



Congratulations to Fr. Joseph Kim and the people of St. Andrew Dung Luc Parish, Lansing who have become the second Winter Wave parish to reach their goal. St. Andrew Dung Luc is a small ethnic Vietnamese parish in the city that has great pride in its heritage, great faith, and a tremendous desire to serve the Lord. We are thrilled to celebrate with this great community as they reach their goal and beyond. The leadership of the parish is now focusing its remaining efforts on receiving even greater participation!

This is an important time for this Wave of parishes as there are thousands of parishioners who have been praying and discerning their gifts. In the next few weeks these prayerful decisions will spur on the success of these parishes.

Bishop Boyea will be conducting another leadership level gift solicitations this week and met with Senior Clergy in DeWitt.

Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director

Parish News

"Give and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure, pressed down, and running over...For by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you in return." Luke 6:38

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing – Fr. Joseph Kim is happy to announce that the parish has gone over their goal. Pledge cards came in this weekend that put that at \$100,201 of their \$100,081 goal. Fr. Joseph Kim continues to encourage participation so that some other needs of the parish can be funded through the campaign.

St. Gerard, Lansing reached 75% goal with 575 gifts. Total is \$1,838,074.

Fr. Klein is preparing his message to those members of the parish who also have children in the school or are alumni themselves to consider their generosity to Witness to Hope as the parish portion benefits the Educational Trust Fund.

Most Holy Trinity, Fowler is at 28% of goal from 25 gifts. Total is \$190,975.

Fr. Howard is hosting a reception this week and two more in-home receptions the following week. He is also calling for a series of individual appointments over the next two weeks.

St. Michael, Grand Ledge is at 42% of goal, with pledges from 167 families for \$411,059. **Fr. Eisele** made a special appeal asking everyone to return his or her pledge cards. He is continuing to reach out to personally visit with key members of the parish.

Cristo Rey, Lansing

Fr. Fred Thelen

Witness Weekend took place last Sunday. Members of the Leadership Team spoke about Witness To Hope in the context of why they made their pledge. Testimonies stressed how important this parish community was their “home” and very much a part of their family life – past, present and future. Volunteers continued to distribute packets at each of the liturgies. Participation Weekend is set for May 13-14.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint

Fr. Paul Donnelly

The Leadership Cabinet met Saturday morning, and made plans for continued witness talks at each mass on Sundays. Witness Weekend is scheduled for May 21, Participation Weekend is set for June 4. Leadership meetings continue along with distribution of packets.

St. Robert Bellarmine – Flushing. **Fr. Gordon** has returned from Pilgrimage to Fatima with many blessings. Pledges to date total \$296,995 from 60 parishioners. Fr. Gordon will wrap up final Leadership Visits this week and witness weekend is just around the corner.

Good Shepherd – Montrose. Pledges to date equal \$78,090 from 24 pledges. This weekend, Fr. Anthony will talk about the campaign this weekend with final packet distribution after Mass.

St. Mary – Mt. Morris. **Fr. Tom** presented the campaign during all Mass last weekend. Over 130 packets were distributed. Pledges to date total \$147,505 or 31% of the \$478,332 goal. This weekend is Witness Weekend. The parishioners are responding with beautiful sacrificial gifts.

Major gift visits continue at **St. John the Evangelist** in Jackson. **Fr. Chas Canoy** has made nearly 40 personal visits and he is enjoying the experience of meeting with parishioners and listening to their feedback on parish life. Parish wide gatherings start this month.

At **St. Mary Student Parish** the campaign case brochure has been printed and we are in the process of distributing them to various parish ministries, volunteers and staff. Parish gatherings will begin in May.

Fr. Bosco celebrated his 25th ordination anniversary with a special Mass offered by Bishop Boyea at St. Mary Manchester. Bishop spoke powerfully about Fr. Bosco’s priestly service and he encouraged all to participate in the Witness to Hope campaign. Parish-wide gatherings will continue throughout May as we strive to personally distribute the gift requests.

St. Patrick – Brighton

Fr. Karl is continuing to close his leadership calls and following up with top prospects that still need to be visited. The cabinet hosted Witness Weekend this past weekend with over 350 families picking up their packets.

Fr. Karl is happy to announce they have already raised \$807,974 toward the goal and looking to climb up fast.

St. Agnes – Fowlerville

Fr. Nate and team hosted a packet pick up this past weekend with over 100 families picking up their packets. This weekend the Cabinet will host Witness Weekend and are looking forward to even more families joining the Campaign. **Fr. Nate** is happy to announce they have raised \$142,300 and working hard to get to goal.

St. Augustine – Howell

Fr. Gregg and the Cabinet hosted a parish breakfast reception this week and a packet pick up after the weekend Masses. This weekend **Fr. Gregg** and team will host its Witness Weekend with cabinet members presenting at all 3 Masses. **Fr. Gregg** announces they are currently at \$57,300 toward goal.

Immaculate Conception, Milan, Michigan (Fr. Vincent Van Doan)

Fr. Vincent and the campaign leadership team welcomed **Bishop Earl Boyea** and over fifty parishioners to the parish wide gathering this past week. The team is now preparing for the participation weekends upcoming in May. The new pledge total increased to over \$75,000, 25% of the target goal!

St. Mary, Chelsea, Michigan (Fr. Bill Turner)

Fr. Bill and the campaign leadership team welcomed **Bishop Earl Boyea** and over sixty parishioners to the parish wide gathering this past week. The St. Mary Campaign Cabinet is now preparing for the participation weekends upcoming in May. The new pledge total increased to over \$122,000, 21% of the target goal!

St. Mary, Westphalia is continuing to receive gifts. **Fr. Eric** provided an update on the campaign this past weekend. The parish is at \$1,267,800 which is 135% of goal. He is continuing to increase participation.

St. Joseph, St. Johns will hold parish gatherings this weekend after all masses to distribute more packets. **Fr. Mike** will be following up with many parishioners to make a prayerful decision soon. The parish has raised \$312,387 so far and is at 36% of goal.

St. Peter, Eaton Rapids will host Witness Weekend this upcoming weekend. The parish staff is working hard to schedule **Fr. George** for one on one meetings with parishioners. The parish has raised over \$86,850 which is 23

Fr. Robert Pienta with the support of staff and co chairs are gearing up for two witness weekends in May at the **St. Joseph Shrine in Brooklyn**. **Fr. Bob** has been clearly articulating the need to support the campaign to build up both the wider church and the Shrine.

Co chairs Gary and Dawn Ritter hosted a nice home gathering with **Fr. Michael O'Brien** for **St. Paul, Owosso** to encourage parish leaders to make their pledge as soon as possible to help build momentum and support for the *Witness to Hope* campaign.

Fr. Mike O'Brien and co chair Dennis Hrcka hosted a nicely attended leadership gathering at **St. Joseph in Owosso** on Wednesday evening to share information about the *Witness to Hope* Campaign and inspire parish leaders to make their pledge as soon as possible.

Holy Redeemer, Burton is working hard with the theme of *Now is the Time*. **Fr. Steve Anderson** is encouraging parishioners to make their pledges by next weekend, which is Participation Weekend. Results are trending upward: 180 families have pledged \$561,750 for 55% of goal. Speakers at Witness Weekend really motivated the parishioners and many gifts came in on-line this past week.

Church of the Resurrection, Lansing reports 67 pledges for \$687,200 for 33% of goal. The parish had Witness Speakers last weekend at all Masses. **Fr. Steve Mattson** reports that there was enthusiastic feedback after Masses when parishioners had their final opportunity to pick up their campaign packets before they were mailed on May 1st.