



As a collective the 16 parishes in the pilot wave have exceeded the cumulative goal, with commitments exceeding \$20,000,000. Individual Pilot Wave parishes are continuing final solicitations toward reaching individual goals. Winter Wave parishes are well into campaign organization, recruiting leadership, and setting up individual calls.

Frank Byrne, Greater Mission

Pilot Wave

Fr. Mike Kuchar at **St. Mark the Evangelist** in **Goodrich** has identified a number of donors who made on time gifts to the campaign. He is approaching them about the possibility of renewing their commitment in this and subsequent tax years. His potential for success could add another \$150,000 or more toward the parish goal.

Fr. Roy Horning and the team at **Holy Rosary** in Flint have closed to within \$9,000 of goal. With a few additional gifts the parish will be in a position to fully retire its operating debt, the cornerstone of the parish case.

Through the generosity of approximately 500 families **St. Jude in DeWitt** has reached \$2,300,000 in pledges and gifts and we are optimistic about reaching the \$2.5 million challenge goal soon. Parish volunteers continue to reach out to those who have not yet pledged to invite their participation.

Pledges continue to come in at **Queen of the Miraculous Medal** and we have exceeded the \$3.4 million mark. The renovation of the lower level of the Church has begun and all are excited to see the transformation and to be able to use the new space that will be created. Other major projects are scheduled to begin this summer.

Winter Wave



More than 100 people responded to **Fr. John Klein's** invitation to attend the parish All Ministry meeting on Wednesday evening. He also hosted an open reception following morning Mass on Thursday morning and another one the same evening.

Additionally, **Fr. Klein** has completed about a third of his individual calls, with more appointments confirmed for next week.

At **Saint Michael in Grand Ledge** is securing individual appointments and confirming group hosts when **Fr. James Eisele** returns from holiday.

Fr. Dennis Howard at **Most Holy Trinity in Fowler** will conduct its Announcement Weekend this weekend with a brief overview of the campaign. **Fr. Howard** has identified and started confirming appointments with his most engaged prospects for the upcoming two weeks.

St. Paul, Owosso conducted their All-In ministry meeting last Sunday and had strong attendance of parishioners present to learn about the campaign. **Fr. Michael O'Brien** has confidently embraced his role as the leader of this campaign. He is definitely leading by example and presented his own personal sacrificial pledge at the meeting. All were invited to open their hearts with gratitude, joy and love for *Witness to Hope!* Staff is now scheduling co chair and one-on-one meetings with motivated parishioners with **Fr. Michael O'Brien, Pastor** and **Fr. Dieudonne Ntakarutimana, Parochial Vicar** for conversations about why this campaign is so important and to ask them for their early support.

At **St. Joseph in Owosso** **Fr. Mike** and staff have put the final touches on the elements for their parish case for support.

St. Joseph, St. Johns is in the final organizational phases. **Fr. Mike** has begun meeting with his steering committee members. Donor research is ongoing.

St. Mary, Westphalia has begun solicitations. **Fr. Eric** has met with a majority of the steering committee members. The steering committee will meet on Thursday. The parish has reached 10% of its goal thus far.

St. Peter, Eaton Rapids has submitted all materials for a brochure draft. **Fr. George** has finalized his steering committee. A joint council meeting will occur on Wednesday.

Fr. Gordon Reigle is actively recruiting his campaign cabinet at **St. Robert Bellarmine, Flushing**. The first campaign cabinet meeting will be held soon.

Fr. Gordon and the campaign director will be meeting in the next couple of weeks to finalize the campaign plan for **Good Shepherd, Montrose**. Bishop Boyea will be celebrating Mass and attending a reception at **Good Shepherd** on Saturday, April 8.

Fr. Nenneau returned from vacation and will be meeting with his campaign cabinet February 21, to finalize the Campaign Calendar. Bishop Boyea will be celebrating Mass and attending a reception at **St. Mary, Mount Morris**, on Saturday, April 1. Announcement weekend is being pushed out a few weeks to March 4-5.

Cristo Rey in Lansing, Fr. Fred Thelan and Cristo Rey Parish Council reviewed the campaign case and process, and set a date for the All-In Ministry meeting. Campaign calendar will be finalized this week. **Fr. Fred** shared with the Parish Council his heartfelt, enthusiastic support for the campaign

Our Lady of Guadalupe in Flint, Deacon Omar Odette and Fr. Paul Donnelly have the campaign brochure in preparation phase as the parish leadership is collecting photos. The Campaign Cabinet is in development.

Campaign preparation continues at **St. John the Evangelist Parish in Jackson**. Pastor **Fr. Chas Canoy** is leading the recruitment of volunteer leaders and many have already agreed to serve. We will be reviewing lists soon and beginning the process of visiting with parish families in early March.

St. Mary Student Parish has begun the process of educating the parish families and students to the elements of the *Witness to Hope* campaign case throughout February with bulletin inserts and communications to inform and educate.

Parish gatherings will be timed around the spring breaks at which time we will distribute gift requests.

St. Mary's in Manchester is officially underway and we are recruiting volunteer leaders and scheduling our major campaign events while we wait on the completion of the parish brochure and the master parish list. Plans are underway for solicitation to begin with leadership donors in the latter part of February.