



# TO TEACH *Who Christ Is*

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

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Dear Friends,

As we begin the new year, I have been reflecting on the many blessings of 2015 and what lies ahead for *To Teach Who Christ Is* in 2016. This marks the final year of the campaign for parishes, Catholic education and faith formation. We are in the home stretch!

Seeing the campaign succeed is my top priority as campaign manager. But, as you know, success is not only measured in dollars. Behind every gift is a parishioner excited about helping their parish meet the needs it identified in its local case for support. I am excited to report that more than \$28 million in campaign gifts have been sent to parishes, providing funds for parish facilities, liturgy, mission, education and other aspects of community life to ensure parish vitality. Every gift signals that we, as a local Church, share in the mission of bringing Christ and His Gospel message to others.

Please join me in praying for the communities participating in Wave V of the campaign, which begins this month with orientation kick-offs for volunteers with Archbishop Blase Cupich.

Thank you for all you have done to make *To Teach Who Christ Is* such a wonderful success.

Yours in Christ's Service,

Peter L. de Keratry, CFRE  
Campaign Manager

## South Holland parish approaches campaign 'prayerfully and spiritually'



*St. Jude the Apostle Parish plans to start a youth ministry program with campaign funds.*

St. Jude the Apostle Parish has been in desperate need of a new boiler system — and the funds to pay for it. Thanks to the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, the South Holland parish will warm its church and much more.

Parishioners, who were concerned about raising the \$190,000 needed for the boiler, are now astonished at their *To Teach Who Christ Is* success. The parish is at 140 percent of its \$445,000 goal.

"We were all amazed," says Jeff Nowak, a member of the parish's Campaign Executive Committee. "We never thought we'd be able to raise the money for the boiler, let alone three times that."

Although he was hesitant about asking his fellow parishioners for gifts, Jeff decided to listen to the words of his pastor, Father Ignatius Anaele. "He told us, 'We're going to do this prayerfully and do this spiritually,'" he recalls. "That turned me around, got me thinking we could do it."

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Jeff credits the hard work of all committee members, along with the guidance of the parish campaign director and the generosity of parishioners, for the parish's success. St. Jude the Apostle's share of *To Teach Who Christ Is* funds is more than \$443,000 in gifts and pledges. Besides the new boiler system, the parish plans to fix the parking lots and hire a youth minister.

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The parish had a youth minister until the changing neighborhood resulted in an aging parish population, says Deacon Tim Springer, who is serving as a campaign co-chair. When Father Anaele became pastor nearly eight years ago, he brought with him an influx of new, younger families reflecting his Nigerian heritage. Soon, young children were serving as altar servers, singing in the choir and actively participating in other parish activities.

“Now these children are in high school, and we want to give them the opportunity to grow in their faith and have a place to come together and socialize in a Catholic Christian atmosphere,” Deacon Tim explains.

Not only will establishing a youth ministry program be a benefit for current parish families, he believes it will draw more people to St. Jude the Apostle. “Younger families like what’s being offered here,” he says. “It’s an opportunity for our parish to grow as well.” ☩

## VOLUNTEER PROFILE | Matt and Mary Petrash



Although Matt and Mary Petrash have only been parishioners at St. Juliana for three years, they eagerly stepped up as co-chairs of the Chicago parish’s *To Teach Who Christ Is* effort.

“We feel we are reaping the benefits of what others have sown for us in our vibrant parish and strong school here at St. Juliana,” the couple says. “We also understand that we have a responsibility to do the same for the next generation.”

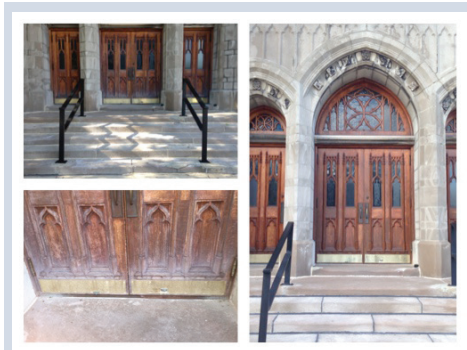
St. Juliana has currently raised 90 percent of its \$1.13 million goal. The parish plans to use its share of campaign funds to replace the church sound system and remodel the front interior of the church, so the restrooms and doors are ADA compliant and the entire area is more inviting and welcoming. The parking lot will also be repaired, and the courtyard turned into a green space for the whole community to use. Lastly, an elevator will be added to the school building to make the hall and upper floors more accessible.

“We are lucky in that our buildings have been very well maintained,” Mary says. “But this allows us to update areas to enhance our parish life as a community. We invite all to ‘Come walk together the way of Christ,’ and now our gathering spaces will be more welcoming.”

Matt’s family has been involved with St. Juliana for more than 60 years. In their short time there, the couple has become active as well. Their son, Joe, attends preschool at St. Juliana School. Matt is involved with the Men’s Club, and is also a dedicated Knight of Columbus. Mary teaches religious education and is involved with the pastoral council, Missionary Spirit Team and bereavement ministry.

Still, as part of the campaign team, the Petrashes have enjoyed meeting more parishioners and learning about the long history of families in the parish. Plus, all volunteers have been “persistent, gracious and dedicated” and have “hope and faith in the campaign.”

Personally, they see their involvement with *To Teach Who Christ Is* as an act of stewardship. “We can use our gifts of time, talent and treasure to lead others to do the same,” Matt and Mary say. “The investment must be made. We are the Church.” ☩



### Campaign funds revitalize church entrance

Chicago’s St. Dorothy Church now has beautifully refurbished doors, thanks to funds raised during the parish’s *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign. St. Dorothy has raised 142 percent of its \$475,000 goal.

# OVER GOAL!

Congratulations to the following Wave IV parishes and pastors for exceeding their Archdiocesan *To Teach Who Christ Is* goals!

PASTOR	PARISH	PERCENT OF GOAL
Reverend Ronald J. Gollatz	Transfiguration, Wauconda	185%
Reverend Maciej D. Galle	St. Stephen King of Hungary, Chicago	184%
Reverend Tirso S. Villaverde	St. Thomas of Canterbury, Chicago	181%
Reverend Tomasz Wojciechowski	St. Hedwig, Chicago	178%
Reverend Laurence J. Dunn	St. Patrick, Lake Forest	175%
Reverend Rigoberto G. Alfonso	Our Lady of Tepeyac, Chicago	173%
Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Dempsey	St. Philip the Apostle, Northfield	173%
Reverend Mark Kalema	Our Lady of Peace, Chicago	161%
Reverend Mark Kalema	Our Lady Gate of Heaven, Chicago	153%
Reverend Gary Graf	St. Gall, Chicago	149%
Reverend Robert Miller	St. Dorothy, Chicago	146%
Reverend Paul Huesing	Old St. Mary's, Chicago	142%
Reverend Christopher L. Krymski, OSM	Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica, Chicago	141%
Reverend George Omwando	St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy, Oak Park	141%
Reverend Ignatius Anaele	St. Jude the Apostle, South Holland	140%
Reverend Armando Morales Martinez	St. George, Chicago	137%
Reverend C. Frank Phillips	St. John Cantius, Chicago	135%
Reverend Anthony Rice	St. Peter, Volo	127%
Reverend Daniel Whiteside	St. Mary, Buffalo Grove	125%
Reverend Lawrence McNally	St. Matthias, Chicago	124%
Reverend James A. Mezydlo	St. Walter, Chicago	123%
Reverend Pedro Campos	St. Kevin, Chicago	120%
Reverend Thomas Jackson	Holy Name of Mary, Chicago	119%
Reverend Jerzy Gawlik, SVD	St. Joseph the Worker, Wheeling	113%
Reverend Michael J. Cronin	St. Edward, Chicago	113%
Reverend Robert Schultz	St. Beatrice, Schiller Park	112%
Reverend Ricardo Castillo	St. Bartholomew, Chicago	112%
Reverend Michael G. Foley	Our Lady of the Woods, Orland Park	111%
Reverend Mark Kalema	Haitian Catholic Community, Chicago	110%
Reverend Michael Kalck	Holy Rosary Church, Chicago	110%
Reverend Alfredo Gundrum, OFM	St. Clare of Montefalco, Chicago	110%
Reverend Thomas S. Cabala	Our Lady of Loretto, Hometown	109%
Reverend James L. Barrett	St. Margaret Mary, Chicago	109%
Reverend Paul Duy Cao	St. Celestine, Elmwood Park	109%
Reverend Michael J. Wanda	Divine Infant Jesus, Westchester	108%
Reverend Pius Kokose	St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Posen	103%
Reverend James F. Blazek	St. Maria Goretti, Schiller Park	103%
Reverend Antoine Leason	St. Elizabeth, Chicago	102%
Reverend Andrew Smith	Holy Angels, Chicago	101%
Reverend Anthony Dziorek, CR	St. Stanislaus Bishop & Martyr, Chicago	101%



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## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

**Overall campaign goal: \$350,000,000**  
Total raised to date: \$233,796,180\*  
Percent of Goal: 66.7%  
Cash received to date: \$69,133,135

**Parish campaign goal: \$250,000,000**  
Raised to date: \$119,443,737\*  
Number of gifts: 39,260  
Percent of goal: 47.7%  
Cash received: \$46,103,378

**Major gift goal: \$100,000,000**  
Raised to date: \$114,352,443\*  
Number of gifts: 54  
Percent of goal: 114.3%  
Cash received: \$23,029,757

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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