



Strengthening Our Parishes

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Parish co-chairs see goals realized through teamwork

When Al Menendez and Cathy Hirshey joined forces at St. Dominic Savio Parish in Bellflower, they were prepared for the hard work necessary to make the campaign a success. Both Cathy and Al had run campaigns before and were excited to give back to a place where they've received so much.

Although Al and Cathy were already active participants in many ministries, serving as campaign co-chairs allowed them to get to know fellow parishioners even better. They quickly realized how many people were concerned with the needs of the parish.

From the beginning, Al and Cathy were equal partners. Cathy held meetings with contractors, reviewed all bids, and worked closely with the Archdiocesan Project Management Group. Then, when funds were raised, she concentrated on the allocation and distribution of those funds.

Al's comfort zone was on the marketing side. He designed materials for the Executive Committee members to use when visiting with and explaining the campaign to parishioners. Al kept parishioners updated at Mass with presentations on progress. In fact, by the end of the effort, Al was the "face of the campaign."

Al and Cathy were a winning combination. Together, with their *Called to Renew* Committee, former pastor Fr. Chinh Nguyen, and current pastor Fr. Mike Gergen, the dream team at St. Dominic's has raised 104% of its \$1.17 million goal. They credit the generosity of the community and the leadership of the Executive Committee with their successes.

St. Dominic's has already completed two priority projects; they resurfaced the parish parking lot and the school playground and replaced the church sound system. At a recent Town Hall Meeting, parishioners voted on which project to tackle next. It was decided to add bathrooms to the parish hall. Parish leadership is confident that this project will be completed in no time, and with Al and Cathy at the helm, so is the St. Dominic Savio community.

AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

Goal:	\$500,000,000
Raised to Date:	\$367,224,813
Percent of Goal:	73%
Number of Gifts:	32,292

Thank you for your generous support!

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