



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

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

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Christ Our Light Parish Moves Forward with Campaign Projects in Spring 2022



Pictured above are images of St. Florian Parish which is now the worship site for Christ Our Light Parish.

Through the Archdiocese of Chicago's Renew My Church movement, St. Columba, St. Florian and Mother of God parishes united together to form Christ Our Light Parish. Christ Our Light Parish strives to provide a sense of justice, responsibility, prayerfulness, community, and unity to its parishioners and the local community. The parish is currently in the "Building the New Reality" phase of the Renew My Church movement. In that phase they aim to enhance parish life and build community by encouraging active participation in dialogue, evangelization, stewardship, prayer and love. The existing parishes officially unified on Easter Sunday, April 13, 2020, and St. Florian, located at 13145 S. Houston Avenue in Chicago, serves as the parish church.

St. Florian was highlighted in the *To Teach Who Christ Is* newsletter in 2016, and at that point, the parish was at 128 percent of its goal. To date, about 70 percent of the parish's pledges are paid.

"The generosity of the parishioners who love our parish is the reason we made our goal," said Brian Enright, director of operations at Christ Our Light parish.

Christ Our Light continues to save funding from the campaign and plans to move forward with renovations this spring. The parish will use funding to upgrade the brickwork and install a new HVAC system that

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Pictured above Bishop Joseph Perry celebrates Mass to dedicate a new adoration chapel in honor of Cardinal George. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)

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will replace a 100-year-old boiler and 50-year-old air conditioning system. The combined system will reduce ongoing maintenance and decrease the parish's utility bills as well.

"During the transition of Renew My Church, the campaign helped put the new parish on solid financial footing as our main worship site," said Brian. "We are eager for these projects to start and are so grateful *To Teach Who Christ Is* funds will cover a significant part of the costs and help us move forward together as one parish."

Renew My Church is the Archdiocese of Chicago's response to Christ's call for renewal. The Renew My Church process will transform the archdiocese over the next several years by working with parishes to determine how they will achieve the goal of having vibrant, life-giving faith communities accessible to all Catholics. To learn more about Renew My Church, visit renewmychurch.org.

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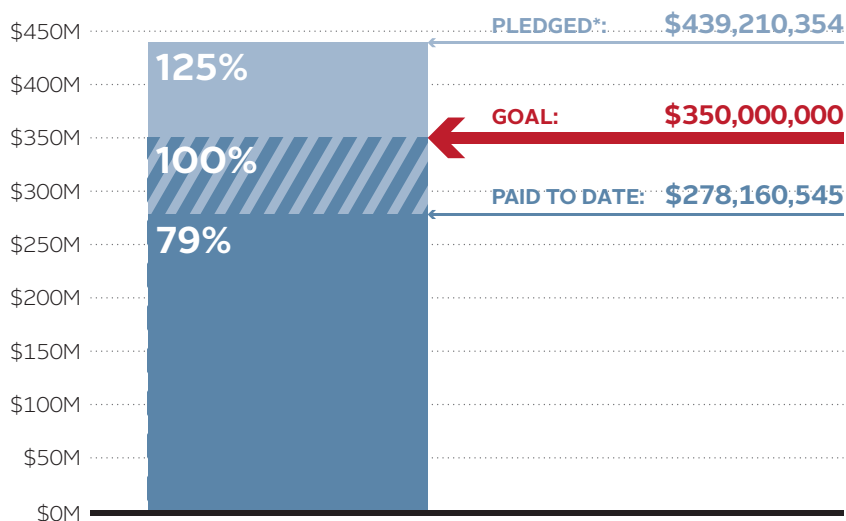
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MANAGE YOUR PLEDGE

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.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

April 13, 2022



*Includes cash, documented pledges and bequests.

Chicago Catholic: Campaign Parishes Support the People of Ukraine

To Teach Who Christ Is parishes are uniting to support the people of Ukraine.

- St. Bernadette Parish in Evergreen Park raised more than \$56,000 with donations from St. Bernadette parishioners and members of neighboring parishes. The parish has also received around 600 boxes of goods that will be sent with the help of Rotary International District 6450.
- St. Juliana Parish, located at 7201 N. Oketo Avenue, has raised about \$30,000 of its \$50,000 goal as of March 24. The parish also hosted a "Pray for Ukraine" Mass on March 19 that had a congregation of nearly 800 (about four times the number of people who normally attend the Saturday vigil Mass).
- At St. Clement Parish, located at 642 W. Deming Place, parishioners donated more than \$60,000 in just a couple of weeks.



Pictured above are volunteers at St. Bernadette Parish in Evergreen Park loading a truck with donated goods. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)

To learn the many ways you can support Ukraine, please visit the Archdiocese of Chicago's website at archchicago.org.

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