



Renewing Our Church Together

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Humbled and Inspired

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am happy to introduce the first newsletter for our *Called to Renew* campaign.

Our hope is to use this monthly publication to keep you up-to-date on our campaign to renew our Church and live out our faith as missionary disciples in our communities.

By God's grace and your generosity, I am pleased to report that *Called to Renew* has now raised more than \$200 million in cash and pledges toward our \$500 million goal. This is a wonderful sign of the faithfulness of our Catholic people and their desire to evangelize and renew the Church. I am especially grateful to the pastors and lay leaders of our Pilot Parishes for their leadership.

As we enter into the season of Advent, we prepare our hearts to receive the gift of Jesus Christ. I am always humbled by God's love for us and how he gives us every good gift. I know that you share this feeling that he gives us far more than we could ever deserve.

So in this beautiful season, as we consider the blessings in our lives, please continue to pray for the success of our campaign and tell others about the great things that we are doing here in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

I ask our Blessed Mother Mary to watch over you and your families, and may she help all of us to continue the important work of calling our Church to renewal and building God's Kingdom of love in our world.

May God grant you peace,

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles



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Dan Murphy Foundation Continues Faithful Support

The Dan Murphy Foundation's faithful support of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has strengthened ministries such as education and vocations for more than 60 years — and will now span generations to come thanks to its generosity to the *Called to Renew* campaign.

Without hesitation, the foundation responded to Archbishop Gomez's invitation to participate in *Called to Renew* with a transformational lead gift of \$35 million.

"This extraordinary gift is only the latest example of the ways in which the Dan Murphy Foundation has faithfully served the Archdiocese," Archbishop Gomez said.

As the Archdiocese is now home to five million Catholics representing different races and ethnicities, Foundation President Richard A. Grant reflected that "it is timely that we step up to the challenge of supporting each other as Jesus Christ has called us to do. We're all of one faith."

He noted that the foundation was drawn to the campaign's focus on supporting vocations and serving those who are most vulnerable among us. *Called to Renew* will direct \$30 million to building and strengthening critical ministries to the sick and dying and to the incarcerated, their victims, and the families of both groups. The \$30 million reserved for priestly vocations will be used to construct a new multipurpose center at St. John's Seminary, provide financial assistance to men discerning the priesthood, and endow programs at the Cardinal Manning House of Prayer for Priests and Queen of Angels Center for Priestly Formation.

"The Archdiocese has grown," Richard said. "We need many more priests and religious to help us give witness to our faith."

The Dan Murphy Foundation was established in 1957 to promote vocations and to strengthen Catholic education and programs for the needy, sick, and disadvantaged youth throughout the Archdiocese. Last summer at their board retreat, the trustees of the foundation restated the foundation's mission statement to include *Called to Renew*. This update, Richard explained, reflects how "we're always moving with the life of the Archdiocese, which is always moving forward."

The Pilot Wave is underway!

Nineteen parishes representing a cross section of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are now participating in the Pilot Wave of *Called to Renew*, and will complete their campaigns at the end of December. They have currently raised 85% of the wave's collective goal of \$14.5 million.

Wave 1 Begins in January

The 30 parishes participating in Wave 1 of *Called to Renew* will launch their campaigns in the new year. This wave will have a collective goal of \$16 million. Three kick-off meetings are scheduled for Wave 1 pastors and their campaign executive committees with Archbishop Gomez and Msgr. Albert Bahhuth, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia:

January 14 (Spanish)

St. Vincent de Paul, Los Angeles

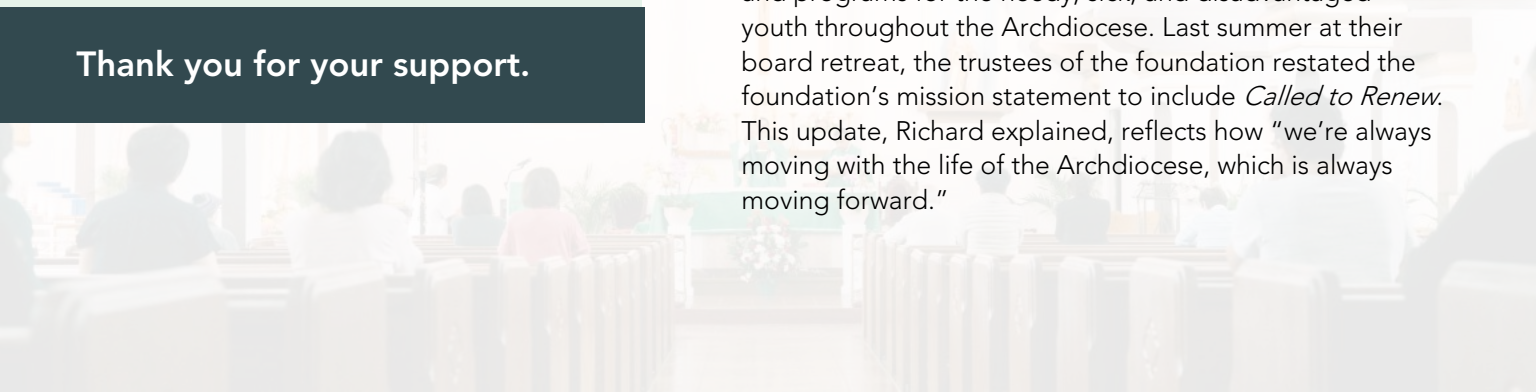
January 16 (English)

St. Bernadette, Los Angeles

January 22 (Bilingual)

St. Paschal Baylon, Thousand Oaks

Thank you for your support.





Parish Spotlight

Immaculate Conception, New Cuyama

Although Immaculate Conception Parish is one of the smallest and most isolated parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, *Called to Renew* has helped parishioners feel more included in our family of faith.

“To do this campaign is very important for this small community, and for me,” says Deacon Ricardo Berumen. “We feel more connected to the Archdiocese that we are doing something also.”

Immaculate Conception has now raised 461% of its goal. Deacon Ricardo personally invited many of the parish’s 50 families to meet with him on the church grounds, so he could give them an overview of the Archdiocesan case as well as show them where they would build an outdoor plaza and pavilion with their share of campaign funds.

“Everybody is excited to see this project,” he says. “We’re going to have a nice place here to get together as a community — not just the Catholic community, but the whole town.”

Still, parishioners have not lost focus of the purpose of *Called to Renew*, and how this effort will renew our Church for the next generation. “We can inspire our kids,” Deacon Ricardo says. “If we dream something, we can do it, especially if we’re serving the community, serving the Church.”

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Deacon Ricardo

Parish Goal:	\$25,000
Total Raised:	\$115,000
Percent of Goal:	461%
Number of Donors:	26
Average Gift:	\$4,435



Focus: Strengthening Our Parishes

Embracing our mission to grow ever more perfectly into a community of praise, worship, and witness, *Called to Renew* recognizes the central role of parishes in the day-to-day life of a vibrant Church. Many of our faith communities have had to defer proper maintenance and upkeep to prioritize more urgent needs. The largest share of *Called to Renew* funds will be allocated for parish needs.

What This Will Do

- Renew parishes across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles
- Address immediate, strategic facility needs at parishes and schools
- Prepare the Archdiocese for a vibrant future, by allowing flexibility in addressing critical needs

Why This Is Important

In these sacred spaces, we join together to celebrate the Eucharist, share in the sacramental life of the Church, and experience meaningful fellowship — allowing us to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another.



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An Update on Our Campaign

Thank you for your generous support!

Overall Campaign Goal:

\$500 million

Raised to Date: \$224,316,537

Percent of Goal: 44.8%

Number of Gifts: 1,681

Lead Gift Goal:

\$250 million

Raised to Date: \$202,618,537

Percent of Goal: 81%

Number of Gifts: 21

Parish Campaign Goal:

\$250 million

Raised to Date: \$21,698,000

Percent of Goal: 8.6%

Number of Gifts: 1,660



Want to learn more about *Called to Renew*? Visit calledtorenew.org