



# TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Newsletter for the Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation December 2018

## Thank You

With 2018 coming to a close, we wanted to take an opportunity to provide our gracious donors with a progress update on all we've accomplished the past several years, including where money is being allocated, what's been brought to fruition and the future of the campaign. We are overjoyed with the amount of money raised and all of the lives touched by the programs, scholarships and renovations. We are truly living out the archdiocese's mission.

This time of year, we're especially thankful for your generosity because it allows our parishes to continue giving back during this season of wonder and hope, spreading the love of Christ to those who need it most. Parishes like St. Columbanus Church (located at 331 E. 71st St. in Chicago), are able to host events like an Advent Tea to celebrate the coming of our Lord and all the ways we can prepare our hearts and souls for Christmas. Hundreds of parishes are able to continue hosting food drives, provide "Adopt a Family" giving opportunities or create Christmas reenactments and celebrations like St. Francis de Sales (located at 10201 S. Ewing Ave. in Chicago) adoration and posada.

As we invite Jesus to enter our hearts this season, may we also give praise to all He has done through this campaign. God bless you and your families this Christmas. May you have a wonderful end to 2018.

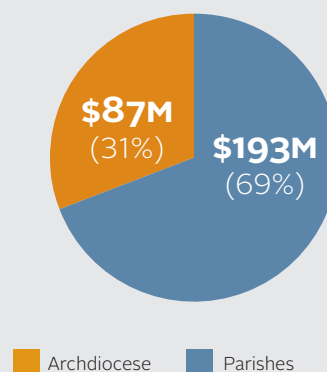
## A Year-End Progress Update on the Campaign

Being the first campaign of its kind, *To Teach Who Christ Is* was created to strengthen parishes, Catholic education and faith formation for generations to come. It's through Cardinal George's vision and Cardinal Cupich continuing his work that the leadership council was able to build a strong foundation, and it's thanks to the generosity of more than 77,000 donors that the campaign will be able to leave a lasting legacy and help shape the future of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The campaign was initiated with a goal of raising \$350 million, with 60 percent of the funds going straight to parishes and 40 percent of funds allocated to the archdiocese. To date, the archdiocese has decreased its stake to 31 percent, assisting parishes in achieving their goals and completing projects needed to sustain parish life and uphold facilities.

While contributions made from donors have been allocated to hundreds of different parishes, schools and programs, most of the donations fall within the following categories:

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### Education

The archdiocese's Catholic Schools take pride in the quality of education offered to more than 78,000 students, which is why a portion of the donations from the campaign went towards programs that allow students and staff to continue achieving academic excellence. Through the proceeds of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, \$3.6 million have been used to provide resources and training for educational programs, support standards-based teacher



Students reading at St. John de la Salle School in Chicago.

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Before and after photos showing emergency repair work done at Epiphany Parish. (Photos provided by the parish)

coaching programs to help Catholic school teachers continue to develop and grow in their careers and offer formation and training for principals.

### Faith Formation

The campaign was started to teach who Christ is, and help children and fellow parishioners grow in their faith. Religious education and other faith formation programs are a big component of this campaign, with \$5.4 million dedicated to make known

the love of Christ and His Church.

A few specific initiatives funds are allocated to include, My Catholic Faith Delivered ([mycatholicfaithdelivered.org](http://mycatholicfaithdelivered.org)), the online catechist certification program that provides a flexible platform to achieve Archdiocesan certification. In addition, donations were put towards the launch of several youth retreats and programs, allowing the future of the Church to spend time with the Lord and grow with one another.



Holy Fire at the UIC Pavilion. (Catholic New World/Karen Callaway)

### Renovations

All of the archdiocese's facilities serve a purpose and are extremely important to continue serving parishioners and local communities. Our parishes serve as safe havens for those in need and provide a space for anyone to worship the Lord and attend Mass. A portion of campaign funds, about \$13.5 million, were awarded as grants to parishes in need for emergency capital repairs. It's important to note, these are necessary improvements that parishes would not have been able to afford on their own.

### Future Generations

The future of the Church is the youth and the archdiocese has been fully dedicated to supporting and investing in the young adults who will continue its legacy for decades to come. As a part of the campaign, \$19 million has been awarded to students through Caritas Scholarships, allowing families in need to send their children to Catholic Schools, and the remaining \$137.7 million pledged will be put towards the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust.

The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign has positively impacted our Church, allowing the archdiocese to restore and rebuild hundreds of programs and facilities, spread the love of Christ to those in need and grow closer together as a Church. With nearly 60 percent of pledges paid to date, the team looks forward to continuing to find ways to touch lives and assist the archdiocese in teaching who Christ is.

For more information and an in-depth look at our progress report, please visit [toteachwhochristis.org](http://toteachwhochristis.org).

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

Total Raised to Date: \$420,939,874\*

Percent of Goal Pledged: 120%

Pledges Paid to Date: \$209,725,475

Percent Paid to Date: 60%

\*includes cash, documented pledges and bequests

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