



# TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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

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Dear Friends,

I am so grateful to the many people across our Archdiocese who have contributed to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign. Your efforts are bearing fruit! Because of your generosity, we awarded scholarships to 630 children totaling more than \$1 million for the 2013-14 school year. We are now preparing to repeat this successful initiative for the next school year, and to increase the number of families who will benefit from a quality Catholic education.

Of course, this success would not be possible without the pastors and staff members who have worked hard to promote the campaign. Many Wave 2 parishes are conducting commitment weekends this month, and their early results are encouraging. I see this as further evidence of our generous parishioners embracing the importance of the mission of *To Teach Who Christ Is*.

The campaign office is also working with Wave 3 pastors who have asked about planning ahead for their campaigns. Parishes from future Waves may contact the office if they are interested in beginning preliminary work. Such enthusiasm will go a long way to meeting our goal of building strong parishes, vital Catholic schools and vibrant faith formation.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Francis Kane

Most Rev. Francis J. Kane  
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago

## Wave 2 parishes inspired before commitment weekends

Nearly 200 representatives from Wave 2 parishes attended awareness gatherings in May to learn more about the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign.

The 58 parishes participating in Wave 2 have an overall goal of \$38.5 million. Commitment weekends began in the spring and will continue through early summer.



*Msgr. Richard Hynes shares how campaign gifts will impact religious education at an awareness gathering at Cardinal George's residence in May.*

“It provided a great opportunity to get together with other Wave 2 parishes, talk about how things are going, what activities were generating the most interest, and what challenges we were facing,” said Lori Herbert, the campaign chair at St. Martha Parish in Morton Grove, as well as the business manager at St. Isaac Jogues Parish in Niles.

“Many of the challenges were shared challenges,” she added. “It proved to be a good exchange of information in a beautiful setting.”

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Cardinal Francis George, OMI, hosted the events at his residence and emphasized the significance of the campaign to the future of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

On hand to talk about the various elements of the campaign were Sister Mary Paul McCaughey, OP, superintendent of

introduce Christ to someone else. That's what this is all about."

Campaign funds have been designated to two areas of religious education — for innovative new programs and for the training of catechists — as well as to facility life and safety issues in parishes, scholar-

"I'm so thankful for this campaign, which will strengthen the character of our schools and allow more access to them," said Sister McCaughey.

Elvira Guerrero, a campaign co-chair at Annunciata Parish in Chicago, was touched by Sister McCaughey's heartwarming story of how students in an economically challenged Catholic school were willing to sacrifice financially for the good of those less fortunate.

"This, to me, embodies the core ideals of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign," she said. "Going into the campaign, I found myself focused on the fundraising aspect, but Cardinal George and the speakers eloquently stated that the emphasis of our campaign should not be on funds, but rather the strides we can make as a religious community if we work together."

She continued, "Cardinal George and the other campaign leaders reminded us that God has given us so much that it is now our turn to look within ourselves and our means to make sacrifices to help others, much as the children from that Catholic school sacrificed what they had to benefit those they felt needed it more than themselves."



Annunciata Parish team members enjoy the reception; Cardinal George greets Wave 2 parish representatives.

Catholic Schools; Msgr. Richard Hynes, director of the Department of Parish Life and Formation; and Bishop Francis Kane, vicar general and auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago and chair of the campaign steering committee.

"Who taught you Christ? Who introduced you to Christ?" Msgr. Hynes asked those gathered. "Now it's our turn to

ships through the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust, and academic excellence in Catholic schools.

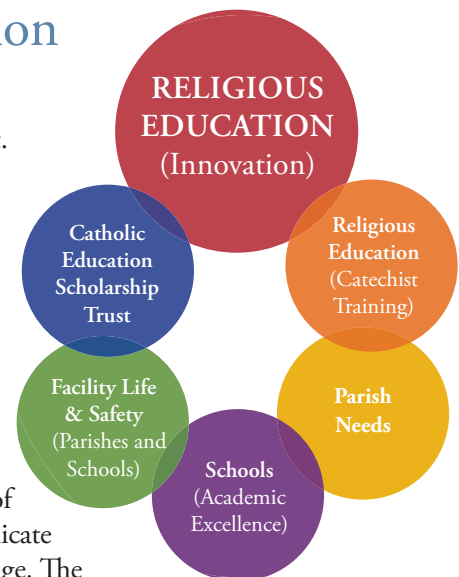
In addition, a full 60 percent of funds parishes raise, or \$150 million of the \$250 million parish-based campaign goal, will remain at parishes for their needs. Any amount raised over goal remains at the parish.

## CASE ELEMENT: Innovation in religious education

Those involved with ministry in the Church today are keenly aware of the need to effectively engage children, youth, young adults and adults in the Catholic faith with new models. The St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism of the early 20th century and religious education programs that emerged in the 50 years after the Second Vatican Council served well in many ways.

Parishes throughout the United States, including in the Archdiocese of Chicago, are now creating innovative religious education programs based on new models of child, youth and adult learning. These programs include everything from summer religious education camps to online e-learning, as well as a number of other programs serving a variety of ethnic faith communities.

The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign seeks to provide a minimum of \$2 million to identify, study and replicate the current best approaches to religious education. The Archdiocesan Office of Catechesis & Youth Ministry will work with vicariates and individual parish communities to replicate or adapt the creative models of religious education that most effectively pass on the Gospel message. The office will also examine effective models occurring in similar large and diverse dioceses in the country.



## DONOR PROFILE

## St. Clement Parish Young Adult Community



*Hundreds of young adults in their 20s and 30s worship and attend events at St. Clement Parish.*

The young adult community at St. Clement Parish in Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood has set a collective goal of \$300,000 in gifts from 300 of its members for the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign.

"As young adults, there is no better time than the present to learn and put into practice how to be faithful and responsible stewards of the gifts with which God has blessed us," said Tim Weiske, a board member for the group and a member of the parish Stewardship Council.



*Although many young adults are in transition, they are being asked to make a generous gift based on their current personal situation.*

are not registered members of the parish. In addition, those who are may not be long-term members, as that age group is often in transition professionally or personally. "Our underlying goal is to encourage each young adult to discern a meaningful contribution based on their current personal situation," Weiske said.

Group member Megan Carroll is confident her peers will see the importance of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, as she has, and set an inspiring example for other groups in the Archdiocese. "When we are able to reach our goal, my hope is that it will inspire other young adult communities by showing them what can be accomplished when people come together to further our faith," she said.

*If a group in your parish would like to set a collective goal, please have them contact the campaign office at (312) 534-8500 or [toteachcampaign@archchicago.org](mailto:toteachcampaign@archchicago.org).*

The Young Adult Board recently presented its plan at an information session following the parish's Sunday evening Mass for those in their 20s and 30s. Board members reported \$93,000 in advance commitments from 24 highly active members at the parish's June commitment weekend.

The group acknowledges challenges to meeting its goal. Many young adults who worship at the Sunday evening Mass or attend the group's activities

## PLANNED GIVING

### Bequests

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

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."*

Please prayerfully consider a gift in your will.





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## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Total raised to date: \$107,599,742\*

Percent of Goal: 30.7%

Cash received to date: \$17,389,341

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

Raised to date: \$22,821,273\*

Number of gifts: 10,690

Percent of goal: 9.1%

Cash received: \$7,471,767

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

Raised to date: \$84,778,469\*

Number of gifts: 22

Percent of goal: 84.7%

Cash received: \$9,917,574

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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