



Strengthening Our Parishes

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AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

Goal: \$500,000,000

Raised to Date: \$488,523,970

Percent of Goal: 98%

Number of Gifts: 52,250

Thank you for your generous support!

Pastor enjoying connections made through *Called to Renew*

Called to Renew has given Father Andrew Chung the opportunity to get to know his St. Pancratius parishioners better — and meet others for the first time.

“I’m having a lot of fun with it,” said Father Chung, who was assigned to the Lakewood parish in 2019 and was only beginning to engage with the community when the pandemic hit. “And it’s opening up a lot of doors.”

For example, one couple he met with, whose children are preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation, invited him to dinner at their home. When they told him they had been civilly married, Father Chung was able to talk to them about getting married in the Church. They have now begun the process of preparing for their convalidation.

Father Chung has enjoyed hearing about how parishioners found St. Pancratius and how long they have belonged. “It’s opened opportunities for ministries and forming lifelong relationships,” he said.

Within three weeks of Father Chung meeting with parishioners, St. Pancratius had exceeded its \$670,000 goal. Now that he has met with 90 families, and Msgr. John Woolway, his associate pastor, is also assisting with fundraising, the total raised is \$1.3 million.

The three projects the parish identified for its share of campaign funds have parishioners excited to participate in the campaign. Renovations to the church sanctuary will include accessibility updates, and the parish hall kitchen will be brought up to code and modernized — benefiting both the parish and the school. A permanent space for outdoor functions will be created where tents were placed for outdoor Masses during the pandemic.

After having seminarians’ intern at the parish, the community is also eager to support their formation through *Called to Renew* elements that will benefit the entire Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

“We’re of one mission of following Jesus and making him known,” Father Chung said.

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