More than 850 dedicated parishioners gathered in January to kick off Wave 1 of Called to Renew and learn more about how the campaign will benefit the mission and ministries of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles as well as their parishes.

Attendees reviewed the Called to Renew campaign plan, which details how parishes can ensure success in their campaigns. The 30 parishes participating in Wave 1 have a collective goal of $15.96 million and have each been assigned individual goals. Parishes will receive 50% of the gifts they collect up to their individual goals, and 100% over goal. Parishes are able to use these funds for their most pressing local needs, and many plan to repair and update their facilities as well as strengthen parish programs and ministries.

At the three sessions, Archbishop José H. Gomez thanked those who have committed to volunteering for their parish campaigns, such as serving as chairpersons or members of the Campaign Executive Committee. Their support is vital to pastors during every phase of the parish campaign, from helping secure early leadership gifts to pledge fulfillment in the years to come.

Wave 1 will end in June. The next wave will begin in July, with all parishes participating in the remaining waves through June 2021.

“We are incredibly grateful for the enthusiasm of the faithful for this campaign,” said Cindy Galindo, chief development officer. “Their support will strengthen our Church for generations to come.”

In the first four weeks of fundraising, Wave 1 parishes collectively raised $3.4 million, or 21% of their $15.96 million goal.

The Pilot Phase of the campaign has now officially concluded. The 19 Pilot parishes have now collectively raised $19.38 million of their $14.5 million goal — 134%! — and many parishes are continuing to collect gifts.