



Strengthening Our Parishes

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AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

Goal: \$500,000,000

Raised to Date: \$382,472,251

Percent of Goal: 76%

Number of Gifts: 33,205

Thank you for your generous support!

Parishioners continue to demonstrate commitments to their Church

Between *Called to Renew's* launch in 2018 and its pause in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic, 171 parishes conducted campaigns, collectively raising a remarkable \$168,596,864 in pledges.

While pledges are surely something to celebrate, the projects parishes identify in their local case statements can only be completed with dollars collected. Every pledge is a good faith promise, made with the intention of being fulfilled — assuming financial circumstances remain consistent and predictable.

When the pandemic began, many parishioners were forced to pause their pledge payments in order to address urgent hardships. Several parishes are now proactively encouraging their parishioners to restart and fulfill their *Called to Renew* pledges.

At Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Oxnard, Father Celso Márquez, MSpS, is discussing pledge fulfillment at Masses and reminding parishioners of the campaign's value and the projects it will support.

At St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Los Angeles, Father Mario Torres held two "pledge fulfillment Sunday" events. These special Masses encouraged parishioners to make pledge payments at Mass and for newcomers to complete a pledge card. As a result, St. Thomas the Apostle has raised an additional \$58,000.

A volunteer committee at Resurrection Parish in Boyle Heights is making weekly gratitude phone calls to parishioners to remind them of their pledges and to recommend transitioning to online payments. *Called to Renew* will impact Catholics in our Archdiocese for generations to come. The Archdiocese is grateful to its donors and those who have restarted payments on their pledges.

If you would like information about accelerating your pledge payments or online giving, or have questions about your pledge, please contact the Archdiocese at 213-637-7002.

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