



Another active week in our campaign as we move towards our Wave goal. We continue to see great progress at all of our parishes. Thanks to the Pastors and Lay Leaders who are working so diligently towards success.

Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director

Bishop Boyea

Bishop Boyea has now been scheduled to visit the majority of parishes in the Pilot Wave and will be sharing his vision and goals for the campaign with parishioners throughout the diocese.

Parish News

"It is not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

-St. Teresa of Calcutta

Members of the **Queen of Miraculous Medal** Family continue to visit with **Fr. Tim** and we are invigorated by the positive response. The pledge total puts them at approximately one-third of the way toward our \$2.8 million dollar goal. As they approach October, personal visits with Father will continue and they are also beginning a series of home gatherings. Three events will take place at parishioner homes and Fr. Tim will also host one at the rectory.

St. Mary's on the Lake families continue to bring in their pledge commitments and Father is most grateful for this response. While they have met their goal, Father is following up with those who have not yet become involved.

Holy Family, Grand Blanc has started campaign receptions at parishioner's homes, with three taking place this week and at least four more scheduled for October. This weekend is Announcement Weekend and **Msgr. Vincke** is commissioning Prayer Champions at all Masses. Holy Family has already had some wonderful, grace-filled campaign moments: one couple increased their gift by \$6,000 after additional prayer and discernment with their teenage children, and a senior citizen stopped by the office early one morning to schedule a memorial mass and saw Monsignor in the hallway and said "I am ready to give" and pledged \$60,000 on the spot! He told Monsignor: "This church deserves a front row seat in my plans!"

Great activities are taking place at **Holy Spirit, Brighton**, the leadership/In-home receptions are taking place this week and next, with great results expected. **Fr. John** would like to thank the Reseigh, Brennan, Hass and Bollin families for taking the key role as host for these events. **Holy Spirit is currently at 32.5% of goal - \$179,250.**

Msgr. Reilly would like to thank Judge Filice and Lance Lynch for their great words at last weekend's Announcement Weekend at **St. Mary Cathedral Parish**. The parish held it's second cabinet meeting with several actions items being discussed. All reception dates and host are now set and leadership calls are being made. **The Cathedral is currently at 17.4% of goal - \$97,500.**

Fr. Jeff Poll is off to a good start on the campaign at **Light of Christ, Deerfield/Blissfield**. Father and team now have all leadership receptions planned along with two senior parishioner luncheons planned for October. There is an air of excitement around the Parish in anticipation of the Campaign kick-off.

Saint Mark the Evangelist, Goodrich conducted its All Commission (Ministry) Meeting on Tuesday with nearly 30 people attending. **Fr. Michael Kuchar** led the discussion and inviting people to pray and make their commitment. Additionally, the parish also started home receptions this week. Currently, there are nine hosted in-home receptions planned in addition to a weekend of after Mass receptions. **The parish has \$140,000 in pledges at this point toward its \$900,000 goal.**

Fr. Roy Horning at **Holy Rosary** in Flint has received commitments of **\$168,500, or 28% of goal**. Follow up is underway from last week's All Ministry meeting. There are two hosted receptions scheduled for this week. The parish is setting up its banner and thermometer display to keep the effort in front of everyone.

The second of the three largest ministry presentations took place Wednesday evening at **Saint Mary Queen of Angels** in Swartz Creek. The Catholic Women's Ministry actively discussed the campaign and the future if will provide for both the parish and diocese. Follow up is underway with the earlier presentation to the Prayer Shaw Ministry, and this coming Monday there will be a presentation to the Knights of Columbus. **Fr. Louis Ekka** will be announcing the campaign at all Masses this weekend, stressing the importance of the campaign to him, and urging all members of the parish to attend at least one of the upcoming receptions being announced in a bulletin insert this week.

St Anthony, Hillsdale will hold its All-In Ministry meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 pm and has scheduled all of its Leadership Gatherings and Large Parish Gatherings, a total of six events for October and early November. **Fr. David** will begin scheduling visits with his leadership group this week.

The Catholic Community of St. Jude in Dewitt has received to date 22 pledges with a total of **\$422,100** on a goal of **\$2,500,000**. **Fr. Robert Irish** met with the Cabinet for the first time on September 21st as a group, to further explain the roles of everyone involved in assisting him lead the *Witness to Hope* campaign. In addition, Father is preparing for Announcement Weekend that will take at all of the Masses this weekend.

Fr. David has begun preparing for the official launch of the *Witness to Hope* campaign at **St. Mary Magdalen** in Brighton. The parish has begun to generate support for the campaign overall, with 9 pledges totaling **\$69,900** on a goal of **\$1,360,388**. Over the next two weeks Father will be on a trip to the Holy Land. We are all praying for his safe travels and the spiritual work that will take place upon his return with the Campaign Kickoff happening on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd.

At **St. Rita**, Clarklake, **Fr. Tom Helfrich** continues to meet with motivated parishioners who are choosing to make early decisions of faith. Several other families are reflecting deeply on *best sacrifice* gifts to inspire the *Witness to Hope* campaign at St. Rita. Fr. Tom commissioned prayer champions on Friday morning. They will continue to offer prayer support for Fr. Tom's leadership of the campaign during the active phase with a spirit of great enthusiasm and dedication.

Fr. Bill Ashbaugh and **Fr. Todd Koenigsnecht** at **St. Thomas the Apostle** in Ann Arbor, along with the campaign co-chairs, have been busy planning parish hall and rectory receptions. Thanks to the quick work of parish staff and our materials production team, personalized packets for all parishioners are ready for distribution at the many gatherings planned for September and October.

SS. Cornelius & Cyprian hosted announcement weekend on the eve of the saints feast day. The steering committee received a blessing and met for the first time last week. **Fr. Kusi** did a wonderful job in the All in Ministry meeting encouraging parishioners to get involved in the campaign and sharing the spirituality behind the campaign.

St. James is beginning to conduct lead visits. **Fr. Kusi** will discuss the campaign with his pastoral council and finance council this week. He is encouraging all parishioners to truly make their best sacrifice.