



Strengthening Our Parishes

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AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

More than \$20 million has been allocated for parish projects since *Called to Renew* was launched in 2018.

Thank you for your generosity!

Through Resilience Nativity Parish finds Renewal

At Nativity Parish in El Monte, Fr. Roberto Jaranilla Jr. is grateful for the love and kindness that his parishioners have shown to the parish and one another. He believes that these are some of the characteristics that make the Nativity community in El Monte so special and strong.

The past year has been extremely challenging for everyone, yet the parishioners at Nativity have come together to show their resilience. From organizing food drives to establishing an organized effort to get people vaccinated, the parishioners at Nativity are always at the forefront of fulfilling their community needs.

The parishioners of Nativity understand that working together strengthens their community. This, too, is one of the most important messages from the *Called to Renew* campaign. The campaign was created so that every single community within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles would come together and renew not only our buildings but also our faith.

Although the active campaigning has been paused, parishioners continued to fulfill their pledges throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thanks to their generosity, parishes have completed some of their projects through the "Strengthening our Parishes" component of our campaign.

Nativity in El Monte received funds directly from the Archdiocese to make several improvements. For instance, they were able to paint the Church Tower, as well as the Parish Center. The Convent received new appliances such as a new refrigerator, an oven, and a dishwasher.

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners at Nativity, Fr. Roberto is happy to share the good news that contracts are signed to begin the projects of their *Called to Renew* campaign. Fr. Roberto shared his hopes to start the work in the coming months.

Fr. Roberto also expressed the importance of completing these renovations for the community at Nativity. The pews, he shared, date back to when the Parish first opened its doors in 1923. The floors have holes, patches, and missing pieces, which is dangerous and creates a distraction from experiencing the parish's true beauty.

Although this past year has been without a doubt challenging, Fr. Roberto is humbled and thankful to the parishioners of Nativity. They are always willing to share their fortunes, talents, love, kindness, resilience, and faith.

Congratulations to the Nativity community on their successful *Called to Renew* campaign!

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