



TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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

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Dear Friends,

The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign has seen an intense level of activity this month, with Wave V parishes wrapping up their campaigns, and Wave VI parishes ramping up theirs!

Wave VI orientation meetings were held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview, St. Alexander Parish in Palos Heights, and St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in Chicago. These events drew more than 1,500 parish leaders, who left with a commitment to see the largest wave of the campaign — with more than 60 parishes and an aggregate goal of over \$43 million — through to its completion. The energy level at the orientation meetings was contagious.

We have a lot of work ahead of us, but the success of the prior waves bodes well for our efforts. As Archbishop Cupich frequently reminds me, “success breeds success.” Thank you again for all you are doing to see *To Teach Who Christ Is* to its successful conclusion. Please pray for one another as we focus on this final stretch of our campaign.

Yours in Christ,

John T. Osterlund
Chief Development Officer

‘An opportunity of growing in faith’



Archbishop Cupich addresses *To Teach Who Christ Is* volunteers at St. Alexander Parish.

Wave VI, the final and largest wave of *To Teach Who Christ Is*, is now officially underway, with more than 1,500 parish leaders attending three orientation sessions in early August.

“This is an enormous opportunity for us here in Chicago to pass on the faith to the next generation which we hold so dear,” Archbishop Blase Cupich told the nearly 900 people gathered at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview on August 1. “It really does say something about the ability of people to come together and to make this kind of sacrifice.”

He shared that when he talks with people about *To Teach Who Christ Is*, it often results in the sharing of stories of faith. “My hope is that you would see this

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as an opportunity of growing in faith. It isn’t about money, it’s about mission. If you get the mission right, the money will come.”

The Archbishop asked volunteers to approach their roles in their parish campaigns with “a real sense of expectation.”

“You are going to be a much more fervent Catholic, a stronger believer, as you go through this process,” he said. “You’ll connect with people who have a story, a journey of faith to tell.”

Parish orientations were also held at St. Alexander in Palos Heights on August 2, and at St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Chicago, for Spanish-speaking parishes, on August 9.

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Orientation meetings are specifically for those who serve as Campaign Executive Committee members and assist their pastors in carrying out the campaign.

“This significant campaign has become a historic campaign in our Catholic Church,” said John Osterlund, Chief Development Officer for the Archdiocese of Chicago. He pointed out to the crowd at Our Lady of Perpetual Help that Archbishop Cupich has now led opening orientations for some 4,000 lay leaders from more than 215 parishes.

“Thank you for your parish leadership, and thank you for accepting your pastor’s invite to hear about *To Teach Who Christ Is* directly from Archbishop Cupich,” he added.

Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, OP, for-

mer Superintendent of Catholic Schools and current campaign relationship manager, was on hand to explain the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust, an endowment fund that will receive \$150 million in funding from the campaign to provide scholarships for Catholic school students. She pointed out that twice as many children who attend Catholic elementary schools are confirmed, and urban students who attend Catholic high schools are two-and-a-half times more likely to go to college.

Sister reported that nearly 5,000 children at 80 schools have already received assistance through the Caritas Scholars Program, which was established through an early campaign gift to serve as a trial scholarship program while the Catholic

Education Scholarship Trust was being funded. “Once that trust is reached, and held, and kept safe, for the kids for the future, it is absolutely, positively going to impact every child in every parish.”

The more than 60 parishes in Wave VI have a collective goal of over \$43 million. Wave V’s 67 parishes have now raised more than \$43.936 million, 109 percent of their collective goal. Although the wave’s active fundraising phase is complete, many parishes continue to invite parishioners to participate in *To Teach Who Christ Is* and exceed their individual goals.

The campaign is on track to exceed its overall goal of \$350 million, having currently raised \$327.3 million in pledges and gifts from parish campaigns and a major gift effort. †



Wave VI parish orientations were held earlier this month at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview, St. Alexander Parish in Palos Heights, and St. Nicholas of Tolentine Parish in Chicago. More than 1,500 parish leaders attended, and will serve as Campaign Executive Committee members and assist their pastors in carrying out the campaign in their parishes.

OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave V parishes and pastors for exceeding their *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals. The 67 parishes in Wave V have collectively raised more than \$43.936 million.

PASTOR	PARISH	% OF GOAL
Father Norman Moran-Rosero	St. Basil-Visitation, Chicago	252%
Father Jacque Beltran	Most Blessed Trinity, Waukegan	245%
Father John Edmunds	St. James (Wabash Avenue), Chicago	180%
Father John Owusu-Achiaw	St. Ambrose, Chicago	160%
Father Karol Tybor	St. John, Glenwood	158%
Father Martin Ibarra	St. Mark, Chicago	154%
Father Hernan Cuevas Contreras	St. Athanasius, Evanston	153%
Father Robert J. Roll	St. Bride, Chicago	152%
Father Robert J. Kyfes	St. Joseph, Homewood	151%
Father Lawrence R. Dowling	St. Agatha, Chicago	144%
Father Thomas R. Koys	St. James at Sag Bridge, Lemont	144%
Father Andrew Torma	St. Michael (South Shore Drive), Chicago	143%
Father Harold B. Stanger	St. Marcelline, Schaumburg	141%
Father Bronislaw Chmiel	St. Pancratius, Chicago	140%
Father Terrance M. Johnson	St. Irenaeus, Park Forest	139%
Father Robert J. Gilbert	St. Joachim, Chicago	137%
Father Jacek Dada	St. Andrew the Apostle, Calumet City	136%
Father Sergio De La Torre-Carrillo	Mary, Queen of Heaven, Cicero	134%
Father Stan Kuca	St. Bernardine, Forest Park	132%
Father Gerald T. Gunderson	Mary, Seat of Wisdom, Park Ridge	129%
Father Robert P. Marchwiany	St. Florian, Chicago	128%
Father David Straub	Queen of the Rosary, Elk Grove Village	123%
Father Thaddeus Dzieszko	St. Constance, Chicago	123%
Father Samson Ngatia Mukundi	St. Sylvester, Chicago	122%
Father Darrio L. Boscutti	St. Cyprian, River Grove	118%
Father Dennis M. Zalecki	St. Anastasia, Waukegan	117%
Father Lawrence J. Malcolm	St. Gerald, Oak Lawn	116%
Father Donatus Chris Mgebeajuo	Corpus Christi, Chicago	114%
Father Timothy R. Fiala	Divine Providence, Westchester	111%
Father Mark Krylowicz	St. Anthony, Chicago	110%
Father Tu Jin Paul Kim	Korean Martyrs, Chicago	110%
Father Stephen Bedenikovic	Sacred Heart Croatian, Chicago	110%
Father Dennis A. Ziomek	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Oak Lawn	109%
Father Wayne A. Svida	Our Lady of the Ridge, Chicago Ridge	107%
Father John P. Chrzan	St. Gilbert, Grayslake	107%
Father Tim O'Malley	St. Genevieve, Chicago	107%
Father Anthony J. Brankin	St. Odilo, Berwyn	105%
Father Gregory A. Rom	St. Felicitas, Chicago	105%
Father Louis Tylka	St. Julie Billiart, Tinley Park	104%
Father Kenneth J. Fleck	St. George, Tinley Park	104%
Monsignor Peter Galek	St. Colette, Rolling Meadows	103%
Father Ted Lawson	St. Michael (Old Town), Chicago	103%
Father James A. Heneghan	Immaculate Heart of Mary, Chicago	103%
Father Michael A. Wulsch	St. Peter, Skokie	103%
Father Robert Stuglik	St. Joseph, Summit	103%
Father Nicholas R. Desmond	Our Lady of Mercy, Chicago	102%
Father John S. Siemianowski	St. Agnes, Chicago Heights	100%
Father Francisco Ortega	Sacred Heart, Melrose Park	100%



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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000

Total raised to date: \$327,318,701*

Percent of goal: 93.5%

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

Cash received to date: \$95,108,298

Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000

Raised to date: \$185,118,644*

Number of gifts: 55,595

Percent of goal: 74%

Cash received: \$66,027,885

Major gift goal: \$100,000,000

Raised to date: \$125,891,443*


Number of gifts: 64

Percent of goal: 125.8%

Cash received: \$29,080,412

*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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