

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Newsletter for the Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation February 2022

Jesus, Shepherd of Souls Preserves the Exterior and Interior of Worship Site with Campaign Funding



Pictured above are images of the updated north and south tower of Jesus, Shepherd of Souls Parish in Calumet City. The colored lines highlight the changes made to the towers.

On July 1, 2019, *To Teach Who Christ Is* parishes, St. Victor, St. Andrew the Apostle and Our Lady of Knock united together through Renew My Church to form Jesus, Shepherd of Souls Parish in Calumet City. Both St. Andrew, located at 768 Lincoln Avenue in Calumet City, and Our Lady of Knock, located at 501 163rd Street, were left open as worship sites.

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish was first featured in our newsletter in 2016. The chair of the Campaign Executive Committee credited their fundraising success to its parishioners, and noted they viewed St. Andrew and the archdiocese as their home away from home.

In addition, Lois Heintz, CEC member at St. Andrew the Apostle stated, “*To Teach Who Christ Is* is important to me because the continued health of the Catholic Church depends, in my mind, on the education of our children in our faith. I think enough of our parishioners believe this also, and this made it easier to ask for their pledges.”

At the start of the campaign, and prior to the merger, St. Andrew the Apostle set a goal of \$541,255, and to date, parishioners have fulfilled over 59 percent of their pledges, bringing their paid total to \$324,391. A large portion of funding was used to tuckpoint the north and south tower, and the south wall of the church. In addition, the parish was able to use funding to update the interior of the church that had severe water damage, resurface the main parking lot of the parish (the parking lot behind the church) and replace gym windows.

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Because St. Andrew the Apostle continues to be a worship site, it's been crucial for staff and parishioners to work together to preserve the parish. The craftsmanship that fills the facility exudes beauty and the parish houses many items and materials from all over the world that are very important to parishioners and local community.

"At Jesus, Shepherd of Souls, we are thankful to the donors of the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign because the money raised has helped us maintain our parish building and it's now in the best shape possible," said Alejandro Guevara, operations director at Jesus, Shepherd of Souls. "So many church buildings that are a part of the archdiocese are historic and need repairs. Without parishioners and their desire to graciously and generously give part of their financial blessings, these interior and exterior issues would not be able to be fixed."

To learn more about Jesus, Shepherd of Souls, please visit jesusshepherdofsouls.com.

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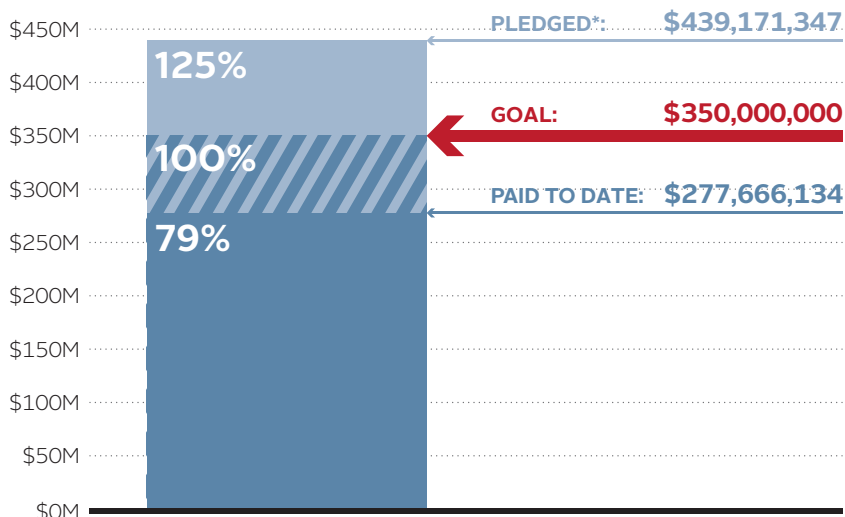
— Alejandro Guevara, operations director

MANAGE YOUR PLEDGE

If you have any questions about managing your pledge or fulfilling your pledge, please reach out to Jose Pinones, director of giving, at jpinones@archchicago.org.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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*Includes cash, documented pledges and bequests.

Archdiocese of Chicago's Schools Celebrate Catholic Schools Week

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States, and this year it was observed Sunday, January 30 through Saturday February 5. This year marks the 48th anniversary of Catholic Schools Week, and students and staff spent time reflecting on the core values that can be found in Catholic schools across the country: faith, excellence and service.



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Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. To learn more about Catholic schools, please visit schools.archchicago.org.

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