



TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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Dear Friends,

Nearly a year has passed since we paused *To Teach Who Christ Is* and transitioned campaign counsel to CCS Fundraising. By all accounts, this move was successful, as we have seen thousands of new supporters for the campaign and more than \$60 million in gifts since its restart. I am delighted to report that we now have more than \$190 million of the overall goal of \$350 million.

I am so grateful to the pastors who stepped up to participate in Wave III, which allowed the campaign team to test out a new parish campaign plan. Congratulations to the 22 pastors and parishes who exceeded their goals, as well as all who helped bring Wave III to 115 percent of its collective goal. We now begin Wave IV confident that the 57 parishes participating will see success as well.

As we move forward, we will continue to listen to — and respond to — the needs of parishes and pastors. Please know how appreciative I am of your efforts and prayers as we work, together, *To Teach Who Christ Is*.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Peter L. de Keratry, CFRE
Campaign Manager

Parish and school unite to invest in their future



School children celebrate St. Benedict being over goal.

The St. Benedict community was “ready to invest for the future,” says Father Jason Malave, pastor, which led the Chicago parish to exceed its independent campaign goal of \$4.5 million.

The parish launched *Forward in Our Faith* after two years of planning, through both the Parish Transformation Initiative and a master plan process. Besides *To Teach Who Christ Is*, the capital campaign will support maintenance and upgrades to the church and other facilities to preserve the historic campus; a two-story addition to the school, resulting in a new campus learning center and seven additional classrooms; and an educational endowment for its sharing parish, Our Lady of the Snows in Chicago.

Parishes seeking to raise extraordinary funds for parish projects — or more than three times the parish offertory — have the option of conducting an Independent Parish Campaign. *To Teach Who Christ Is* becomes a component of these independent campaigns, with parishes contributing the same percentage of their Archdiocesan-set goal for shared ministries.

Parishes are required to retain, but are able to choose, fundraising counsel to conduct a feasibility study to ensure the parish is capable of meeting an ambitious target. For standard or enhanced *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaigns, the Archdiocese of Chicago provides fundraising counsel at no cost to parishes. With Independent campaigns, parishes are required to select from a list of pre-approved professional fundraising counsel.

St. Benedict's parish campaign director lived and worked at the parish each day to manage the daily operations of the campaign and support campaign and volunteer leaders during the five-month campaign. Father Malave says hundreds of generous families have

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pledged more than \$4.5 million, or nearly 600 percent of annual parish collections, to *Forward in Our Faith*. Elated by this response, the campaign team was inspired to set a challenge goal of \$6.2 million.

St. Benedict Preparatory School is the only coed preschool through twelfth grade parish school in the city, and serves a thousand students. The parish has 2,800 families. Both were founded in 1902 in the North Center neighborhood.

Rachel Gemo, head of the parish school, explains that education is one of St. Benedict's five commissions. "When people see we're investing back in the school, it creates energy and excitement," she says. "They're proud of the school. People want this important ministry to continue for the long term. Funding shows that people are invested in making this happen."

Both St. Benedict Parish and School are integral parts of Aileen Blake and Tom Tansor's lives. Parishioners for eight years, they have three children enrolled in the parish school.

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"We feel very blessed to be a part of such a vibrant, welcoming community and want to see the parish continue to thrive over the coming years," Aileen says. "We are passionate about the school as well. We believe in the mission of the school and want to help ensure that the school can continue to grow and deliver quality education to children at an affordable cost. We believe *Forward in Our Faith* is critical to ensuring that the school has the facilities and resources needed to fulfill its mission in the coming years."

The couple was "humbled and nervous" when Father Malave called and asked them to co-chair the campaign. But having already attended an information meeting where the details of the parish master plan and campaign were shared, they quickly agreed to help out.

Aileen and Tom expected their fellow parishioners would be willing to step up and make sacrifices, but they were frequently surprised by just how committed they were and the generosity they showed.

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Since fellow co-chairs Patty Flynn and Joe Daprile do not have children attending the parish school, and regularly attend 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays, they were unsure of their prospect for success. Still, they feel strongly about the importance of Catholic education and about the need for improvements to the parish, so decided not to let their limited interactions with other parishioners deter them from accepting Father Malave's request to take on a leadership role.

"As we started to meet with families, Joe and I were amazed by the generosity of the individuals that we met," Patty says. "We quickly realized how blessed St. Ben's is to have such wonderful people as parishioners. As a great side benefit, Joe and I now know many more of St. Ben's families as a result of the campaign."

She also says success would not have been possible without proper planning, the support and partnership of parish and school leadership, the professional campaign director, and the efforts of the lay leadership of the Campaign Executive Committee. "These individuals had family, work and other commitments yet they spent hours and hours of their time on the campaign," Patty adds. "Put it all together and you have a very successful campaign."



CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Wave IV off to a terrific start

Father Mark Kalema and Campaign Executive Committee (CEC) members at Our Lady of Peace Parish have set a new record for the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign.

Not only was the Chicago parish the first in Wave IV to surpass goal, it did so during only the second week of reporting gifts. Our Lady of Peace is at 139 percent of its parish goal, with 25 gifts.

Wave III parishes continue to accept gifts. Oak Lawn's St. Germaine Parish met goal following its final Commitment Weekend, following a group of volunteers delivering testimonials at Masses for several weekends beforehand. St. Germaine is the 22nd parish over goal for the wave, which is now at 115 percent of its overall goal.

Wave V will take place next January to June. This month and next, the Wave V preparations director will meet with those parishes about preparing a roster for the creation of campaign materials, thinking about the case for support, and considering potential CEC members.

PROGRESS REPORT

PASTOR	PARISH	% OF GOAL
Reverend Mark Kalema	Our Lady of Peace, Chicago	139%
Reverend Tirso S. Villaverde	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Chicago	96%
Reverend Armando Morlaes Martinez	St. George, Chicago	69%
Reverend Mark Kalema	Our Lady Gate of Heaven, Chicago	58%
Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Dempsey	St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield	52%
Reverend Laurence J. Dunn	St. Patrick, Lake Forest	48%
Reverend Pedro Campos	St. Kevin, Chicago	47%
Reverend George Omwando	St. Catherine of Siena - St Lucy, Oak Park	46%
Reverend Ignatius Anaele	St. Jude the Apostle, South Holland	41%
Reverend Robert Miller	St. Dorothy, Chicago	39%
Reverend James A. Mezydlo	St. Walter, Chicago	38%
Reverend Ronald J. Gollatz	Tranfiguration, Wauconda	36%
Reverend Andrew Smith	Holy Angels, Chicago	35%
Reverend Tomasz Wojciechowski	St. Hedwig, Chicago	35%
Reverend James F. Blazek	St. Maria Goretti, Schiller Park	32%
Reverend Robert Schultz	St. Beatrice, Schiller Park	32%
Reverend Michael J. Cronin	St. Edward, Chicago	31%
Reverend Thomas S. Cabala	Our Lady of Loretto, Hometown	31%
Reverend Antoine Leason	St. Elizabeth, Chicago	30%
Reverend Rigoberto G. Alfonso	Our Lady of Tepeyac, Chicago	28%
Reverend Paul Huesing	Old St. Mary's, Chicago	26%
Reverend James L. Barrett	St. Margaret Mary, Chicago	26%
Reverend Patrick M. Tucker	Sacred Heart, Palos Hills	24%
Reverend Daniel Whiteside	St. Mary, Buffalo Grove	24%
Reverend Paul Duy Cao	St. Celestine, Elmwood Park	24%
Reverend Gary M. Graf	St. Gall, Chicago	23%
Reverend C. Frank Phillips	St. John Cantius, Chicago	22%
Reverend Anthony Rice	St. Peter - Volo, Round Lake	22%
Reverend Ricardo Castillo	St. Bartholomew, Chicago	21%
Reverend Michael J. Wanda	Divine Infant Jesus, Westchester	20%
Reverend Diego Berrio	St. Domitilla, Hillside	19%
Reverend Andrzej Bartosz	Our Lady, Mother of the Church, Chicago	19%
Reverend Michael G. Foley	Our Lady of the Woods, Orland Park	18%
Reverend Thomas Jackson	Holy Name of Mary, Chicago	17%
Reverend Michael V. Kalck	Holy Rosary Church, Chicago	17%
Reverend Hugo Leon Londono, MSC	St. Joseph - Hermitage Avenue, Chicago	16%
Reverend Alfredo Gundrum, OFM	St. Clare of Montefalco, Chicago	14%
Reverend Thomas E. Srenn	Immaculate Conception, Chicago	13%
Reverend Anthony Dzioerek, CR	St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Chicago	13%
Reverend Bob Beaven	St. Juliana, Chicago	12%
Reverend James M. Hyland	Most Holy Redeemer, Evergreen Park	12%
Reverend Pius Kokose	St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Posen	10%
Reverend James P. Finno	St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr, Tinley Park	9%
Reverend Waclaw Lech, OCD	St. Camillus, Chicago	6%
Reverend Anthony M. Talarico	Holy Ghost, South Holland	5%
Reverend Lawrence McNally	St. Matthias, Chicago	5%
Reverend John W. Clemens	Our Lady of Hope, Des Plaines	5%
Reverend Monsignor Daniel G. Mayall	Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago	4%
Reverend Jerzy Gawlik, SVD	St. Joseph the Worker, Wheeling	4%
Reverend Edward Romanski	St. John the Baptist, Harvey	3%
Reverend Idzi Stacherczak	St. Priscilla, Chicago	3%



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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000

Total raised to date: \$190,517,571*

Percent of Goal: 54%

Cash received to date: \$52,661,127

Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000

Raised to date: \$77,211,628*

Percent of goal: 31%

Cash received: \$32,974,166

Major gift goal: \$100,000,000

Raised to date: \$113,305,943

Number of gifts: 54

Percent of goal: 113.3%

Cash received: \$19,686,961

*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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