

December 17 UPDATE

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Christmas has come early for our Cathedral Development Campaign with the wonderful news of a **£66,000** grant from a Catholic foundation, to help support the running costs of the proposed Centre. This is a huge encouragement to us all and builds on the amazing generosity of all our donors.

On top of that, we are delighted to report that the Capital fund stands at **£2.39m** ... well on the way to our target of £3.2m

This includes a **£25,000** grant from another Northamptonshire-based trust

A number of fundraising activities have taken place across the diocese over the last six months, including

- a Violin and Piano Recital and other events at St Edward's Church, Kettering,
- The Cantare Singers performance at the Cathedral,
- a number of quiz nights at St Joseph's, Gerrards Cross
- and most recently, parishioners from Luton and the Cathedral took part in an obstacle race at Cholmondeley Castle in Cheshire.



Thanks to the progress made, we are pleased to announce that detailed design is now underway, with a view to building works being able to commence in the next calendar year.

This is fantastic news and takes us one step closer in making our bold vision a reality.

If you would like to hear more about the project, please do get in touch with the Campaign Office on 01604 712065 or via email cathedralcampaign@northamptondiocese.com

I would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you, our donors and supporters, for sharing our vision. On behalf of the team, I would like to wish you a happy and blessed Christmas and New Year. I look forward to updating you further in 2018.

Best wishes from **Angela Madge**, Campaign Administrator

A vision for the parish, Diocese and community



Last month, The Mayor of Northampton, Gareth Eales, visited the Cathedral and grounds to get a first-hand idea of the plans for the Centre and its potential contribution to community life in Northampton. The Mayor said *"I think this new Cathedral Centre is a very exciting project, and when completed it will be of huge benefit to not only the Diocese, but for the whole town, particularly the immediate area. . . I look forward to seeing the building work commence."*

