



TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

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St. Clement Completes Parish Enhancements and Works to Renew its Community



Adapting St. Clement's buildings to accommodate their community was a significant challenge. The structural design was complex, accounting for various structures and floor elevations.

Located in the heart of Lincoln Park at 642 W. Deming Place, St. Clement Parish is a vibrant and thriving Catholic community. The parish strives to lead people into a transforming relationship with Christ and is known for its outreach of service and diverse demographics of engaged parishioners. Most notable is the parish's Clement Commits stewardship program that provides funding to outside organizations through grants and contributions to second collections coordinated by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

When St. Clement became involved with the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign in 2014, the parish set out to assure their century old buildings could continue to be a place of welcome and serve parish ministries well into the demands and opportunities of the 21st century. Parishioners generously responded to the campaign and pledged \$7.1 million, and the parish has collected over \$6 million. According to a 2017 campaign report, the funds have been utilized as follows:

- **Archdiocese:** The parish fulfilled the obligation to the Archdiocese of Chicago under the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign, primarily for establishment of an educational scholarship fund.
- **Clement Commits:** Through the parish's program, St. Clement gave 10 percent of funds to St. Margaret of Scotland School to honor their spiritual commitment to stewardship.
- **School:** Funds were used to complete the main construction project at the parish school, which provided a secure and welcoming entrance experience to the school and air conditioning in the classrooms.

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Pictured above: As a result of generous commitments from many families of the parish, a number of improvements were made at St. Clement School.

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- **Church:** All three Gothic rose windows within the church building were restored.
- **Parish Center:** The parish developed a new welcoming entrance to the parish complex with an accessible commercial elevator to service the main floors of the parish center and church building.

"The *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign allowed us make much needed 21st century safety enhancements to both the school and parish ministry center," said Nicole Zenner, director of parish strategy and planning. "All of these projects helped keep the strong legacy and work of St. Clement going strong. We are so grateful for the generosity of our community."

St. Clement is currently finalizing the "Discernment and Decisions" phase of Renew My Church. Their Lakeview-Lincoln Park grouping consists of St. Alphonsus (parish and school), St. Bonaventure Oratory, Cabrini Shrine, St. Clement (parish and school) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (parish and school). St. Clement will continue operating as a worship site, and will work with the other parishes to create a vital, vibrant, life-giving, Catholic community.

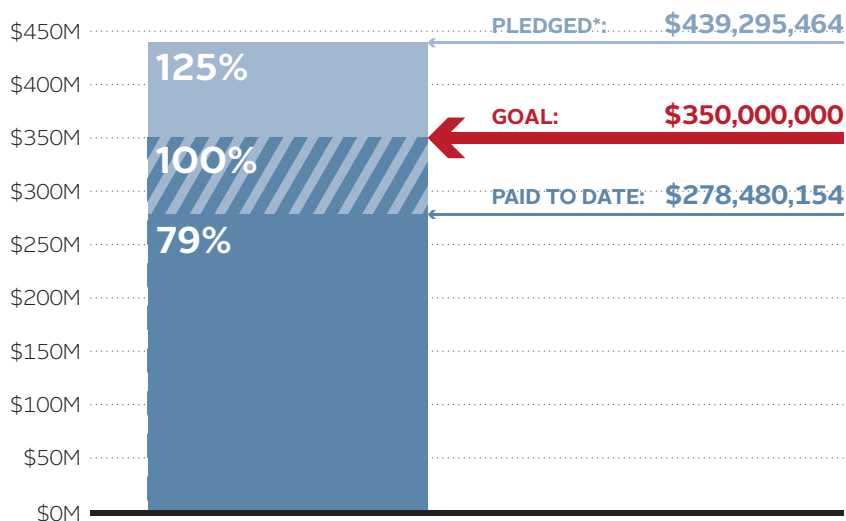
To Teach Who Christ Is funding presented St. Clement with the opportunity to maintain the welcoming environment the parish embodies. The next phase of Renew My Church brings a focus on spiritual renewal including building or deepening relationships with Christ and helping others encounter Christ in a new way.

"Creating a culture of evangelization through hospitality and welcoming, listening, developing relationships and forming missionary disciples, can be an overwhelming task," said Judy LeDuc, evangelization committee member at St. Clement. "We are beginning this journey and with prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can get there!"

To learn more about St. Clement and their evangelization efforts, please visit clement.org.

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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*Includes cash, documented pledges and bequests.

Fore the Kids Annual Golf Outing



The 2022 Fore the Kids Annual Golf Outing will take place on Monday, June 27 from 11 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Chicago Highlands Golf Club (2 Bluebird Trail Westchester, Ill.).

Fore the Kids is an annual golf outing benefitting the Archdiocese of Chicago's Catholic schools. Proceeds from Fore the Kids benefit emergency tuition assistance and Catholic school academic excellence which is in line with the *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign's support of Catholic schools and its students.

To register, please visit giving.archchicago.org/ways-to-give/events/fore-the-kids. For information on sponsorship opportunities, please contact The Office of Stewardship and Development at 312.534.7959 or archchicago@archchicago.org.

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