



Strengthening Our Parishes

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Holy Cross, Los Angeles, is first parish to exceed goal in Wave 2 of *Called to Renew*

Prayer has been the most important element of Holy Cross' successful *Called to Renew* campaign, says Comboni Missionary Father José Alberto Pimentel, administrator.

"The prayer card is the best tool to start this spiritual and material renewal ... the soul and heart of our Archbishop's legacy," he says. "People loved to feel part of this spiritual renewal, which eventually will gather the means to help Archbishop Jose Horacio Gomez shape the faith and future of our beloved Archdiocese."

The South Los Angeles parish was the first of the 56 parishes participating in Wave 2 to meet goal, raising 144% of its \$360,000 goal from 81 pledges. Holy Cross will use its share of campaign funds to renovate the sanctuary, repair flood damage to the chapel, and resurface the parking lot.

Father Pimentel admits to being skeptical about raising such a significant amount of money at Holy Cross, as well as for the Archdiocese as a whole meeting the goal of \$500 million. But hearing other pastors' testimonies at campaign training meetings helped shift his attitude.

"Regardless of the amount of money needed, renewal is badly needed in the Archdiocese," he says, "and if the Archbishop is asking for help to undergo this process, why not to give it a try?"

Campaign funds already support parishes with critical needs

A general investment fund created with gifts to *Called to Renew* has now allocated \$3,050,000 to address critical needs at parishes across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The largest share of funds raised during the campaign — \$375 million — is being directed to parishes. This includes the 50% of gifts parishes retain up to their goals, and 100% of the amount they collect over their goals, which parishes can use at their discretion to bolster ministries and make facility repairs. The remainder is benefiting the Archdiocesan case of helping parishes in distressed communities that have needs beyond their financial resources.

AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

Goal:	\$500,000,000
Raised to Date:	\$287,105,930
Percent of Goal:	57%
Number of Gifts:	15,647

Thank you for your generous support!

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