



TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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

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Dear Friends,

One of my favorite Scriptures is found in St. Luke's Gospel: "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much" (Lk 12:48). God has given me so many blessings to be thankful for, including the opportunity to serve as Chief Development Officer for the Archdiocese of Chicago. I realize that in return, God expects a lot from me.

I am in awe of all you have done to make *To Teach Who Christ Is* so successful, and know firsthand that such success does not just happen. It represents enormous effort by thousands: parish volunteers, pastors, campaign staff and generous donors, as well as Archbishop Cupich, whose engagement and leadership is inspiring.

Through your efforts, our goal is within sight. Preparations for Wave VI are well underway, and Wave V parishes continue to conduct Commitment Weekends. Please pray for one another, and for this undertaking.

At some point this week, I ask you to think about the difference you have made in the future of our Church as a result of your active participation in *To Teach Who Christ Is*. Because of you, ours is a bright future. Thank you!

With great respect,

John Osterlund
Chief Development Officer

Parish leaders reflect on Wave V's success



Father Robert Kyfes, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Homewood, colors in the last of the parish's goal thermometer.

Wave V of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign is now at 100 percent of goal, with parishes collectively raising \$40.3 million as of June 10.

"The generosity of the faithful in Chicago is inspiring," says Archbishop Blase Cupich. "We are blessed to have so many people committed to strengthening their parishes as well as the ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago that benefit us all."

The 67 parishes participating in Wave V began preparing for their campaigns in January before publicly launching in March. Thanks to the generosity

of more than 11,000 donors, Wave V has met goal and 38 parishes have already exceeded their individual goals. All parishes continue to invite parishioners to participate in the campaign.

Wave V is the first parish wave in any archdiocesan capital campaign to raise more than \$40 million. Pastors and parish leaders recently reflected on their history-making success.

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"We presented our specific ideas and potential projects to our parishioners before the campaign," says Father Tim Fiala, pastor of Divine Providence Parish in Westchester. "Parishioners saw the capital improvements as tangible and necessary. They then embraced the campaign and supported it with extreme generosity."

Divine Providence, which has raised 110 percent of its goal, will create a maintenance fund with its share of campaign gifts.

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Father Stephen Bedeniković, OFM, pastor of Sacred Heart Croatian Parish, says *To Teach Who Christ Is* helped him to identify the future needs of the parish, such as improvements to the church, convent, school and parish hall. The Chicago parish has raised 110 percent of its goal. “People never cease to amaze me in their generosity and sense of commitment to their parish,” he says.

St. Bernardine Parish in Forest Park is now at 132 percent of its goal, thanks to the willingness of the Campaign Executive Committee to invite fellow parishioners to support the campaign, which will fund repairs to Fearon Hall, the church and the rectory, according to Donna Gawlas, a Campaign Executive Committee chairperson. “The personal ask and resultant conversations were important,” she says. “We have generous parishioners who were willing to help, and, knowing that the money would be used for specific and needed parish goals, wanted to contribute to the vibrancy and growth of our parish.”

Erin Roeper, a Campaign Executive Committee member at St. Joseph Parish in Homewood, credits the efforts of parish volunteers, the generosity of parishioners, and their new pastor’s energy and positive attitude for reaching 148 percent of goal. But Father Robert Kyfes admits to being skeptical when *To Teach Who Christ Is* launched at St. Joseph. Parishioners had donated nearly \$800,000 just a few years ago for the parish



Father Stephen Bedeniković, OFM, and his Campaign Executive Committee celebrate Sacred Heart Croatian Parish in Chicago going over goal.

centennial. He wondered if achieving the Archdiocesan goal of \$765,000 in this campaign, to improve the parish campus and increase savings, was possible.

“But thanks to the well-designed program, our patient and knowledgeable consultant, and a dedicated Campaign Executive Committee of parishioners, we’re now just \$40,000 short of \$1.2 million in pledges from 20 percent of parish households — certainly a ‘win-win’ for the Archdiocese and for St. Joseph’s,” he says. †

Campaign gift creates scholarship fund in honor of Father Augustus Tolton



A recent leadership gift to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign has created the Father Augustus Tolton Scholarship Fund, which will provide scholarships to African American students attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Catholic schools are especially equipped to empower African American young people with differentiated instruction, accelerated learning and personal attention. An impressive 96 percent of African American Catholic high school graduates in the Archdiocese of Chicago are accepted into college. It is imperative that Chicago’s Catholic schools continue to empower African American youth to dream and seize transformative opportunities.

Scholarship awards from the Father Augustus Tolton Scholarship Fund will be made to qualified applicants as income from this endowment is available.

Individuals or families can establish a permanent named scholarship fund with a gift to the Catholic Educational Scholarship Trust, as well as some designations for the distribution of scholarships. Scholarship funds have also been created in honor of San Juan Diego, to support students of Hispanic heritage attending Catholic schools, and St. Pope John Paul II, for students of Polish ancestry. Others have been established to support students in specific regions.

There is a minimum contribution level for creating a named endowment. The board of the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust reviews all endowment naming opportunities, and makes any decisions regarding naming endowments.

For more information on creating a new named scholarship endowment, please contact the campaign office at (312) 534-8500 or toteachcampaign@archchicago.org. †

OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave V parishes and pastors for exceeding their *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals.

PASTOR	PARISH	PERCENT OF GOAL
Father Norman Moran-Rosero	St. Basil-Visitation, Chicago	249%
Father Jacque Beltran	Most Blessed Trinity, Waukegan	217%
Father John Edmunds	St. James (Wabash Avenue), Chicago	173%
Father John Owusu-Achiaw	St. Ambrose, Chicago	160%
Father Karol Tybor	St. John, Glenwood	158%
Father Robert J. Roll	St. Bride, Chicago	152%
Father Martin Ibarra	St. Mark, Chicago	151%
Father Robert J. Kyfes	St. Joseph, Homewood	148%
Father Lawrence R. Dowling	St. Agatha, Chicago	143%
Father Andrew Torma	St. Michael (South Shore Drive), Chicago	143%
Father Harold B. Stanger	St. Marcelline, Schaumburg	141%
Father Bronislaw Chmiel	St. Pancratius, Chicago	139%
Father Robert J. Gilbert	St. Joachim, Chicago	137%
Father Thomas R. Koys	St. James at Sag Bridge, Lemont	137%
Father Jacek Dada	St. Andrew the Apostle, Calumet City	136%
Father Hernan Cuevas Contreras	St. Athanasius, Evanston	135%
Father Stan Kuca	St. Bernardine, Forest Park	132%
Father Sergio de La Torre-Carrillo	Mary, Queen of Heaven, Cicero	131%
Father Robert P. Marchwiany	St. Florian, Chicago	128%
Father Thaddeus Dzieszko	St. Constance, Chicago	123%
Father Terrance M. Johnson	St. Irenaeus, Park Forest	123%
Father Gerald T. Gunderson	Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Park Ridge	122%
Father Darrio L. Boscutti	St. Cyprian, River Grove	118%
Father David Straub	Queen of the Rosary, Elk Grove Village	118%
Father Dennis M. Zalecki	St. Anastasia, Waukegan	117%
Father Samson Ngatia Mukundi	St. Sylvester, Chicago	116%
Father Mark Krylowicz	St. Anthony, Chicago	110%
Father Timothy R. Fiala	Divine Providence, Westchester	110%
Father Tu Jin Paul Kim	Korean Martyrs, Chicago	110%
Father Stephen Bedeniković	Sacred Heart Croatian, Chicago	110%
Father Wayne A. Svida	Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge	107%
Father Gregory A. Rom	St. Felicitas, Chicago	105%
Father Donatus Chris Mgbeajuo	Corpus Christi, Chicago	104%
Father James A. Heneghan	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Chicago	103%
Father Ted Lawson	St. Michael (Old Town), Chicago	103%
Father Dennis A. Ziomek	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oak Lawn	103%
Father Anthony J. Brankin	St. Odilo, Berwyn	103%
Father Tim O'Malley	St. Genevieve, Chicago	101%



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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000

Total raised to date: \$309,991,286*

Percent of goal: 88.5%

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

Cash received to date: \$87,987,846

Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000

Raised to date: \$168,726,229*

Number of gifts: 49,190

Percent of goal: 67.4%

Cash received: \$59,462,073

Major gift goal: \$100,000,000

Raised to date: \$124,956,443*


Number of gifts: 62

Percent of goal: 124.9%

Cash received: \$28,525,773

*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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