

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

**September 27, 2015**

### **Kick-Off, Goal, Plan and Pledges**

Last week we have already started the kick off of the campaign. As you have seen the Video as well as listening to me and one of the co-chairpersons Paul Kogol and Mary Joost about the campaign, I hope that you continue to pray for the success of the campaign and are willing to help us whatever you can financially in order to reach our goal. Our goal is \$815,000 of which \$489,000 will remain at our parish to meet local needs, at our discretion. We are being asked to try our best to meet this goal in pledges from our parishioners over a five-year period. We will receive 60 percent of the funds raised up to our campaign target, and 100 percent of the funds raised beyond our target for local needs. We have spent the past several months determining how best to use the funds we raise through our campaign, and have decided to build an enclosed hallway connecting the church to the gym. As you may know that every time we have a reception after mass, people have to pass through the narrow sacristy in order to get to the gym especially during the winter time when it is snowing it's hard for people to get through the back door of the church to the gym. Creating a hall that connects these two buildings will allow our parishioners an alternate and handicapped accessible route between these buildings instead of using the sacristy. As you may have already known, our concrete from both entrances from the outside looks very bad. We have decided to replace concrete and the steps as well as install memorial bricks at both church entrances. We will install a handicapped-accessible ramp at the Wellington entrance. We will expand the church restrooms, reconfigure the confessionals for additional meeting space, convert the annex into a multi-media meeting space, and replace the tar and gravel church roof. We also use some of our funds to help with the Parish Transformation projects. I am sure with your effort and your sacrifices, together we will reach our goal.

I am excited to share that we have already received early gifts to the campaign. So far, from just a few initial pledges, our parish has raised \$229,000, which equals 28 percent of our campaign goal! In addition, we have recruited more than 30 volunteers to help spread the message of the campaign during the next few weeks and months. I personally thank Paul Kogol and Mary Joost our co-chair persons and those volunteers who help us in this campaign for their hard work and dedication. You will hear more about “To Teach Who Christ Is” in the coming days and weeks. I am personally asking that you do three things for our campaign:

Volunteer when you are asked. We need as many parishioners involved as possible for our campaign to be successful.

Listen to our volunteers when they come to speak with you on my behalf about campaign needs.

Prayerfully consider our volunteers' request when they ask for your support. Please receive them into your homes or meet at the parish as my personal representatives.

Please consider making a sacrificial gift to this important campaign.

Let us pray that the Lord will bless this campaign and bless many generous people who sacrifice themselves to make “To Teach Who Christ Is” campaign more successful.

May God bless you all!

Fr. Paul