



# TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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

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Dear Friends,

I was privileged to attend the International Catholic Stewardship Conference in New Orleans earlier this month. While I was there, I encountered dozens of people from dioceses across the country who peppered me with questions regarding the success of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign. Everyone wanted to know the secret to our success.

I was able to brag about you — as it was your dedicated efforts, from the very beginning of this historic campaign, that made it succeed. I boasted about your steadfast prayer, the strength and engagement of parish Campaign Executive Committees, the leadership of pastors, our partnership with CCS Fundraising, the diligence and vision of Archbishop Cupich and Cardinal George, the drive of Parish Campaign Directors and, of course, the extraordinary generosity of our faithful here in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

What we have accomplished through *To Teach Who Christ Is* is truly momentous. I salute your efforts, as they will have a significant impact on your parishes and our local Church in the years ahead.

Please continue to pray for Wave VI parishes, pastors and volunteers as they continue their work through the end of December.

Yours in Christ,

John T. Osterlund  
Chief Development Officer

## *To Teach Who Christ Is* surpasses \$350 million goal, celebrates success

Archbishop Blase Cupich is celebrating the success of *To Teach Who Christ Is* during four trilingual prayer services this month and next. The campaign has now raised more than \$363.4 million of its \$350 million goal.



*Archbishop Blase Cupich celebrates a trilingual prayer service for parish leaders at Holy Family Church in Chicago with Fathers Adan Sandoval and Robert Fedek as concelebrants.*

Cardinal Francis George, OMI, launched *To Teach Who Christ Is* in 2013. At the first prayer service at Chicago's Holy Family Church on October 17, Archbishop Cupich compared the Cardinal to Abraham, who stepped out in faith during his later years. More than meeting the largest fundraising goal in the history of the Catholic Church, the Archbishop said that he is most thankful that "we have learned to step out in faith like Cardinal George."

Nearly 58,000 faithful have generously supported local parish needs and shared ministries of the Archdiocese, with the sixth and final wave of the campaign currently underway.

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## DONOR PROFILE | Kathy and Bill Doyle

Kathy and Bill Doyle's support of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign can be attributed to both their dedication to Catholic education and their trust in Archbishop Cupich's vision for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

"Whatever we can do to help him, we are going to do," Bill says. "We really respect his business acumen and the way he embraces people. When you have a high level of confidence in a person, like we do in the Archbishop, and he asks you to do something, you do it."

As supporters of Big Shoulders Fund, the Doyles are Guardian Angels of St. Helen School. Bill sees the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust, which was established with *To Teach Who Christ Is* gifts to provide scholarships to qualifying families throughout Cook and Lake Counties, as complementary to the work of Big Shoulders Fund in the city of Chicago.

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"Catholic education has impacted my life every step of the way," says Bill, who attended Immaculate Conception Grammar School in Highland Park, Loyola Academy in Wilmette, and then Georgetown University, where he is now chairman of the board of directors. He credits the Sisters of Loretto and the Jesuits for his success, especially when it comes to living a life that is "selfless, not selfish."

"Catholic education did that for me and, I think, for lots of people, which is why people are so generous to Catholic schools and scholarship programs," Bill adds. "It's paying it forward to the next generation, so they can receive the education they need to succeed in life." †

The Archbishop reminded those gathered that the full impact of their generosity will not be felt for many years in the future. "We're investing in a future, a people we don't even know," he said. "The success we celebrate tonight is that we put our trust in each other."

This unity will be important as the Archdiocese of Chicago continues to move forward with the *Renew My Church* program, he stressed. "The best days are not behind us, but ahead of us."

Non-endowed gifts are already having an impact throughout the Archdiocese. Many parishes have addressed facility needs and strengthened ministries with their 60 percent of campaign funds. Shared case elements have also benefited, including through the development of an online faith formation school and the distribution of scholarships to more than 300 students from the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust. The Caritas Scholars Program, funded with early gifts to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign to serve as a trial scholarship program for the trust, has now awarded scholarships to more than 4,000 students.

Jim Perry, Co-Chair of the Campaign Cabinet, thanked parish leaders for serving as members of Campaign Executive Committees. "Please know that your hard work has contributed to the most successful campaign in the history of the Church," he said.

Archbishop Cupich is also gathering with campaign leaders and benefactors at St. Patrick Parish in Lake Forest, St. John Brebeuf Parish in Niles, and St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish in Oak Lawn. †



### Campaign gifts help young people deepen their faith

More than 5,000 sixth- through ninth-grade students participated in Holy Fire at the UIC Pavilion in Chicago on October 14 and 15. Gifts to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* funded scholarships for young people to attend the event and deepen their faith through faith-based music, prayer and community. The Archdiocese of Chicago, in partnership with the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry and Declan Weir Productions, designed the event for the Young Church to reflect more deeply on the gifts of the Holy Spirit they will receive in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*Photos by Karen Callaway/Catholic New World*

# To Teach Who Christ Is complements earlier capital campaign at Glenview's Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Our Lady of Perpetual Help parishioners are embracing *To Teach Who Christ Is*, just five years after generously supporting the Glenview parish's *Grateful for the Past, Giving for the Future* campaign.

"I knew that once our parishioners understood the vision and opportunity this campaign creates for not only Our Lady of Perpetual Help, but for the whole Archdiocese, it would be well received and supported," says Dave Ludden, a Campaign Co-Chair.

While the \$4 million raised during *Grateful for the Past, Giving for the Future* only benefitted Our Lady of Perpetual Help, *To Teach Who Christ Is* will support both the parish and shared ministries of the Archdiocese. Dave noted that the parish school has been blessed with an endowment, and parishioners are familiar with the benefits this asset creates each year for the school. "The idea that we would be helping to create an Archdiocese-wide endowment solely for Catholic education is very appealing," Dave says.



Father Jerry Boland speaks at the orientation that Our Lady of Perpetual Help hosted for Wave VI.

transform the convent into a parish ministry center with an apartment for the two School Sisters of St. Francis who continue to serve the parish; and completely reno-

Nancy Schwider, the Business Manager, noted that she has worked with parish staff and leaders for three years to create the local case for *To Teach Who Christ Is*. "Some are needs and some are desires," she says. "We wanted to make sure that there was something for everyone in this campaign case statement."

Dave says he was excited to evangelize *To Teach Who Christ Is* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. "My hope is for our parish to join the other 350 parishes and the 2.2 million Catholics throughout our Archdiocese, as together we continue the mission of the Church, the mission that Christ spoke to his disciples: 'Go and make disciples of all nations,' 'Go and spread the Good News' and 'Go and teach who Christ is!'" #

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The parish has an enhanced goal of \$5.5 million for *To Teach Who Christ Is*, and plans to use funds to install five STEM labs in the school; make repairs to the interior and exterior of the church;

vate and repair McDonnell Hall. The hall was partially updated during *Grateful for the Past, Giving for the Future*, which also funded extensive facility needs throughout the parish campus.

## OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave VI parishes and pastors for exceeding their *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals. The 60 parishes in Wave VI have collectively raised more than \$17.7 million.

| PASTOR                      | PARISH                                        | % OF GOAL |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Father Richard J. Lo Bianco | Divine Savior, Norridge                       | 120%      |
| Father Francis Li           | St. Therese Chinese Catholic Mission, Chicago | 103%      |



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## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000**

Total raised to date: \$363,443,982\*

Percent of goal: 103.8%

Non-revenue total: \$16,308,614

Cash received to date: \$102,765,778

**Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000**

Raised to date: \$205,913,925\*

Number of gifts: 58,040

Percent of goal: 82.3%

Cash received: \$73,157,031

**Major gift goal: \$100,000,000**

Raised to date: \$141,221,443\*

Number of gifts: 69

Percent of goal: 141.2%

Cash received: \$29,608,746

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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