Key features include the following:

- It is a **dedicated** chapel with a permanent alter – not a “swing” space.
- Seating capacity is between 160 -180 persons.

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- Stained glass windows from Our Lady of the Angels High School are used in design of back wall.
- A **reliquary** is incorporated into the Tau Cross.
- The “stained glass” windows reflect our Franciscan heritage
  - St. Francis of Assisi at the Cross
  - St. Clare of Assisi
  - St. Anthony of Padua
  - St. Bonaventure
  - St. Elizabeth of Hungary
  - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Question: **What is meant by expansion?**

Answer: The project will allow Roger Bacon to reclaim 5 classrooms. This allows for either an expansion of the student population from **520 to 560 students** and/or an expansion of course offerings. This includes a classroom specifically designed to support **STEM** programs (i.e., engineering and robotics).

Question: **What about parking?**

Answer: Staff parking will be in the rear parking lot. **Students will park at the Fitness Center and the stadium.** Crosswalk and sidewalk improvements have already been made to facilitate this change. We continue to work with the Village of St. Bernard and the City of Cincinnati to improve safety for our school community.

## OBJECTIVE 1: BUILD AN ATRIUM

### Chapel

- Dedicated chapel – permanent alter. Not a “swing” space
- 160 – 180 seats
- Alter based on St. Clement
- 3D San Damiano cross on background similar to FAC
- Stained glass windows from Our Lady of the Angels used in design of back wall
- Reliquary incorporated into the Tau Cross
- 14 Stations of the Cross from the OLA Chapel
- Stained glass skylight is designed similar to the rose window at the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy
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### **Student Safety**

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### **Supports Expansion Opportunities**

- Reclaims 5 classrooms
- Allows for either expansion of student population (i.e., 520 to 560) and/or expansion of course offerings

### **Student Support Services**

- Redesigned Student Services offices and Intervention Specialists enhances student access
- Provides more useful spaces for intervention services and counseling.

### **Enhance STEM Programs**

- Creates a classroom specifically designed to support engineering and robotics

### **Consolidate Administrative Support**

- Contains offices for the following:
  - President
  - Principal and administrative staff
  - Admissions
  - Support staff (i.e., secretaries, etc.)

## **OBJECTIVE 2: ENDOW STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **General**

- Use only interest generated to fund opportunities
- Allows “gift” to be given in perpetuity

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### **Expand Assisi Scholar Program**

- Premier honors program in the city
- Increase mentoring opportunities in the medical, business, financial and government fields
- Reinforces our Franciscan charism

### **Increase San Juan Bautista Pilgrimage**

- Opportunity for juniors who are not Assisi Scholars
- Franciscan missions in California
- Reinforces our Franciscan charism

### **Expand Student Enrichment Opportunities (St. Clare Society)**

- College visit programs -counselor-led college bus tours
- Summer/leadership opportunities
- Create technology partnerships with local businesses and universities

### **Increase Endowed Scholarships**

- 30% of students live at poverty or below levels
- Admit students regardless of ability to pay

### **Enhance Student Leadership Development**

- Provide Community Outreach Board and Student Leadership Organizations (i.e, Senate, Senior Leaders, etc.) with:
  - team building activities (i.e., Camp Campbell Guard)
  - theological reflection
  - organizational skills
  - communication skills
  - inspiring/motivational activities
  - endowed retreats

### **Endow Mission Trip Experiences**

- International and domestic

### **Increase Community Outreach Opportunities**

- Develop partnerships with families in Catholic parishes
- Partner with other Franciscan schools (i.e., Oldenburg Academy; Padua)
- Grow mentoring programs with elementary schools
- Expand class-wide service opportunities within the framework of the school day

**OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,**

we thank You for all the

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blessing You have bestowed  
on our school family.

May our lives reflect Your faithfulness  
and witness to Your unfailing love.

Guide us in our work together,  
that all we may do be for Your glory.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon us  
and open our hearts to generously  
respond to Your call.

Keep us ever mindful of the  
mission and purpose of our school.

Our Lady of the Angels and  
Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi,  
pray for us.

Amen