



Congratulations to Fr. Steve Anderson and the people of Holy Redeemer, Burton for surpassing its campaign goal this week. They are striving to get to their challenge goal and continue to work hard. We are grateful to Fr. Steve and his leadership team for their perseverance and dedication.

We continue to make progress in reaching out to Leadership Gift prospects to ask for their support for their parishes and the overall wider Church needs. Bishop has a leadership meeting scheduled for this week and has several more scheduled over the summer months.

The Campaign Staff will be taking a well-deserved two weeks off beginning July 1. We will be back in Michigan in mid July to continue serving our Winter Wave parishes who are still actively fund-raising and our Summer Wave parishes as they kick-off the final round of Witness to Hope Campaigns. Happy Fourth of July to all... God Bless America!

Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director

Parish News

“God’s generosity cannot be outdone. Everything that we have is a gift from God, and whether we acknowledge it or not, He has given us more than we could ever know...”

Anonymous

Holy Redeemer, Burton has reached and exceeded their goal! To date 488 pledges have been received for a total \$1,092,128. They will continue to work towards their bonus goal of \$1,300,000. The original campaign participation goal was 330 families and **Father Steve Anderson** is thrilled with the amazing response of his parishioners: close to 500 parishioners for over 146% of participation goal.

Church of the Resurrection, Lansing has 233 pledges (130% of participation goal) totaling \$1,310,500, which represents 62% of the campaign goal of \$2.1 million for the

parish's combined campaign. **Fr. Steve Mattson** reports that his follow-up mailing is yielding results and another mailing is going out in mid-July.

Fr. Chas Canoy has made over 70 personal visits at **St. John the Evangelist** in Jackson and we are nearing 63% of our goal from the personal visits. Packets have been distributed at Mass and now will be mailed. We will conduct participation weekend July 22 and 23. We are receiving extraordinary gifts from those that have participated thus far and we are encouraged by the progress.

At **St. Mary Student Parish** in Ann Arbor, we are beginning to see gifts come in. We are still distributing packets and we also have personal, individual meetings beginning July 1. As we move through July we will continue to have personal meetings and host some small gatherings with the help of Fr. Tom Firestone who is well known by many of the long-time parishioners at St. Mary.

Fr. Bosco, Pastor of St. Mary Manchester, has now mailed the balance of gift requests that were not previously picked up. We have raised approximately 28% of the goal and we anticipate a good response as these continue to come in. We will also have some additional witness talks the next two weekends to encourage both participation and the timely return of pledge cards.

Fr. James Eisele at **St. Michael, Grand Ledge** has reached out to many of the parishioners to update them on the campaign progress. To date, the parish has received \$683,914 towards their goal for a total of 429 gifts. The parish staff is hoping that more contributions to the campaign will be coming in as a result of the current progress.

St. Gerard, Lansing has received 741 gifts with pledges for total of \$2,039,504. **Fr. John Klein** is editing the final draft of his mailing to the parish base whom have yet to make their pledge. Individual meetings with parishioners continue to be scheduled to build momentum in the campaign. Fr. Klein is preparing for an appeal from the pulpit on July 16th - 17th encouraging further support from the community.

Most Holy Trinity, Fowler has reached 120% of goal for a total of \$802,155 off of 296 gifts. **Fr. Dennis Howard** has actively engaged parishioners with the campaign and is looking forward towards starting their parish cases. Updates and announcements will be made to inform the community that further donations to *Witness to Hope* will be retained in the parish.

St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Lansing – The parish is over 136% of their goal with over 60% of the parish participating. **Fr. Joseph Kim** is still working to get more pledges as cost of replacing the boiler has become higher than anticipated.

St. Mary, Westphalia has received 543 pledges and has already paid in the entire goal! **Fr. Eric** and the staff had a final meeting with the campaign director to discuss next steps. The follow up letter has been sent to production. The parish has raised \$2,304,955.36, which is 246% of goal. The parish staff and community are thrilled and it was a pleasure to work with them.

St. Joseph, St. Johns is still receiving pledges and has raised \$1,161,109, which is 134% of goal. **Fr. Mike** will return from a relaxing vacation this weekend.

St. Peter, Eaton Rapids has raised \$482,845, which is 133% of goal. **Fr. George** and the staff had a final meeting with the campaign director to discuss next steps. The follow up letter has been sent to production. The campaign director is excited for the parish and community.

St. Patrick – Brighton

Fr. Karl and **Fr. Vince** have closed out their remaining leadership calls and The parish has hosted its follow up weekend and the follow up letters are now out to the remaining parishioners. **Fr. Karl** is happy to announce they have reached 122% base goal and pushing forward now to their total combined goal. The parish is currently at 2,197,001 in total gifts.

St. Agnes – Fowlerville

Fr. Nate and team have hosted there follow up weekend, and the follow up letters are out to the additional families in the parish. **Fr. Nate** is happy to announce they have raised \$368,270 and working hard to get to goal.

St. Augustine – Howell

Fr. Gregg and the Cabinet have hosted there follow up weekend and **Fr. Greg** is now conducting a phone a thon to try to close out the campaign. **Fr. Gregg** announces they are currently at \$237,072 toward goal.

Cristo Rey, Lansing: Fr. Fred Thelen

Campaign Leadership continue with follow up phone calls; Follow Up Letters are in the mail this week. Cristo Rey surpassed their base goal, and now is over 88% of goal, with

115 pledges totaling \$353,105! Will be looking forward to additional pledges resulting from continued phone calls and response to the Follow Up Letter.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Flint: Fr. Paul Donnelly

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish has surpassed their base goal and now is at 56% of their Challenge goal with 66 pledges totaling \$223,495. Bulletin inserts will be handed out at mass this weekend. Packets have been mailed.

St. Robert Bellarmine – Flushing. With gratitude, joy, and thanksgiving, parishioners at St. Robert Bellarmine continue to respond to **Fr. Gordon's** encouragement that all parishioners give their best sacrificial gift to the campaign; 448 families have pledged \$1,176,029. Congratulations Fr. Gordon and St. Robert Bellarmine Parish for "Going Above and Beyond."

Good Shepherd – Montrose. Congratulations to Fr. Gordon and Good Shepherd Parish as parishioners continue to pledge above and beyond their goal; 91 families have pledged \$162,367. Congratulations Fr. Gordon and Good Shepherd Parish for generously responding to the *Witness to Hope* campaign.

St. Mary – Mt. Morris. The Campaign Cabinet and parishioners welcome **Fr. Roy Horning and Fr. Bill Wegher** to **St. Mary.** The Campaign Cabinet will meet with Fr. Roy after the 4th of July holiday and share the great success of the campaign thus far and how to close in on the goal. Over 236 families have pledged \$448,770 towards their goal of \$478,732 with families continuing to pray and pledge their support for campaign.

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

The campaign continues to make great progress towards goal. The pledge total has increased to \$289,125, 98% of the target goal with still only 22% participation! The follow-up letter is in production and the response from this appeal should help the parish surpass the goal.

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

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