



**Pilot Parish and Winter Wave parishes continue to actively participate in the Witness to Hope effort. The campaign has collectively raised nearly \$21 million since last July. Please continue to pray for the success of the campaign.**

**Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director**

### **Bishop Boyea**

Bishop is about to begin reaching out to the next group of top potential donors for Leadership gifts. He is also working with the Campaign Team to visit Winter Wave parishes.

### **Parish News**

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."  
St. Mother Teresa*

**St. Jude in DeWitt** participation weekend generated approximately another 70 gifts to *Witness to Hope* but we are still under our participation goal. Because of the break for Christmas, we are continuing to call and encourage parish families who have not yet made their gifts to do so as soon as possible. Bulletin inserts and volunteer outreach will continue as follow-up continues to reach the \$2.5 million threshold.

**Queen of the Miraculous Medal** has exceeded the \$3 million mark and gifts continue to come in. The renovation of the lower level of the Church will be commencing in February with the other major projects scheduled for the summer.

**St. John the Evangelist Parish in Jackson** has begun a combined campaign with a preliminary goal of raising \$2 million. **Fr. Chas Canoy** challenged the parish finance and pastoral councils of St. John and St. Joseph Oratory this week to respond to the various volunteer opportunities and many have agreed to serve. The preparatory phase of *Witness to Hope* continues...

**Fr. Ben Hawley** and his parish senior staff are working diligently to prepare the parishioners and students of **St. Mary Student Parish** for the various elements of the

campaign and are beginning this week to share the *Witness to Hope* campaign case with the parish family through bulletin inserts.

**Fr. Bosco** returns early next week from India and we will be moving forward in finishing up the preparatory phase projects for **St. Mary's in Manchester**. We are looking forward to his return and his leadership of the campaign.

**St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing** continues their preparation for the campaign. We are finalizing the parish case statements and are on track to begin our accelerated campaign. **Fr. Joseph Kim** has been helpful in sharing the culture of the Vietnamese community and how to best share the mission of the campaign with the parish.

**Fr. Fred at Cristo Rey, Lansing** is working closely with Greater Mission to continue finalize the parish roster, top prospects, and calendar of activities. Recruitment of Campaign Cabinet is well underway.

Last weekend, **Fr. Jim Eisele** announced the campaign during all Masses at **Saint Michael in Grand Ledge**. **Fr. Eisele** also held an All Ministry meeting between the Sunday Masses, with more than 70 people attending. Letters are being sent to all those who volunteers over the weekend. This coming weekend the parish will hold its Commissioning Ceremony at each Mass. This week **Fr. Eisele** will be establishing dates for individual, small group, and large group receptions.

**Fr. Klein** at **Saint Gerard in Lansing** held an initial campaign cabinet for the nine couples recruited. He led them through the campaign purpose and their role on the committee. Each family was encouraged by **Fr. Klein** to join him in making their pledge before they begin other committee work. Announcement Weekend was also held at all Masses last weekend. At the end of each Mass **Fr. Klein** spoke about the campaign and encouraged everyone to be involved over the coming weeks. The parish All Ministry is scheduled for Feb. 8 following Father's holiday.

**Fr. Dennis Howard** at **Most Holy Trinity in Fowler** is making a final review of the parish campaign materials and this week will be finalizing the campaign meetings and educational meetings

**Fr. Michael O'Brien** and **St. Paul, Owosso** have put the final touches on their parish case for support elements. **Fr. Mike** and staff continue to press on with organization steps including matching and integrating the parish rosters, finalizing the campaign timelines and identifying potential Campaign Co-Chairs as Cabinet

Members. Both **St. Joseph, Owosso** and **St. Paul, Owosso** have announcement weekend on 28-29 January.

**St. Joseph, St. Johns** is reviewing the final copy of their campaign calendar. **Fr. Mike** met with both councils to discuss this campaign. The lay leaders are excited for the work to begin. Donor research will begin this week.

**St. Mary, Westphalia** will begin engagement visits this week. **Fr. Eric** has finalized his steering committee. He will be the first parishioner to make a gift to the campaign. Donor research will continue this week.

**St. Peter, Eaton Rapids** has submitted their parish roster to begin compiling the data. The updated calendar will be reviewed this week. **Fr. George** is on vacation but he is ready to begin this opportunity.

**St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing** continue Pre-Campaign activities. **Fr. Reigle** is introducing the *Witness to Hope* campaign at the all-in ministry meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pre-Campaign activities continue at **Good Shepherd, Montrose**. **Fr. Gordon Reigle** has reviewed and submitted the parish case form and is working to recruit a Cabinet.

**Fr. Thomas Nenneau** at **St. Mary, Mt. Morris** has recruited a Campaign Chair, who is assisting with pre-campaign activities while Fr. Nenneau is on vacation.

**Fr. Paul Donnelly** and **Deacon Omar Odette** at **Our Lady of Guadalupe** have finalized the case parish for support and are working closely with Greater Mission to launch the beginning of the campaign. The plan includes bilingual materials.