



TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

A Newsletter for the Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation December 2015

Dear Friends,

Our celebration of Advent this year takes on a special significance with the opening of the Jubilee of Mercy, proclaimed by Pope Francis. The message is quite simple. We are to prepare for the coming of Christ into the world by allowing the mercy of God to take hold of us and, at the same time, we are to become agents of God's mercy in our relationships with others.

This is a time to be gracious and generous to those who need healing, forgiveness, a second chance and mercy, just as God is towards us. Each of us should pause and consider how we can be agents of God's mercy in our family, workplace, neighborhood, parish and yes, in the Archdiocese. The success of *To Teach Who Christ Is* offers us inspiration that the gift of God's mercy is already alive in the hearts of Chicago Catholics, particularly as we can already see the good work that the sacrifice of so many is having in our parishes, schools and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

As I thank God for many gifts at Christmas Midnight Mass, know that I will remember you, your families and loved ones. At the same time I ask your remembrance of me in your prayers.

A Blessed and Mercy-filled Christmas to you.

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

Most Reverend Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Holy Name Cathedral embraces campaign

As the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, Holy Name Cathedral is embracing *To Teach Who Christ Is* — to meet its own needs as well as the shared needs of our local Church.

"*To Teach Who Christ Is* will advance us," says Msgr. Dan Mayall, rector/pastor of Holy Name. "It also will let us join the rest of Chicago's Catholic Church in securing the future of Catholic education in every area of the city. In that project, Holy Name Cathedral should be in the lead."



Archbishop Blase Cupich celebrates Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve 2014. Karen Callaway / Catholic New World

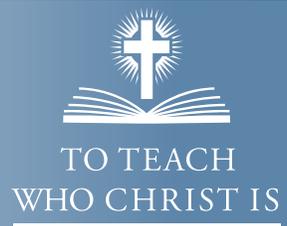
The cathedral has currently raised 46 percent of its \$3.05 million campaign goal, but is working toward a \$5 million enhanced goal. Funds that will remain at the parish will be used to strengthen faith formation and fund capital work, according to Msgr. Mayall.

The cathedral is "ahead of the game," he says. "Holy Name is not answering a crisis — we are moving ahead to maintain our status as one of Chicago's premier parishes."

Thanks to funds raised during *To Teach Who Christ Is*, Holy Name will become a center of Catholic faith formation for all ages. New staff will focus on faith formation and special ministries that will bolster programming for all who walk through the cathedral's doors. The campus will also be enhanced: the cafeteria, club room and auditorium will see renovations, and technology and accessibility upgraded to improve parishioners' and visitors'

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experiences. Lastly, an endowment fund will be created to meet future needs.

The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is important to parishioners Jan Koors and Jay Tremblay, who see the campaign as a way to give back to community that has given them so much support since they moved to Chicago and joined the parish eight years ago. Plus, even though the Cathedral shares its facilities with an independent Catholic school, The Frances Xavier Warde School, the education component of the campaign is “still quite relevant” to the couple.

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“The focus on education is paramount to us,” says Jan. “We both went to Catholic schools. We value the role that a strong education has played in our lives and good fortune.”

Supporters of Big Shoulders Fund, they see the campaign’s goal of funding Catholic education as complementary to that charity’s work in the inner city.

Jan and Jay feel buoyed in their support of *To Teach Who Christ Is*, and of all efforts at the cathedral, because of the dedication and involvement of other members of their parish family. Everyone needs to do their part — with time, talent and treasure, Jan notes, and they appreciate how active fellow parishioners are, even if they are unable to contribute on all three fronts.

“Life is a reinvention of ourselves every day, and you can’t get smarter every day if you don’t do something every day,” reflects Arlene Wymer, parishioner. “My mission as a member of Holy Name is very simple: to support the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign. Through His teaching, I find peace, purpose and strength for myself and Holy Name.”

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Breakfast

to take place in January

The second annual *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast* will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago from 7:15 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26.

Jim Rigg, Ph.D., the new Superintendent of Catholic Schools, will serve as the keynote speaker. Dr. Rigg will present his vision for the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Catholic school system, which is the largest private school system in the United States.

Funds raised at the *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast* will support programs for schools and teachers through the Office of Catholic Schools and provide scholarships to students in Catholic schools in the Archdiocese through the Caritas Scholars Program, which was created with an early gift to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign.

Nearly 500 business leaders, politicians and Catholic school supporters attended the inaugural *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast*, which raised \$240,000 for scholarships as well as awareness for the importance of Catholic education.

Tickets are \$150 a person or \$1,500 for a table of 10, and can be purchased online at www.archchicago.org/cceb or by calling (312) 534-7614. Registration is required by January 15.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at all levels.

For more information about the *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast*, please contact Teresa Battaglia at tbattaglia@archchicago.org or (312) 534-7614.

Tax advantageous year-end giving ideas

With 2015 quickly coming to a close, now is the time to reflect on year-end gifts to further help *To Teach Who Christ Is*, your parish or other ministries you support.

While some people see a simple gift of cash as the best way to make the most of charitable giving, others find sharing is easier with a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution directly from an IRA.

People can give gifts of appreciated stock to the Archdiocese of Chicago using the Stock Letter of Intention Form, which can be found online at www.toteachwhochristis.org/forms. This type of gift typically makes sense for someone who has held stock or mutual funds for the long term, as the donor can generally deduct the full fair-market value of the stock.

At this writing, people cannot make direct gifts from their IRA accounts to support their favorite charities and take full advantage of a law that has yet to be renewed for 2015. However, it can still make sense to use an IRA distribution for charitable giving.

If the law is not renewed for this year, making a direct distribution to the Archdiocese of Chicago to help your parish would be considered taxable income, but donors would be allowed a charitable tax deduction to help offset the taxes incurred by the distribution.

Contributions from individuals throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign are already helping parishes thrive, providing children with greater access to Catholic education, and developing new religious education initiatives. “These gifts have helped *To Teach Who Christ Is* exceed \$200 million in pledges toward our overall goal of \$350 million,” says Peter de Keratry, campaign manager. “We have an amazing sense of hope for the future.”

Exciting News: Wave IV parishes collectively exceed goal

Wave IV's 56 parishes have surpassed their collective goal of \$30.2 million — with 35 exceeding their individual goals.

“These parishes have put in an extraordinary amount of effort since July,” says Peter de Keratry, campaign manager.

“Their success is a testament to the leadership of pastors and parish Campaign Executive Committee members, as well as to the dedication so many of our faithful have to both their parishes and the mission and ministry of our local Church.”

More than \$31 million from 7,672 pledges during Wave IV. Parishes continue to conduct Commitment Weekends, and engage their entire parish families about their campaign pledge decision.

OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave IV parishes and pastors for exceeding their Archdiocesan *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals!

PASTOR	PARISH	PERCENT OF GOAL
Fr. Tirso S. Villaverde	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Chicago	181%
Fr. Tomasz Wojciechowski	St. Hedwig, Chicago	178%
Fr. Rigoberto G. Alfonso	Our Lady of Tepeyac, Chicago	173%
Msgr. Robert J. Dempsey	St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield	172%
Fr. Maciej D. Galle	St. Stephen King of Hungary, Chicago	167%
Fr. Laurence J. Dunn	St. Patrick, Lake Forest	163%
Fr. Mark Kalema	Our Lady of Peace, Chicago	161%
Fr. Mark Kalema	Our Lady Gate of Heaven, Chicago	153%
Fr. Gary Graff	St. Gall, Chicago	146%
Fr. Ronald J. Gollatz	Transfiguration, Wauconda	141%
Fr. Christopher L. Krymski, OSM	Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, Chicago	141%
Fr. George Omwando	St. Catherine of Siena - St. Lucy, Oak Park	139%
Fr. Robert Miller	St. Dorothy, Chicago	138%
Fr. Paul Huesing	Old St. Mary's, Chicago	137%
Fr. Ignatius Anaele	St. Jude the Apostle, South Holland	135%
Fr. Armando Morales Martinez	St. George, Chicago	133%
Fr. Anthony Rice	St. Peter, Volo	124%
Fr. James A. Mezydlo	St. Walter, Chicago	123%
Fr. Daniel Whiteside	St. Mary, Buffalo Grove	121%
Fr. Pedro Campos	St. Kevin, Chicago	120%
Fr. C. Frank Phillips	St. John Cantius, Chicago	120%
Fr. Thomas Jackson	Holy Name of Mary, Chicago	114%
Fr. Michael J. Cronin	St. Edward, Chicago	113%
Fr. Robert Schultz	St. Beatrice, Schiller Park	112%
Fr. Mark Kalema	Haitian Catholic Community, Chicago	110%
Fr. Michael G. Foley	Our Lady of the Woods, Orland Park	110%
Fr. Paul Duy Cao	St. Celestine, Elmwood Park	109%
Fr. Michael Kalck	Holy Rosary Church, Chicago	108%
Fr. Alfredo Gundrum, OFM	St. Clare of Montefalco, Chicago	108%
Fr. Ricardo Castillo	St. Bartholomew, Chicago	106%
Fr. Michael J. Wanda	Divine Infant Jesus, Westchester	104%
Fr. Lawrence McNally	St. Matthias, Chicago	104%
Fr. Pius Kokose	St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Posen	103%
Fr. James L. Barrett	St. Margaret Mary, Chicago	103%
Fr. Andrew Smith	Holy Angels, Chicago	101%



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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000

Total raised to date: \$224,565,535*

Percent of Goal: 64.1%

Cash received to date: \$62,783,980

Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000

Raised to date: \$110,238,092*

Number of gifts: 35,925

Percent of goal: 44%

Cash received: \$40,995,445

Major gift goal: \$100,000,000

Raised to date: \$114,327,443*

Number of gifts: 54

Percent of goal: 114.3%

Cash received: \$21,788,535

*Includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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