



Renewing Our Church Together

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AN UPDATE ON OUR CAMPAIGN

Goal: \$500,000,000
Raised to Date: \$400,926,526
Percent of Goal: 80%
Number of Gifts: 36,561

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Cudahy parish exceeds goal, sets new campaign record

The generosity of parishioners at Sagrado Corazón y Santa María de Guadalupe helped the Cudahy parish not only surpass its goal, but also set a new campaign record for the amount of funds received compared to goal.

The parish raised \$792,950 — 444% of its \$165,000 goal — from 314 pledges in a range of commitment levels, according to Teresa Zaragoza, office manager.

“We had a lot of people who said, ‘I can’t commit to a hundred dollars, but I can commit to \$5,’” she said. “I think that’s awesome because they felt like, ‘No, I can’t give a lot, but I’ll give what I can.’”

Sagrado Corazón y Santa María de Guadalupe began as a mission in 1991 and became a parish in 1998. After 14 years of planning and fundraising, the parish built a new church in 2017. *Called to Renew* will allow the parish to complete the interior of the church with new pews and kneelers, stained glass windows, and an audiovisual system.

The pews and kneelers were installed during the campaign and replaced used pews the parish had purchased and painted when the new church was built. “They’re eager to finish the church, and they were even more motivated when the pews came in,” Teresa said.

The parish also plans to update the rectory, to purchase property adjacent to the parish grounds when it becomes available, and to then build new parish halls to accommodate the growing number of parishioners and ministries.

Teresa credits Sagrado Corazón y Santa María de Guadalupe’s success to how Archbishop José Gomez and their pastor, Father Miguel Ángel Gutiérrez, MSC, presented and embraced *Called to Renew*. “When you believe in something, you get a good response,” she said.

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