



Another active week in our campaign as we move towards our Wave goal. We are now actively holding gatherings at many parishes and more parishioners are hearing the message about Witness to Hope and discerning their support in a prayerful and confidential manner. Tony Gwiazdowski, Campaign Executive Director

Bishop Boyea

We have scheduled several key lead gift visits in the coming weeks with Bishop. Please pray for him and for those discerning their support.

Parish News

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us...What we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal...”

Queen of the Miraculous Medal, Jackson parishioners continue to respond prayerfully and very enthusiastically to the Witness to Hope campaign through both meeting with **Fr. Tim** and volunteering to assist in bringing the campaign to fellow parishioners. Campaign gatherings begin in two weeks, hosted by members of the parish family and we expect a great response.

St. Mary on the Lake, Manitou Beach has successfully reached the preliminary campaign goal with pledges totaling \$420,000.00 with 75 gifts. There are still pending gift decisions so we hope to see that total rise so that the parish can complete some of the other projects that are in our plans. We are profoundly grateful to all who offered their prayer support for our success.

Holy Spirit – Brighton: Fr. John and team have concluded their in-home receptions with good success. They are planning and preparing for the upcoming Parish wide gatherings and their senior parishioner luncheon. **Fr. John** plans to cross over the 50% by mid-October they are currently at 30% and climbing up fast.

St. Mary Cathedral – Lansing Msgr. Reilly and team are gearing up for the first gatherings starting with their senior gathering on October 12th during the lunch hour. Currently they are hosting several trainings events and preparation ahead of all their parish wide gatherings. **St. Mary Cathedral** is currently at 17.5% of goal.

SS. Cornelius & Cyprian is hosting a parish wide gathering at mass on Sunday. This will be an opportunity for parishioners to pick up there packet. **Fr. Kusi** is excited that the parish has raised over 10% of its goal thus far.

St. James has raised over \$100,000 and more lead visits are occurring. **Fr. Kusi** will discuss the campaign at a Parish Gathering on Thursday evening. He is eager to continue to receive more gifts.

At **St. Rita, Clarklake, Fr. Tom Helfrich** continues to meet with parishioners at home gatherings and individual visits too. Several families are praying about their *best sacrifice* gift. An evening parish hall gathering is planned for Thursday, Oct 12 at 7pm and a *Witness to Hope* coffee gathering the following morning after Mass.

Fr. Bill Ashbaugh and **Fr. Todd Koenigsknecht** at **St. Thomas the Apostle, Ann Arbor** are truly leading by example with their inspiring gifts to the *Witness to Hope* campaign. Two generous and motivated Co Chair couples have been very busy supporting **Fr. Bill** and **Fr. Todd** at rectory gatherings. As excitement and enthusiasm for this historic campaign starts to build the priests are expressing deep gratitude for early *pledge decisions of faith* and early *best sacrifice* gifts.

The Catholic Community of St. Jude in Dewitt has received to date 25 pledges with a total of \$455,100 on a goal of \$2,500,000. **Father Irish** met with the Cabinet for the first time on September 21st and the church leaders are very inspired to assist in lead the **Witness to Hope Campaign**. In addition, Announcement Weekend took place during all of the masses over the past weekend. Father is currently preparing for the All in Ministry Meeting, which takes place on September 29th.

While **Father David** has been away in the Holy Land the staff and the cabinet has continued to prepare for the official launch of the **Witness to Hope Campaign** at **St. Mary Magdalen** in Brighton taking place this weekend during all of the masses on October 1st and 2nd. The parish has begun to generate support for the campaign overall, with 9 pledges totaling \$69,900 on a goal of \$1,360,388.