

TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

A Newsletter for the Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation November 2016

Dear Friends,

The scene is familiar in our holiday stories: children gazing at good things through a glass window and walking away, saddened that what they see will not be theirs. In the case of thousands of students, what they view through the glass is a chance to be loved, to be challenged, to hone the tools for life, to pray.

In your generous and ongoing response to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, you have opened up access to laughter and learning at the table Jesus sets in Catholic schools. More than 4,000 students have received assistance through the pilot Caritas Scholars Program. And, once the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust is fully committed and the investment matures, scholarships will be available to families across the Archdiocese of Chicago and touch every neighborhood, every school.

Because this is an endowment, lives are touched year after year, creating a circle of care that endures. It is your care, your gift that endures, imprinted on the hearts of youth. Forever.

With every child who obtains access to the dream — scholarship rooted in service and human dignity — we move closer to the true Kingdom. May God return your goodness, pressed down and flowing over.

Gratefully,

S. M. Paul McCaughey, O.P.

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Caritas scholarships benefit students while boosting school enrollment

Not only is the Caritas Scholars Program benefiting 44 students at Christ Our Savior School, it is buoying the South Holland school's enrollment.

"I am so grateful that we are able to provide this opportunity for our families," says Karen Brodzik, Principal. "It's keeping the mission of Catholic education alive."



For the 2016-17 school year, students at 103 pilot schools received \$4.1 million in Caritas scholarships.

A trial scholarship program for the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust, the Caritas Scholars Program was created by an early gift to the campaign and has awarded scholarships to more than 4,000 qualifying students since its inception. Caritas scholarships are awarded for three years and follow the child, regardless of whether or not they transfer to another Catholic school in the archdiocese. Families are required to contribute to the cost of education to demonstrate their commitment.

Many Christ Our Savior parents make significant sacrifices to ensure their children have a faith-based education. "Caritas is the icing on the cake for families who want their

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children here but it is a struggle for them,” Karen says.

The Office of Catholic Schools administers the Caritas Scholars Program. For the 2016-17 school year, students at 103 pilot schools received \$4.1 million in scholarships.

The Catholic Education Scholarship Trust is an independent trust created with campaign gifts from parish campaigns and individuals, and will be fully funded at \$150 million. This endowed fund is invested to create spendable income as well as to achieve long-term appreciation of capital.

Scholarships were disseminated from the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust for the first time for the 2016-17 school year, in the amount of \$404,000. More scholarship awards will be made to qualifying students as income from the endowment is available.

The Caritas Scholars Program has helped attract new families to Christ Our Savior, and the scholarship dollars — \$88,000 for this school year alone — have been a significant boost to the school’s budget, the principal notes. “This scholarship money is vital to our existence,” she adds. †



Third annual *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast* to take place in January

The third annual *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast* will be held at Chicago’s Palmer House, A Hilton Hotel, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2017.

Dr. Jo Ann Rooney, President of Loyola University Chicago, will serve as the keynote speaker. She is the university’s first lay leader in its 146-year-old history.

Funds raised at the *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast* benefit the Caritas Scholars Program as well as programs for schools and teachers through the Office of Catholic Schools.

Tickets are \$150 per person and can be purchased online at archchicago.org/cceb or by calling (312) 534-7614. Registration is required by January 17.

Sponsorship opportunities are available at all levels.

For more information about the *Celebrating Catholic Education Breakfast*, please contact Teresa Battaglia at tbattaglia@archchicago.org or (312) 534-7614. †



Celebrating campaign success with prayer

Over the past month, Cardinal Blase Cupich celebrated *To Teach Who Christ Is* surpassing its \$350 million goal with campaign leaders and benefactors during four prayer services and receptions throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. Photos from Holy Family Church in Chicago, St. Patrick Church in Lake Forest, St. John Brebeuf Church in Niles, and St. Catherine of Alexandria Church in Oak Lawn are available for download on the campaign’s Facebook page (@toteachcampaign) or at toteachwhochristis.org/celebrations/galleries. †

Year-end giving ideas to further help *To Teach Who Christ Is*

With 2016 quickly coming to a close, now is the time to reflect on year-end gifts to further help *To Teach Who Christ Is*, the Annual Catholic Appeal, your parish or other ministries you support.

While some people see a simple gift of cash as the best way to make the most of charitable giving, others find sharing is easier with a gift of appreciated stock or a distribution directly from an IRA.

Congress extended and made permanent the IRA Charitable Rollover Tax Law at the end of 2015. Tax law requires individuals take annual minimum distributions from their IRAs at age 70½. The IRA charitable rollover law allows direct distributions to charity to be included in the required minimum distribution amount without being taxed.

To take advantage of the IRA charitable rollover law, you must be 70½ or older. In addition, qualifying distributions to charity are limited to



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\$100,000 a year, and only distributions from traditional or certain Roth IRAs are tax-free. You should consult with your IRA custodian about the procedures for making direct gifts to charity under this provision.

You can also give gifts of appreciated stock to the Archdiocese of Chicago using the Stock Letter of Intention Form, which can be found online at toteachwhochristis.org/forms. This type of gift typically makes sense if you have held stock or mutual funds for the long term, as you can generally deduct the full fair-market value of the stock.

Contributions from individuals throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign are already helping parishes thrive, providing children with greater access to Catholic education, and developing new religious education initiatives.

For more information 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. †

OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave VI parishes and pastors for exceeding their *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals. The 59 parishes in Wave VI have collectively raised more than \$27.9 million.

PASTOR	PARISH	% OF GOAL
Father Jose Murcia Abellan	Queen of the Universe, Chicago	183%
Father Armand Ramirez Ruiz	St. Francis de Sales, Chicago	148%
Father Francis Li	St. Therese Chinese Catholic Mission, Chicago	140%
Father Richard J. Lo Bianco	Divine Savior, Norridge	131%
Father John B. Atoyebi	St. Clotilde, Chicago	131%
Father Lawrence M. Lisowski	Immaculate Conception and St. Joseph Parish, Chicago	121%
Father Jerome J. Jacob, Jr.	St. Mary of the Annunciation, Mundelein	120%
Father Robert Heinz	Our Lady of the Brook, Northbrook	112%
Father Wayne F. Watts	St. John Berchmans, Chicago	108%
Father Kenneth Carlson	St. Benedict, Blue Island	108%
Father Paul G. Seaman	St. Pascal, Chicago	103%
Father Patrick Render	St. Viator, Chicago	102%
Father Grzegorz Gorczyca	St. John the Evangelist, Streamwood	101%



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CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000

Total raised to date: \$375,700,464*

Percent of goal: 107.3%

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

Cash received to date: \$108,144,620

Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000

Raised to date: \$218,170,407*

Number of gifts: 60,075

Percent of goal: 87.2%

Cash received: \$77,474,207

Major gift goal: \$100,000,000

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

Number of gifts: 69

Percent of goal: 141.2%

Cash received: \$30,670,412

*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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