

## **“TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS” CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

**October 25, 2015**

### **We have raised \$361,400 – Projects and Receptions**

I would like to update our campaign every week and let you know how we are doing. As of **October 20**, we have raised **\$361,400 or 44.3%** toward our campaign goal of **\$815,000**. This is great news for our parish. Since last week, we have raised more than \$50,000. 51 gifts have already pledged and the average gift now is \$7,086 which is very good for us. I would like to thank the many volunteers who work very hard each week and thank you to the many generous donors who have already pledged to make this campaign possible. There is **\$453,600** remaining and with your help I know we will be successful. Please keep in mind that we seek to raise this amount over five years. As I mentioned before, if every family just save \$1 a day over five years period, this would total of \$1800. This campaign will help us to build an enclosed hallway between the gym and church. Creating a hall that connects these two buildings will allow our parishioners and students from the school an alternate and handicapped accessible route between these buildings instead of using the sacristy. The concrete outside is very bad and need to be fixed. We will use this campaign to install memorial bricks at either entrance of the Church. Through this campaign, families who fulfill gifts of \$1000 or more will be able to designate a **Memorial Brick** at either entrance of the church. This is a good way to remember those who have helped us in this campaign. In addition, repairing the gravel church roof will stop leaks and secure our buildings for years to come. The number of restrooms in our church is not adequate and does not provide handicapped-accessibility. Through this campaign, we will be able to add more restrooms in church. We will also upgrade our Annex by installing a new audio and visual system. We will add the soundproof wall to avoid noises while the students are playing sports in the gym. This project will benefit all parishioners, staff, students and multiple ministries at the parish. Many of you have already received a letter this weekend or at the beginning of next week asking you to consider a pledge.

Next **Sunday, November 1**, we would like to invite you to come to the Annex for a special reception after 9 am and 11 am Mass or **Tuesday November 3** at 7 pm to learn more about this project that will strengthen our parish and Catholic education across Archdiocese of Chicago. Please choose the reception that works for your schedule. I hope to see many of you at the reception. Please continue to pray for the success of our campaign!

May God bless you and St. Celestine Parish!

In Prayer,

Fr. Paul