



“TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS” A CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION & FAITH FORMATION

Dear Parishioners,

One of the overarching goals of our Catholic Church is to teach who Christ is. It is our conviction that the Catholic Church in Chicago needs to find new and more effective ways to pass on to our children our faith and beliefs. Our children must not only have a knowledge of what we believe and why we believe but also a commitment to living out in their day-to-day lives the implications of what we believe and teach. We must give them the foundation to be the ones who will be the future ministers in and supporters of their parishes.

Last year Cardinal George, after consultation with the Archdiocesan Presbyteral Council and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, instituted the “To Teach Who Christ Is” Capital Campaign. It is an archdiocesan-wide, parish-based campaign that seeks to raise \$350 million dollars for Catholic education and faith formation, through both the efforts of the archdiocese and the efforts of individual parishes. We are in the second wave of the campaign and all parishes will begin it over the next few years. Let us focus first on what is asked of us and what is of direct benefit to our parish.

The capital campaign goal for Queen of Angels is \$607,103 to be pledged and collected in our parish over a three year period. This represents 130% of our Sunday, Christmas, Easter and Holy Day collections from 2013. Because of this campaign, Queen of Angels is not required to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal during 2014.

From the funds collected, 60% will be retained by Queen of Angels Parish for specific needs of the parish that are identified to the Archdiocese. While the case statement is still being finalized, it is my hope that we use the funds we receive from the capital campaign to strengthen the ministries of our parish by meeting some of the needs of our parish ministries and the spaces and resources they use, which may include:

- strengthening specific ministries of the parish with more funding for their needs;
- strengthening the formation of catechists, ministry leaders, and Religious Education leaders and programs;
- renovations of the Lower Voss Center;
- renovations of the Lower Church for the many ministries that use that space;
- restoring (including re-leathering) the church organ; and/or
- the creation of a parish endowment to support our ministries for many years to come.

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From the funds collected from our parish and others, 40% will go to the archdiocese to be allocated for Catholic education and faith formation initiatives:

- \$150 million will set up an endowment fund for scholarships to help families of limited means send their children to a Catholic school;
- \$30 million will fund capital repairs to Catholic schools that cannot afford to do so;
- \$10 million will support Parish Religious Education Programs through the Office for Catechesis and Youth Ministry;
- \$8 million will be for program enhancements for Catholic Schools; and
- \$2 million will be used to develop and pilot new approaches to religious education and faith formation.



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Of the \$350 million goal for the campaign, \$100 million will be raised from corporations and other major donors. The Archdiocese has already raised most of this amount. The remaining \$250 million will be raised by parishes, in a manner similar to the Millennium Campaign, *Sharing Christ's Gifts*, launched in 2002. Queen of Angels raised approximately \$481,594 during the three years of the Millennium Campaign.

I am excited and grateful to be working with parish staff and also with a leadership team of parishioners to plan for the campaign and put together a specific statement of parish needs that makes sense and is rooted in the mission of Queen of Angels Parish. We are being assisted by Mike Miles, a national consultant in parish development with O'Meara Ferguson. The parishioners recruited to the leader team so far include:

- Liz Wannemacher and Chris Callahan, *Campaign Co-Chairs*; Chris will also be the *Advance Commitment Leader*;
- Bill Brennan and Rachel Hohner, *Parish Staff*; Rachel will also be the *Campaign Administrator*;
- Fred Butzen, *Contact Leader*, with Anne Butzen, Mary Corrado, Donna Czech, Jennifer Martinez and Meghan Swanson, *Contact Team*;
- Tom Budziszewski and Jim Hohner, *Prayer Leaders*;
- Veronica Siegle, *Information Leader*, with Tad Kolke and Matt Persohn, *Information Team*;
- Michael Morgan, *Print Communication Leader*;
- Laurel McCaleb, Kathleen McCarthy and Joy Mollet, *Event Team*; and
- Noelle Etheridge, Judie Feller, Gigi Desierto, Stephanie Foley and Maura Sadovi, *Children's Activities Team*.

I am so pleased that these parish leaders have agreed to give their time to make the campaign a success.

My friends, the only way to be successful is if we place ourselves in God's hands. In the next few weeks, we will need to add many more people to our team to plan and host events, make phone calls, create a promotional video, lead related activities for children and youth, and share their gifts of faith, time and talents with one another through this process. The parish staff, the campaign co-chairs and I together have surfaced many names of people to invite personally to join in this effort. But our challenge "To Teach Who Christ Is" cannot be the task of just the archbishop, the pastor, or even a few select parishioners. All of us must lead one another to Christ, and so we must all take ownership of this campaign for the future of our parish. Please pray during this Lent for the success of this capital campaign, that we may better serve our people at Queen of Angels and throughout the archdiocese. Be assured of my prayers and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Msgr. Jim Kaczorowski".

Msgr. Jim Kaczorowski
Pastor