

# TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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

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Dear Friends,

I speak for CCS and the entire campaign directing staff when I say that it is a privilege to work on *To Teach Who Christ Is*. Since October 2014, we have attended daily meetings with parishes across the Archdiocese and worked alongside dedicated laity. The love and enthusiasm for the Church and her mission is inspiring.

CCS has worked with the Catholic Church since 1947, but the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is historic in its ambition and results. The excitement and passion for parish projects and the local Church is palpable.

*To Teach Who Christ Is*' success is due to the efforts of many, but especially the volunteers who have shared the good news of the campaign with their neighbors. It is because tens of thousands of Catholics from every background have listened to the needs of their parishes and the Archdiocese and have decided to pledge their financial support.

On behalf of those who will benefit from the parish projects funded through *To Teach Who Christ Is* and the generations of children who will attend Catholic schools because of the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust, I thank all of you for your open hearts and commitment to our Church.

Sincerely,



Brad Patterson  
Corporate Vice President  
CCS Fundraising

## Current wave of *To Teach Who Christ Is* set to make history for the Catholic Church



*Father Jacek Dada's parish, St. Andrew the Apostle, is now at 110 percent of goal.*

The 68 parishes participating in Wave V of *To Teach Who Christ Is* are well on their way to making history. When the current wave meets goal, it will be the first single wave in any Archdiocesan capital campaign to raise more than \$40 million.

"Most important is the impact this generosity will have in those parishes, in regards to meeting their local needs, and for the shared ministries of the Archdiocese the campaign will benefit," says Peter de Keratry, campaign manager. "That is what is truly impressive."

Gifts from nearly 6,000 families have brought Wave V parishes to 70 percent of their collective goal of \$41.325 million. Nineteen parishes in Wave V have met or

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exceeded their individual goals. Overall, the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is closing in on \$300 million of its \$350 million goal.

Chicago's St. Florian Parish is currently at 128 percent of its goal, and the pastor, Father Robert Marchwiany, says the campaign has been a great tool for him to personally meet with his parishioners and explain the needs of the parish. "The parishioners enjoyed being included in the process," he says. "They felt recognized. The parish is their very important center of faith."

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Father Marchwiany points out that *To Teach Who Christ Is* has also helped parishioners feel calmer about the future of the parish, which was founded 110 years ago to serve the growing needs of the Polish community. St. Florian will use campaign funds to replace its nearly 100-year-old church boiler.

Tammy Vesolowski, chair of the Campaign Executive Committee at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Calumet City, credits her parish's success to the dedication of volunteers and leadership of the pastor, Father Jacek Dada. The parish is now at 110 percent of goal, and will use campaign funds to improve its school building and gymnasium, which often hosts parish activities and events, as well as refresh the adjacent parking lot.



St. Andrew's CEC members celebrate their campaign's success with the parish dog, Lulu.

"I feel parishioners were motivated to give because St. Andrew's is our home," she says. "We needed this campaign. Not just our parish, but the entire Archdiocese."

Forty percent of what parishes raise up to their goals is being directed to shared ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago, such as Catholic education and faith formation.

"*To Teach Who Christ Is* is important to me because the continued health of the Catholic Church depends, in my mind, on the education of our children in our faith," says Lois Heintz, a CEC member at St. Andrew. "I think enough of our parishioners believe this also, and this made it easier to ask for their pledges." ✚

## New Chief Development Officer joins Archdiocese of Chicago



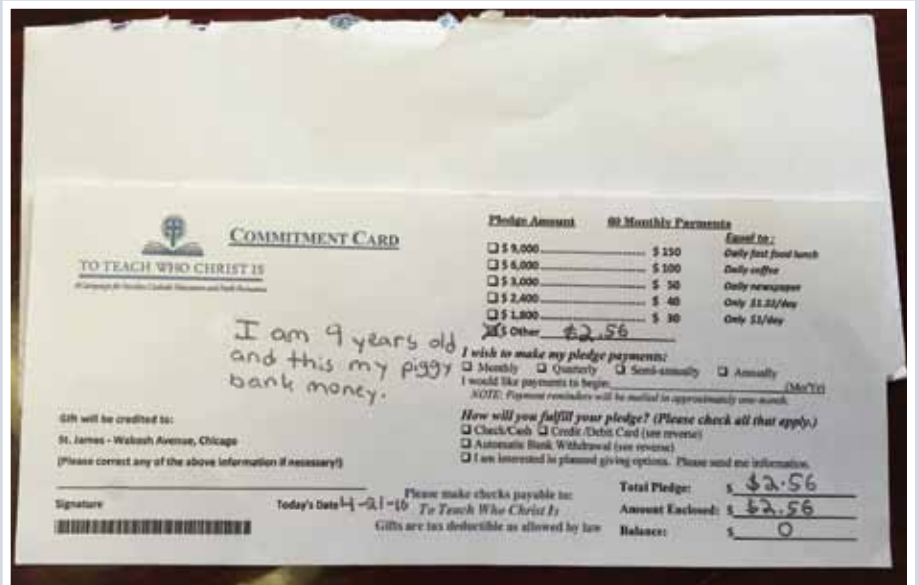
The Archdiocese of Chicago welcomed John Osterlund this month as the Chief Development Officer for the Department of Stewardship and Development, which oversees *To Teach Who Christ Is*.

He joins the Archdiocese of Chicago from The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, where he served as General Manager and Chief Development Officer and managed *Challenge to End Polio Now*, which raised more than \$228 million.

A native of Oak Park, John grew up in Sebring, Florida. After graduating from the University of South Florida with a bachelor's degree in political science, he was awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship to study at the University of Stockholm, where he did a year of graduate research on Sweden's social welfare system. He received his master's degree in history education from Florida State University.

After graduate school, he served as the legislative aide to Florida State Senator Tom McPherson and later as the legislative aide to the Majority Leader of the Florida House of Representatives, Rep. Anne Mackenzie.

John and his family are members of St. Athanasius Parish in Evanston. ✚



### No donor too young, no gift too small

A 9-year-old parishioner at St. James on Wabash Avenue emptied her piggy bank to support *To Teach Who Christ Is*. The \$2.56 gift, as well as the more than \$100,000 pledged during Commitment Weekend, helped the Chicago parish reach 163 percent of its \$260,000 goal. Campaign funds will allow St. James to replace the windows and roof in its parish hall, where the congregation worships, and overhaul the heating system.

# OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave V parishes and pastors for exceeding their *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals. The 68 parishes in Wave V have collectively raised more than \$26 million.

PASTOR	PARISH	PERCENT OF GOAL
Father John Edmunds	St. James (Wabash Avenue), Chicago	163%
Father Karol Tybor	St. John, Glenwood	158%
Father Robert J. Roll	St. Bride, Chicago	152%
Father John Owusu-Achiaw	St. Ambrose, Chicago	148%
Father Lawrence R. Dowling	St. Agatha, Chicago	143%
Father Andrew Torma	St. Michael (South Shore Drive), Chicago	140%
Father Bronislaw Chmiel	St. Pancratius, Chicago	139%
Father Robert J. Gilbert	St. Joachim, Chicago	137%
Father Robert P. Marchwiany	St. Florian, Chicago	128%
Father Stan Kuca	St. Bernardine, Forest Park	128%
Father Harold B. Stanger	St. Marcelline, Schaumburg	121%
Father Thomas R. Koys	St. James at Sag Bridge, Lemont	115%
Father Robert J. Kyfes	St. Joseph, Homewood	114%
Father Jacek Dada	St. Andrew the Apostle, Calumet City	110%
Father Tu Jin Paul Kim	Korean Martyrs, Chicago	110%
Father Darrio L. Boscutti	St. Cyprian, River Grove	108%
Father Mark Krylowicz	St. Anthony, Chicago	105%
Father Terrance M. Johnson	St. Irenaeus, Park Forest	104%
Father Gregory A. Rom	St. Felicitas, Chicago	103%



## PLANNED GIVING: Bequests

When making a gift in your living trust or will, please consider leaving a bequest to the Church through *To Teach Who Christ Is*.

Your gift may take many different forms:

- A specific dollar amount. *“I give \$5,000 to ...”*
- A specific property or asset. *“I give 100 shares of ABC Inc. common stock to ...”*
- A percentage of your estate. *“I give 10 percent of my estate to ...”*
- The remainder of your estate after your debts, estate administration expenses and other bequests. *“I give the remainder of my estate to ...”*

Regardless of the form of the gift in your will, the language is *“to the Catholic Bishop of Chicago, for the benefit of (Parish), (City), Illinois.”* ☩

For more information about bequests or other planned gifts to the Archdiocese of Chicago and *To Teach Who Christ Is*, please contact Elin Schriver in the Stewardship and Development Office at (312) 534-5396 or [eschriver@archchicago.org](mailto:eschriver@archchicago.org).





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## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Total raised to date: \$282,574,115\*

Percent of Goal: 80.7%

Cash received to date: \$84,649,045

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

Raised to date: \$159,877,672\*

Number of gifts: 45,779

Percent of goal: 63.9%

Cash received: \$56,161,439

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

Raised to date: \$122,696,443\*


Number of gifts: 60

Percent of goal: 122.6%

Cash received: \$28,487,606

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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