



# TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

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## Largest Parish in the Archdiocese of Chicago Utilizes Funding to Address Critical Needs of Facilities



Pictured above from left to right are Most Blessed Trinity's worship sites: Immaculate Conception, including the two-story pillars the parish repaired with funding, Holy Family and Queen of Peace. (Pictures by: Natalie Battaglia)

Most Blessed Trinity Parish is the largest parish in the archdiocese with a pre-Covid weekend mass attendance of more than 6,000 individuals at 13 masses. The parish's mission is to serve the people of God, with a preferential option for the poor: To walk with Jesus is to walk with the poor.

Most Blessed Trinity Parish has five campuses in Waukegan and one in North Chicago. In 2009, Most Blessed Trinity Parish was formed through the merger of Holy Family, Immaculate Conception and Queen of Peace parishes. All three parish campuses remain open and the churches are worship sites for visitors new and old.

Most Blessed Trinity was featured in the campaign newsletter in 2016 after setting an enhanced goal of \$2 million. At the time, the parish was at 35 percent of its campaign goal, and as of February 2022 Most Blessed Trinity has raised \$1,137,301 (about 56 percent of its campaign goal).

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a huge relief,” said Fr. Tim O’Malley, pastor at Most Blessed Trinity Parish. “The church has always had problems with leaks, and it continued even after we repaired the roof. We were finally able to invest in a heating coil system for the gutters. We have been leak-free for two years which has been a blessing.”

In addition, the parish used funding to repair the interior two-story columns at the Immaculate Conception worship site. Prior to the pandemic, the parish developed plans to update the 90-year-old bathrooms, and they are hopeful they will be able to complete these renovations in the near future.

“The parish currently meets with the Building and Grounds Committee on a monthly basis to discuss the needs of the parish and sort out the projects we can undertake,” said Fr. Tim. “We aim to honor our donors’ intent in the best way we can and take time to communicate with all parties to ensure we are all aligned. It makes for a more positive process and keeps everyone involved.”

Fr. Tim and the campaign committee worked together to communicate campaign updates through the bulletin and met with Deacon Greg Vogt, a member of the parish support team, on a regular basis.

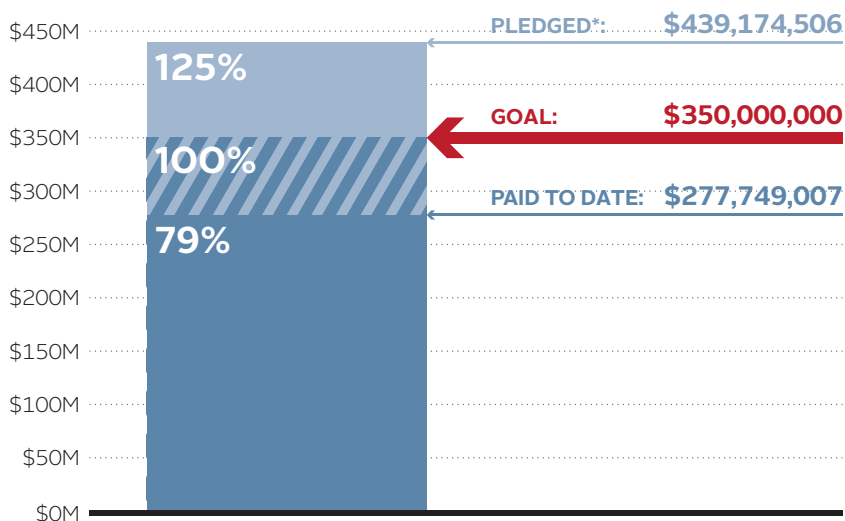
The parish will decide at a later date exactly where they plan to utilize additional funding. They plan to discuss investing in their Generational Fund (school and religious education programs), updating the rest of the parish bathrooms and renovating the parking lot at the Queen of Peace worship site.

“We are extremely grateful that the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign allowed us to take care of our critical needs that ensure we will continue to serve the community,” said Marvin Sabido, operations director at Most Blessed Trinity Parish. “We are very appreciative of the generosity of our donors.”

To learn more about Most Blessed Trinity Parish, please visit [mostblessedtrinityparish.org](http://mostblessedtrinityparish.org).

## CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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\*Includes cash, documented pledges and bequests.

## Catholic News Service: Where to Give to Help Ukraine

Various Catholic agencies are collecting donations to aid with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine as people flee to escape Russian bombing and shelling. Below are some places to donate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**USCCB Central and Eastern Europe** collection is accepting donations online:

[archchicago.org/ukraine](http://archchicago.org/ukraine)

**The International Caritas Confederation** is collecting funds to help Caritas Ukraine. Donations can be made through Catholic Relief Services:

[bit.ly/3LWtOKa](http://bit.ly/3LWtOKa).

## MANAGE YOUR PLEDGE

If you have any questions about managing your pledge or fulfilling your pledge, please reach out to Jose Piñones, director of giving, at [jpinones@archchicago.org](mailto:jpinones@archchicago.org).

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