



# Renewing Our Church Together

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## **Called to Renew fulfillment efforts are still underway!**

We encourage you to continue making payments on your pledge so that parishes across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles can address campus and ministry improvements. Parishioners have seen air-conditioning units and sound systems installed, newly painted Churches and upgraded roofs, as well additional funding for food banks and faith formation programs. Donors to *Called to Renew* are changing our parish homes and we thank you for your generosity. We continue to move forward together in faith through these unprecedented times.

## **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tujunga to celebrate anniversary**

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Tujunga has a lot to celebrate this month. For one, they are turning 100! Since October 17, 1920, when Father Joseph Tonello said the first Mass in the Forster's Tujunga family living room, the parish has seen a lot of changes. The present-day church was dedicated in 1970, and after 40 years, it, too, needed some changes. Our Lady of Lourdes is also ringing in their centennial with a number of renovations and parish updates thanks to the *Called to Renew* campaign. Initially, the parish was going to take part in the third wave of the *Called to Renew* campaign; however, with the parish's landmark anniversary approaching, they decided to participate sooner rather than later.

The parish began campaigning last year with a goal of \$1,060,000. Unfortunately, soon after launching the campaign, the pastor, Fr. Rolly Astudillo, experienced tragedy. His mother died, and he returned to the Philippines to be with his family. When he returned, the campaign was already in high gear, with parish ambassadors reaching out to everyone in the parish and truly taking ownership of the campaign's success.

Parishioners raised the money needed to complete many projects, including installing a new church HVAC system, repainting the exterior of the parish office, paving the driveway to the parish office, changing the heaters in the rectory and parish office, changing the carpet in the rectory, replacing the roof, fixing the rain-damaged ceiling, repainting the parish hall, and refurbishing the church pews. To cap the preparations for the centennial celebration, a new sign will be placed in front of the church.

Although the pandemic has delayed some of their grander plans for the centennial, they will nonetheless be celebrating the anniversary on October 17th in a meaningful way. Parishioners look forward to a more elaborate celebration with Archbishop Gomez, bishops, priests, local officials, parishioners, school alumni, and the community when it is safe.

For now, Our Lady of Lourdes parish is grateful for the time, talent, and treasure that has allowed the renovations. The parish is turning 100 looking better than ever!

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