



Renewing Our Church Together

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Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in Wilmington Begins Project Promised during Campaign

The refurbished pews and new kneelers in Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Wilmington are a reflection of the generosity of parishioners to Called to Renew.

“I’m very grateful to our people,” said Norbertine Father Hildebrand Garceau, pastor. Ss. Peter and Paul continues to collect gifts toward its Called to Renew goal. The parish has now raised \$712,261 and will retain 50% to meet the local needs identified in the campaign case statement — the pews and kneelers as well as the parish hall kitchen and church organ.

These projects had been on the parish council’s radar for some time, Father Hildebrand noted. “We saw the campaign as an opportunity to move forward.”

The well-worn pews and kneelers received top priority. The pews were shipped to a factory to be sanded, stained, and varnished, and new kneelers were purchased and installed. With this project now completed, the parish is moving forward with a study to determine how best to renovate the parish hall kitchen, including purchasing new appliances and rewiring the entire building. Replacing the church organ will be the final project.

As a small thank you to those who pledged \$1,000 or more to Called to Renew, Father Hildebrand has been sending prayer books in English and Spanish. A celebration is also planned for the parish’s top donors. “We tried to show them that we appreciate their gifts,” he said.

Parishioners were excited about the campaign, as they believe “God should have a beautiful worship space because God is beautiful,” said Mike Lee, a parishioner and member of the Campaign Executive Committee. “We have a very beautiful church. My forefathers built this for me, and I think we need to leave something for people coming 10 years from now and 50 years from now.”

An Update on Our Campaign

Thank you for your generous support!

Goal:	\$500,000,000
Raised to Date:	\$233,698,487
Percent of Goal:	47%
Number of Gifts:	4,777

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