

## **Renewing Our Church Together**

JULY 2019

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

TO WAVE 1 OVER GOAL PARISHES

Assumption, Los Angeles **Dolores Mission**, Los Angeles Holy Family, Artesia Mary Star of the Sea, Oxnard Mission San Buenaventura, Ventura Our Lady of Guadalupe, Oxnard Our Lady of Guadalupe, Los Angeles Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Paula Our Lady of the Valley, Canoga Park Our Lady of Lourdes, Tujunga Our Lady Queen of Angels, Los Angeles Precious Blood, Los Angeles Sacred Heart, Pomona San Antonio de Padua, Los Angeles Santa Isabel, Los Angeles St. Bernadette, Los Angeles St. Cecilia, Los Angeles St. Didacus, Sylmar St. Francis Xavier Chapel, Los Angeles St. Joseph, Los Angeles St. Kevin, Los Angeles St. Maria Goretti, Long Beach St. Mary, Palmdale St. Sebastian, Santa Paula St. Stephen Martyr, Monterey Park St. Thomas More, Alhambra St. Vincent De Paul, Los Angeles

## Campaign exceeds halfway point, raising \$270 million

*Called to Renew* has now raised more than half of its \$500 million goal, thanks to the generosity of 13,716 faithful across the Archdiocese.

"We are all the Church, not just the priests and the pope and the bishops," Archbishop José H. Gomez said upon reaching this important campaign milestone. "It has been great to come together and realize that each of us is responsible for taking care of the Church."

Archbishop Gomez launched the campaign in the parishes in July 2018 to boldly renew the ways in which we live out our faith as missionary disciples in our communities. In addition to providing much-need improvements to parishes, *Called to Renew* will strengthen ministerial outreach, support vocations and seminarian education, and provide additional funding for religious education, college campus ministries, and tuition assistance for our children attending Catholic schools.

The current total of \$270 million includes cash and pledges of \$63 million from parish campaigns and \$207 million from lead gifts solicited personally by Archbishop Gomez and his staff.

An estimated \$375 million raised during *Called to Renew* will remain in parishes, which are participating during a series of six waves through June 2021. Nineteen parishes were in the Pilot Phase completed earlier this year, 29 Wave 1 parishes are completing their campaigns, and 56 Wave 2 parishes are preparing to participate.

The campaign has had a profound effect at St. Maria Goretti Parish in Long Beach, according to the pastor, Father John Schiavone. "I've seen a greater sense of unity at the parish, a greater sense that we are bigger than ourselves — that we are part of the Archdiocese."

The number of parishes that have already exceeded their *Called to Renew* goals gives witness to the campaign's impact on parishioners throughout the Archdiocese. "We are grateful for your generosity and for being instruments of God's work," said Msgr. Albert Bahhuth, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia.