



## DIocese OF LITTLE ROCK

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese is launching the third year of its mission program, One Church: Unite Arkansas in Faith and Mission. Much has been accomplished in just two years through the One Church initiative, thanks to your generous response. As a diocese, we helped transform St. Luke Church in Warren and Holy Spirit in Hamburg had their debt burden lifted.

This year, St. Bartholomew in Little Rock has been chosen for the One Church initiative because they need a new Parish Life Center. St. Bartholomew is a predominantly African-American parish started in 1909, and one of only three remaining in the diocese. The current building and rectory were dedicated in 1931. You can learn more about One Church and St. Bartholomew at [dolr.org/one-church](http://dolr.org/one-church).

I am asking each parish, beginning this month, to consider how you can support St. Bartholomew in building a new Parish Life Center. As I ask this, I am keenly aware – as you are – of the difficulties of living with the COVID pandemic. With God's grace, we will manage until we are free from its grip.

The level of concern and generosity among you is extraordinary. As brothers and sisters in Christ you embraced our Catholic communities in Warren and Hamburg. Let us unite this time in faith and mission for the community at St. Bartholomew.

Sincerely in Christ,

+Anthony B. Taylor  
Bishop of Little Rock