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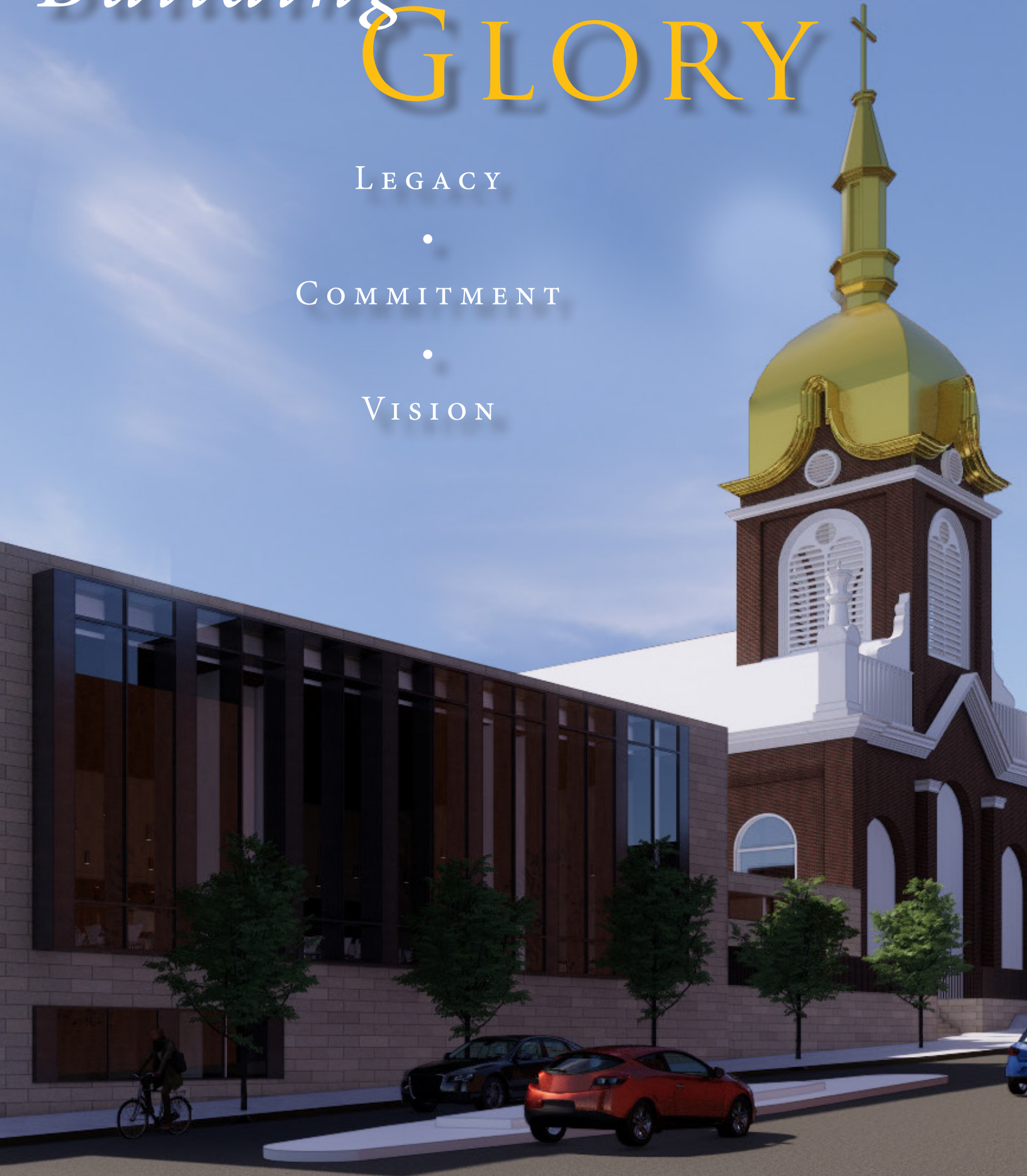
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The *Clarion* Call

Since early pioneer days the land at the corner of 11th and Broadway has been the beating heart and soul of downtown Kansas City. A one-room log cabin church built by Jesuit missionaries in 1833 (at left) as the city's first place of worship led to the impressive building erected on the same site fifty years later consecrated as the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.



Today the Cathedral's gold dome is an icon on the city skyline and identifies the Mother Church of the Catholic faith in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The parish continues to affirm its 188-year legacy, welcoming all to

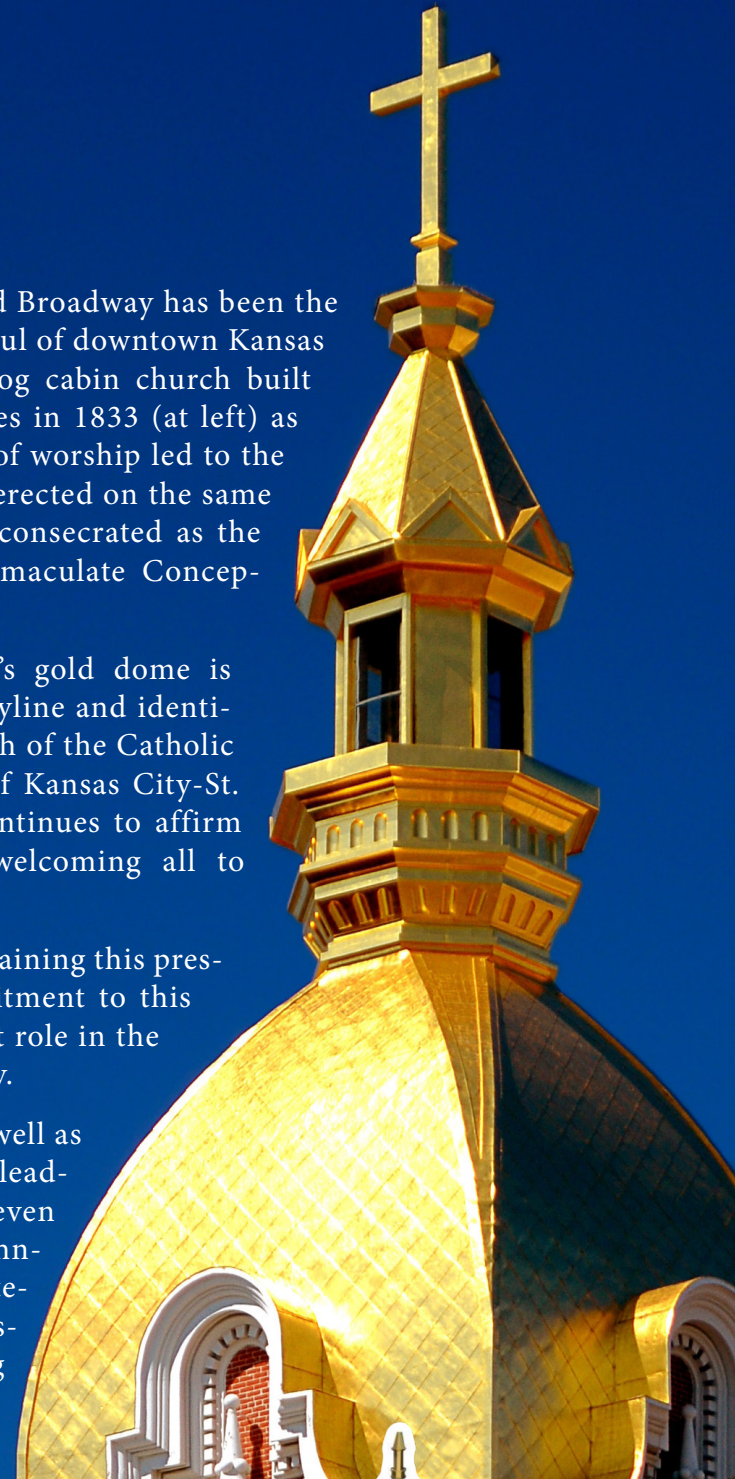
worship God and to serve their neighbor.

Cathedral leadership looks forward to expanding and sustaining this presence into the 21st century. They advance with a commitment to this proud past and with a vision for an even more significant role in the unfolding story of the Catholic Church in our community.

Seeking counsel from our most devoted parishioners, as well as others who invest in the heart of Kansas City, this same leadership now embarks on a clarion journey to realize an even more glorious tomorrow. Following Bishop James V. Johnston's vision for the diocese and the parish mission statement, the leadership team calls on all who care for this historic icon to share in a capital campaign they are calling ***Building Glory***.

A VISION FOR THE CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

For more than two years the diocesan and parish leadership have been considering a renovation and new construction on the entire property. With the Cathedral this includes the buildings immediately east of the church comprising the old Immaculate Conception School, Donnelly Hall, and the rectory and office building. *Building Glory* is a \$14 million capital campaign that will provide a critical update that will sustain the parish community, ministries, and facilities long into the future.



THE *Building* GLORY VISION:

REPAIRS AND RENOVATIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL

While the parish has been diligent in maintaining the historic Cathedral, architects have identified several areas for improvement. These include restrooms more accessible to the front of the building, better protection against winter weather in the area at the exterior of the front door, an expanded patio, and some increase of parking.



RECTORY RENOVATION FOR MORNING GLORY MINISTRIES

Morning Glory Ministries is the Cathedral's thirty year-old mission to the homeless and hungry in downtown Kansas City. Devoted staff and volunteers from the parish and broader community have assisted tens of thousands of individuals and families. More than 100 guests come six days a week for hot meals, a variety of social services and fellowship. With Morning Glory input, architects have developed a redesign of the 8800 square foot interior of the rectory, offices and priest residences, including an attractive new entrance. This purpose-built facility will accommodate all the current services and planned expansions of the mission to help this needy population for decades to come. To this renovation the *Building Glory* campaign will be committing \$3,000,000.



A NEW FATHER DONNELLY HALL

A 400 seat multi-purpose event space at 11th and Broadway will connect to the Cathedral through a Welcome Center with an off-street gift shop and historic displays. The two-story 13,000 square foot building will also house parish offices, meeting rooms, a reception area, a bridal room, a catered kitchen and additional storage. This new hall, preserving the name of our founding priest Father Bernard Donnelly, will accommodate diocesan, parish and other community gatherings. It will also be available for selected wedding rentals as a source of earned revenue for the parish. To this new space the *Building Glory* campaign will be committing \$11,000,000.

EVANGELIZATION CENTER

The new building will also serve as an evangelization center for the faith in the downtown area. It will be an epicenter of Catholic formation directed primarily at the 30,000 and growing new downtown residents, most of whom are in their thirties and forties. Many of them are fresh out of college, on their first jobs and looking to begin a family life. The evangelization center will serve as a beacon for them to enter, develop or return to the faith. Such a center, while also servicing the wider community needs, will feed the parish rolls and provide downtown residents a good beginning to a faith-based life in marriage and family.

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN

We, the campaign leadership, believe in the Cathedral's legacy and this vision. We have committed both our time and treasure to the successful completion of the *Building Glory* campaign. We now ask you to prayerfully consider your contribution to the stated goals in the form of a pledge over 3 years (form enclosed). Consider how your life has been enriched by the wonderful rituals and opportunities for service at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Consider, too, your place in the long line of faithful who have committed for 188 years to *Building Glory*.



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