



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

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St. Theresa Parish Exceeds Independent Campaign Goal and Completes Funding Projects



St. Theresa Parish works effortlessly to share Christ with others through sacraments, education, prayer and service. Located at 455 North Benton Street in Palatine, St. Theresa Parish is led by Father Tim Fairman, and associate pastors, Father Tom Bishop, Father Matt Jamesson and Father Michael Wanda.

In 2016, we featured St. Theresa in our newsletter and shared the parish's experience with their independent *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, Building On Our Faith Together Campaign. In 2016, Fr. Tim and the parish staff worked together to raise \$7.25 million toward a \$6.3 million "victory goal", and since then have raised a total of \$10.2 million.

"We are immensely grateful to our generous donors for helping us bring our campus infrastructure and building spaces up-to-date to serve us for many years to come," said Nicole Carlisle, communications director.

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Campaign funding was used to meet infrastructure needs in all buildings on the parish campus, including remodeling, roof repair, renovations, HVAC repair and replacement, general maintenance and the install of a new gym floor. In addition, renovations were made to all school classrooms, corridors, bathrooms, the library, faculty lounge, reception area and administration offices. The parish accomplished major flood mitigation in the lower level of the school, and created brand new spaces including a lunch room, meeting rooms, science and music rooms.

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Parishes seeking to raise extraordinary funds for parish projects — or more than three times the parish offertory — have the option of conducting an independent parish campaign with pre-approved professional fundraising counsel. *To Teach Who Christ Is* becomes a component of these independent campaigns, with parishes required to contribute 40 percent of their archdiocesan assigned goal for the shared ministries of the archdiocese.

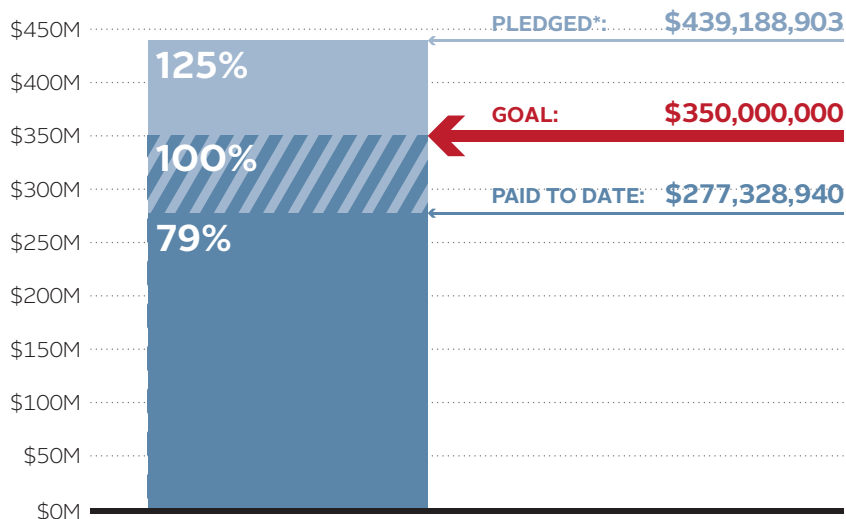
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Pictured above are renovations St. Theresa Parish made following the success of their campaign.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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*Includes cash, documented pledges and bequests.

New Grotto Dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe



On December 12, Bishop Joseph Perry, Father Pius Eusebius Kokose and parishioners at Immaculate Conception St. Michael Parish, located at 2944 East 88th Street in Chicago, dedicated a new grotto to honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe on her feast day. The grotto is located in a part of the parish's parking lot.

Immaculate Conception was involved in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign and in 2019, the parish had completed external renovations to protect the church and school building, and installed new windows in both buildings, new lights in the church hall and stage curtains.

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