



# TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

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

July 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On May 19 at Holy Name Cathedral, I ordained eight deacons as priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. They begin their parish assignments this July. Their ordination is a sign of joy and hope for all of us.

Our newly ordained priests bring a diversity of experience and background as well as a deeply-rooted commitment of faith to their ministry in our parish communities. Each of them has a strong desire to encounter Jesus by meeting and serving new people throughout the archdiocese, and I look forward to witnessing how they shepherd the people of our Church. Pray with me that their ministry and lives among us will contribute to the revitalization of our Church and the transformation of our world.

The ordinations also prompt me to feel great gratitude for your commitment and support for the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign. Priests and people together are moving forward into the future on a path towards renewal and I am grateful for their collaboration. Our newly ordained priests have come to learn about *To Teach Who Christ Is* and that it serves as a bonding piece for all parishes throughout the diocese.

Pray for our newly ordained priests, pray for the renewal of our Church, and pray that all of us may draw closer to the Lord and to each other.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago

## St. Florian Continues to Raise Funds to Purchase Boiler for their Church

Since it's opening in 1905, St. Florian, a small parish located at 13145 S. Houston Ave. in Chicago, has grown in size and become much more diversified. With 500 parishioners and counting, current pastor, Fr. Robert Marchwiany, has done a tremendous job encouraging people and families to continue attending Mass and become involved in ministries and events.

"Father has made such an effort to truly get to know the people of our church, always welcoming new faces that join us at Mass," said Peg Gadus, director of religious education and sacristian, and business manager. "Our parish family and staff have grown to love and appreciate the time and hard work he puts into making our parish a second home for our parishioners."



Pictured above is the St. Florian *To Teach Who Christ Is* committee. Members of the committee have been working alongside Fr. Robert in his effort to raise money for a new boiler.

Fr. Robert took this same personable approach when introducing the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign to parishioners, meeting one-on-one with over 80 people to explain the goals and importance of the campaign. He met with families in the rectory and at church, and made sure there were reminders and progress reports in the parish's weekly bulletin to keep momentum going.

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The parish is currently continuing to raise funds towards their goal which will allow them to purchase a new boiler. The boiler is at the end of its life and broke down a couple of times this past winter. The parish hopes a new boiler will help them continue operating during the cold winter months.

“Our parish is small, but mighty, and I know we will meet our goal thanks to generosity of our parishioners,” said Fr. Robert. “The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign has fulfilled the needs of many parishes across the archdiocese, which is why I’m confident our parish will also be able to reap the benefits of the campaign.”

As of July 1, 2018, Fr. Robert transferred to another assignment and is no longer the pastor at St. Florian. The parish is extremely grateful for the impact Fr. Robert made on the campaign. Fr. Robert leaves a strong legacy with a new pastor who will continue shepherding the people of St. Florian, benefitting from the continuing generosity of parishioners and eventually, the parish’s new boiler.

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## Multiple Gift Options Available to Campaign Donors



In addition to making a one-time gift, there are additional gift options donors can use to continue generously giving to the campaign. Please know that every contribution is extremely appreciated and will help ensure all parishes in the archdiocese are strong and vibrant communities of faith.

### Charitable Gift Annuity

A gift annuity with *To Teach Who Christ Is* will provide you with a fixed income and an opportunity to support the campaign on an ongoing basis. When you establish a charitable gift annuity, you receive fixed payments for life based on age (a portion of which is tax free) and receive a charitable deduction on income taxes. Campaign donors are able to fund their annuity with cash or securities. There are one or two life policies and deferred annuities available.

### Sample rates: ONE – LIFE\*

Age	60	65	70	75	80	85	90 +
Rate	4.7%	5.1%	5.6%	6.2%	7.3%	8.3%	9.5%

\*Effective July 2018. Rates are subject to change.

### Bequests

Do you have a will or living trust? To ensure that your legacy is secure, you must have a valid will or living trust drafted.

If you choose to make a gift as part of 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, a planned gift can offer significant benefits to *To Teach Who Christ Is* and to you, as well.

To receive more information on planned giving options, please contact Brendan Keating, JD, senior director of planned giving, at [bkeating@archchicago.org](mailto:bkeating@archchicago.org) or 312.534.5271.

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Overall Campaign Goal: \$350,000,000**

Total Raised to Date: \$423,404,125\*

Percent of Goal Pledged: 121%

Pledges Paid to Date: \$196,435,958

Percent Paid to Date: 56%

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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