

OUR CAMPAIGN FOR

# THE CHURCH ALIVE!

FOR ONE CHURCH *Alive* IN SIX COUNTIES

## GOOD WORKS

Annual Report to Donors – Winter 2015



### *In Gratitude*

I've often told the story that when I was installed as Bishop of Pittsburgh on September 28, 2007, I asked an important question, first of myself: 'How excited are we about our faith?'

Witnessing the joyous response to the invitation that is *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, I am happy to say, we are alive in our faith!

I am not surprised, because our people have always responded so generously whenever we are focused on the needs of each other, across our great Diocese.

In these pages you will read inspirational stories of clergy who lead us, children who teach us, volunteers who inspire us, donors like you who sacrifice, and of parishes we strengthen and people we care for.

These are clergy and lay women and men who, like the apostles, dropped their nets to follow Jesus, to evangelize and help build the kingdom.

You'll see how your gift is already making a positive impact across our Diocese, and how our work is just beginning.

To you I express my sincere gratitude and offer special blessings. You have stepped forward in faith to say, "Yes, Lord, here I am!"

Grateful for our belief that "Nothing is Impossible with God," I am

Your brother in Christ,

*+ David A. Zubik*

Most Reverend David A. Zubik  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

*Leaving our legacy!*



When Bishop David Zubik formally launched *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* on December 16, 2012, he asked the faithful to support and pray for the success of this historic initiative.

“An effort like this has never been attempted before in southwestern Pennsylvania,” Bishop Zubik said. “Our success will be realized through the shared spirit, generosity and prayers of the people of the Church of Pittsburgh.

“But this is not simply a campaign to raise money. It is a campaign to grow The Church Alive! Our challenge is significant. Our will is strong. Our Church is Alive!” Bishop Zubik concluded.

His faith is well founded. The challenge is being met. The Church is Alive!

To date, about **130,000 Catholics** have made gifts to the Campaign of **\$62.6 million** toward pledges totaling **\$230,309,054** to be paid through 2019.

Benefiting all 200 parishes of the Diocese across Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington counties, the Campaign addresses extraordinary needs — to sustain and strengthen parishes, invigorate evangelization, revitalize sacramental life, support education and formation in the faith, train pastoral and lay leaders, and serve the poor and marginalized.

As the solicitation phase of the Campaign moves fully into the pledge redemption period, the positive impact is already being felt.

Gifts have been invested in need-based tuition grants for Catholic school students, evangelization programs, Catholic communications, the work of Catholic Charities and other ministries.

Parishes will receive the single largest portion of the funds. Originally our parishes anticipated receiving \$50 million as the parish portion of the campaign. Now, with such a strong response across the diocese, over the next five years the parish distribution will likely total \$96 million or more.

Thousands of lay leaders conducted the campaign in their parishes, first making their own sacrificial gifts, then meeting with fellow parishioners to ask for their support and helping them respond to their baptismal call to practice Christian Stewardship.

All funds will be used only for the purposes described in the diocesan and parish cases for support, and donors will receive regular updates on the positive impact of their gifts.

*“Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.” And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them.*

MARK 10:15-16

## Children Who Teach Us

One of the great joys of being a parent is learning from your child. We’ve experienced many teachable moments through the Campaign as young people demonstrate true sacrificial giving.

**Isaiah Turner**, age 7, pledged \$2 a month to his parish, St. Michael in Elizabeth. He had seen his mother Jennifer filling out a pledge card during Commitment Weekend and wanted to help.

**Angelina, Gianna and Nico Osso** of Holy Trinity Parish in Robinson shook the coins from their little bank. Students at St. Agnes Parish School in West Mifflin learned about Christian Stewardship from their principal, Sister Cynthia Wessel, and quickly emptied their pockets and purses to help out.

Last summer, **Erik Matthews**, age 8, quietly collected donations from his mother’s co-workers and gave them to his parish, Madonna del Castello in Swissvale.

**Brian McGhen**, a young man with Down syndrome who is an altar server at St. Patrick Parish in McKeesport, emptied his four piggybanks to help the Campaign. He had been saving up to see a show on Broadway, but knew this was more important. Parishioners and other generous donors chipped in and sent Brian and his mother to New York.



# 130,000 parishioners



## CLERGY WHO LEAD US

The priests and deacons of the Church of Pittsburgh learned about Bishop Zubik's vision of *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, then endorsed the historic initiative through their example.

Stepping forward in faith, clergy across our Diocese far surpassed the financial target of \$500,000. Their sacrificial gifts total more than **\$3.96 million**, with a **participation rate of 77 percent**, one of the highest levels of support ever in diocesan campaigns nationwide.

The Clergy Phase Task Force, chaired by retired **Auxiliary Bishop William Winter**, personally invited the priests and deacons to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign. Many then led parish campaigns.

**Father Paul Grunebach**, pastor of St. Oliver Plunkett Parish in Fredericktown/Marianna, Greene County, volunteered to be one of the initial parishes in the Campaign. "I thought, if we can reach the target in our two little churches, other pastors will believe they can do it as well."

Inspirational stories include **Father Bernard "Mike" Harcarik**, pastor of Prince of Peace Parish on the South Side, who donated half of his salary for five years in gratitude for Bishop Zubik allowing him to continue serving his people past age 75.

*"The priests especially gave sacrificially. They love their faith and calling, and they also respect the bishop's leadership. They are to be commended."*

FATHER LAWRENCE DINARDO  
CHAIRMAN, PASTORS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
AND PASTOR, HOLY WISDOM PARISH

## Parishes Strengthened

To date more than **\$13 million** in Campaign gifts has been distributed to about **170 parishes**, helping to address extraordinary needs that include religious education, youth ministry, and long-deferred building maintenance projects.

By the time all donations are received in 2019, an estimated **\$96 million** will have been invested in parishes across our diocese, **180 percent** of the initial target of \$50 million for parishes.

"A key Campaign objective is to strengthen our life in the Eucharist by supporting our parishes," Bishop Zubik said. "Vibrant parishes make a vibrant diocese, and financial support from this initiative is already making a positive impact."

For every dollar raised through a Standard campaign in a parish, 40 cents is being returned to the parish to fund its locally determined priorities, less a proportionate share of campaign expenses. Parishes that surpassed their Standard targets are receiving 60 cents of every dollar raised over that amount.

Since about two-thirds of parishes exceeded their goal, as well as most parishes that ran larger Combined campaigns, more funds than originally anticipated are staying in our parishes.

See pages 4-5 for complete campaign results by parish.



## YOUR GIFTS ALREADY AT WORK!

As of January 19, 2015, of the more than **\$230.3 million pledged** to *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!, Inc.*, **\$62.6 million in payments** had been received and **\$21.9 million in distributions** have been authorized. Parishes have received **\$13 million** to fund local priorities. Grants nearly totaling **\$9 million** have been awarded by the volunteer non-profit Campaign board, which was created to assure that donor intentions are honored and the diocesan case statement is followed in accordance with the principles of trust, accountability and transparency.

Funds will continue to be returned to parishes across our Diocese as gifts are received and accounts reconciled, as the non-profit board reviews grant applications and awards grants based on priority need and availability of funds.

Disbursements	\$ Amount
For parishes' highest priorities	\$13 million
Increase need-based tuition grants for Catholic students in parish and diocesan schools	\$2 million
Construction and start-up funds for Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic H.S.	\$4 million
Improve outreach to families of students with special needs	\$200,000
Proclaim the Gospel through more effective use of electronic and print media	\$200,000
Seed money to prioritize Evangelization across our diocese	\$300,000
Expand free dental services of the Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center	\$1.2 million
Create a new Roselia Fund to support homeless pregnant women and new mothers	\$1 million

# Parish Campaign Results

(as of January 19, 2015)

Parish	Locality	Standard Target	Pledges	% of Target
All Saints	Etna	\$540,000	\$608,315	113%
Ascension	Pgh/Ingram	\$400,000	\$555,285	139%
Assumption of the BV Mary	Bellevue	\$1,210,000	\$1,577,135	130%
Ave Maria*	Bentleyville	\$410,000	\$838,695	205%
Christ the King	Hillsville	\$340,000	\$278,515	82%
Christ the Light of the World	Duquesne	\$445,000	\$344,045	77%
Corpus Christi	McKeesport	\$745,000	\$550,180	74%
Epiphany	Pgh/Uptown	\$140,000	\$140,245	100%
Good Samaritan	Ambridge	\$435,000	\$775,700	178%
Good Shepherd	Braddock	\$585,000	\$295,605	51%
Guardian Angels	Pgh/W. End	\$385,000	\$327,864	85%
Holy Angels	Pgh/Hays	\$960,000	\$488,750	51%
Holy Child*	Bridgeville	\$1,190,000	\$1,327,437	112%
Holy Family	Creighton	\$120,000	\$138,780	116%
Holy Family	New Brighton	\$420,000	\$515,972	123%
Holy Innocents	Pgh/Sheraden	\$275,000	\$354,695	129%
Holy Martyrs	Tarentum	\$255,000	\$301,590	118%
Holy Redeemer	Ellwood City	\$710,000	\$1,206,675	170%
Holy Rosary	Muse	\$300,000	\$180,085	60%
Holy Sepulcher	Glade Mills	\$955,000	\$1,598,660	167%
Holy Spirit	West Mifflin	\$585,000	\$628,592	107%
Holy Spirit	Millvale	\$395,000	\$453,240	115%
Holy Trinity	West Mifflin	\$200,000	\$329,310	165%
Holy Trinity*	Robinson	\$995,000	\$2,306,057	232%
Holy Wisdom*	Pgh/North Side	\$240,000	\$741,197	309%
Immaculate Conception*	Washington	\$1,580,000	\$4,042,132	256%
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Pgh/Polish Hill	\$265,000	\$313,882	118%
Incarnation of the Lord	Pgh/Observ. Hill	\$315,000	\$273,925	87%
Madonna del Castello	Swissvale	\$200,000	\$244,496	122%
Mary, Mother of Hope	New Castle	\$595,000	\$519,196	87%
Mary, Mother of the Church	Charleroi	\$425,000	\$505,345	119%
Mater Dolorosa	Chicora	\$200,000	\$143,555	72%
Most Holy Name of Jesus	Pgh/Troy Hill	\$495,000	\$302,055	61%
Nativity	South Park	\$500,000	\$458,665	92%
North American Martyrs	Monroeville	\$820,000	\$1,082,115	132%
Our Lady of Consolation	Carmichaels	\$140,000	\$94,790	68%
Our Lady of Fatima	Aliquippa	\$800,000	\$1,142,419	143%
Our Lady of Grace	Scott Twp.	\$1,500,000	\$2,283,353	152%
Our Lady of Joy	Holiday Park	\$850,000	\$1,124,815	132%
Our Lady of Loreto	Pgh/Brookline	\$240,000	\$188,910	79%
Our Lady of Lourdes	Burgettstown	\$365,000	\$201,575	55%
Our Lady of Peace	Conway	\$665,000	\$695,265	105%
Our Lady of the Angels	Lawrenceville	\$420,000	\$588,211	140%
Our Lady/Miraculous Medal	Meadow Lands	\$390,000	\$587,862	151%
Our Lady/MB Sacrament	Natrona Heights	\$1,030,000	\$963,145	94%
Our Lady of the Valley	Donora	\$290,000	\$397,710	137%
Our Lady of Victory	Harwick	\$290,000	\$370,802	128%
Prince of Peace	Pgh/South Side	\$630,000	\$656,877	104%
Queen of the Rosary	Glassport	\$360,000	\$365,737	102%
Resurrection	Pgh/Brookline	\$660,000	\$724,628	110%
Resurrection	West Mifflin	\$405,000	\$291,595	72%

Parish	Locality	Standard Target	Pledges	% of Target
Risen Lord	Marshall-Shadeland	\$210,000	\$332,418	158%
Sacred Heart	Emsworth	\$195,000	\$247,745	127%
Sacred Heart	Pgh/Shadyside	\$915,000	\$1,542,247	169%
Saint Agnes	Richeyville	\$195,000	\$86,780	45%
Saint Agnes	West Mifflin	\$240,000	\$379,050	158%
Saint Albert the Great	Baldwin	\$340,000	\$191,020	56%
Saint Alexis*	Wexford	\$1,420,000	\$4,155,140	293%
Saint Aloysius	Pgh/Reserve	\$285,000	\$203,728	71%
Saint Alphonsus	McDonald	\$230,000	\$338,670	147%
Saint Alphonsus	Springdale	\$430,000	\$431,556	100%
Saint Alphonsus	Wexford	\$1,425,000	\$1,717,554	121%
Saint Alphonsus	West Sunbury	\$265,000	\$143,560	54%
Saint Andrew	Center Twp.	\$385,000	\$467,470	121%
Saint Angela Merici*	White Oak	\$695,000	\$1,204,809	173%
Saint Ann	Bulger	\$180,000	\$189,695	105%
Saint Ann	Waynesburg	\$275,000	\$286,180	104%
Saint Anne	Castle Shannon	\$1,455,000	\$1,425,007	98%
Saint Athanasius	West View	\$1,175,000	\$1,336,934	114%
Saint Barbara	Bridgeville	\$560,000	\$586,709	105%
Saint Bartholomew	Penn Hills	\$435,000	\$547,990	126%
Saint Basil	Pgh/Carrick	\$450,000	\$202,080	45%
Saint Bede	Pgh/Point Breeze	\$950,000	\$1,175,680	124%
Saint Benedict the Abbot*	Peters Twp.	\$2,260,000	\$4,384,746	194%
Saint Benedict the Moor	Pgh/Hill District	\$335,000	\$321,515	96%
Saint Bernadette	Monroeville	\$1,425,000	\$1,261,812	89%
Saint Bernard*	Mt. Lebanon	\$2,175,000	\$4,832,972	222%
Saint Blaise	Midland	\$375,000	\$312,230	83%
Saint Bonaventure	Glenshaw	\$1,670,000	\$2,037,575	122%
Saint Camillus*	New Castle	\$920,000	\$1,336,134	145%
Saint Catherine of Siena	Pgh/Beechview	\$400,000	\$685,805	171%
Saint Catherine of Siena	Crescent	\$330,000	\$337,130	102%
Saint Catherine of Sweden*	Allison Park	\$1,510,000	\$2,787,353	185%
Saint Cecilia	Rochester	\$620,000	\$429,199	69%
Saint Charles Lwanga	Pgh/East End	\$210,000	\$565,414	269%
Saint Christopher	Prospect	\$200,000	\$363,775	182%
Saint Clare of Assisi	Clairton	\$410,000	\$277,822	68%
Saint Colman	Turtle Creek	\$600,000	\$709,255	118%
Saint Columbkille	Imperial	\$820,000	\$587,560	72%
Saint Cyril of Alexandria	Pgh/Brighton Hts.	\$480,000	\$617,642	129%
Saint Damien of Molokai	Monongahela	\$465,000	\$560,490	121%
Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton	Carnegie	\$875,000	\$417,830	48%
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary*	Pleasant Hills	\$2,180,000	\$3,535,043	162%
Saint Felix	Freedom	\$170,000	\$121,560	72%
Saint Ferdinand*	Cranberry Twp.	\$1,550,000	\$3,884,896	251%
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen	Butler	\$1,215,000	\$1,071,290	88%
Saint Frances Cabrini	Aliquippa	\$1,030,000	\$820,565	80%
Saint Francis of Assisi	Finleyville	\$455,000	\$404,410	89%
Saint Gabriel/Sorrowful Virgin	Whitehall	\$975,000	\$869,327	89%
Saint Gerard Majella	Verona	\$285,000	\$237,818	83%
Saint Germaine	Bethel Park	\$870,000	\$725,917	83%

\*Parish conducted a larger Combined campaign to address extraordinary parish needs.  
Standard campaign targets were based on 175% of a parish's average annual offertory over three previous years.

Parish	Locality	Standard Target	Pledges	% of Target
Saint Gregory	Zelienople	\$760,000	\$1,006,806	132%
Saint Hilary	Washington	\$465,000	\$605,365	130%
Saint Hugh	Carmichaels	\$275,000	\$433,215	158%
Saint Ignatius of Antioch	Bobtown	\$120,000	\$129,410	108%
Saint Irenaeus	Oakmont	\$780,000	\$940,549	121%
Saint Isaac Jogues	Jefferson Hills	\$125,000	\$87,705	70%
Saint James	Wilkinsburg	\$415,000	\$406,140	98%
Saint James	Sewickley	\$1,535,000	\$2,375,460	155%
Saint James the Apostle	Pulaski	\$325,000	\$359,475	111%
Saint Januarius	Plum	\$235,000	\$286,201	122%
Saint Joan of Arc	South Park	\$920,000	\$911,011	99%
Saint John Capistran	Upper St. Clair	\$880,000	\$1,614,624	183%
Saint John Fisher	Churchill	\$930,000	\$915,699	98%
Saint John Neumann*	Franklin Park	\$770,000	\$597,743	78%
Saint John of God	McKees Rocks	\$620,000	\$711,647	115%
Saint John	Fenelton	\$230,000	\$227,040	99%
Saint John the Baptist	Baden	\$215,000	\$228,780	106%
Saint John the Baptist	Monaca	\$575,000	\$588,115	102%
Saint John the Baptist	Plum	\$1,125,000	\$1,177,793	105%
Saint John Vianney	Pgh/Hilltop	\$220,000	\$440,167	200%
Saint Joseph	O'Hara Twp.	\$800,000	\$2,110,729	264%
Saint Joseph	Coraopolis	\$940,000	\$1,033,511	110%
Saint Joseph	Duquesne	\$195,000	\$134,505	69%
Saint Joseph	Verona	\$440,000	\$817,976	186%
Saint Joseph	Roscoe	\$115,000	\$47,400	41%
Saint Joseph	Cabot	\$570,000	\$739,754	130%
Saint Joseph	North Oakland	\$70,000	\$89,210	127%
Saint Joseph	Natrona Heights	\$275,000	\$291,555	106%
Saint Joseph the Worker	New Castle	\$490,000	\$312,256	64%
Saint Juan Diego	Sharpsburg	\$500,000	\$512,292	102%
Saint Jude the Apostle	Wilmerding	\$305,000	\$378,889	124%
Saint Kilian*	Cranberry Twp.	\$1,910,000	\$22,318,487	1,169%
Saint Louise de Marillac	Upper St. Clair	\$2,370,000	\$3,116,419	131%
Saint Malachy	Kennedy	\$1,147,500	\$1,070,793	93%
Saint Margaret Mary	Moon Township	\$1,000,000	\$1,154,080	115%
Saint Margaret of Scotland	Green Tree	\$1,020,000	\$1,004,491	98%
Saint Maria Goretti*	Bloomfield/Garfield	\$485,000	\$1,095,339	226%
Saint Mark	McKeesport	\$665,000	\$585,244	88%
Saint Mary of Mercy	Pgh/Downtown	\$140,000	\$160,954	115%
Saint Mary of the Assumption	Glenshaw	\$1,910,000	\$2,403,609	126%
Saint Mary of the Assumption	Butler	\$300,000	\$445,464	148%
Saint Mary of the Mount*	Mount Washington	\$800,000	\$1,965,455	246%
Saint Mary	Cecil	\$420,000	\$428,060	102%
Saint Mary	Aleppo	\$275,000	\$171,000	62%
Saint Matthias	Evans City	\$135,000	\$137,755	102%
Saint Maurice	Forest Hills	\$1,265,000	\$1,215,920	96%
Saint Maximilian Kolbe	Homestead	\$320,000	\$339,700	106%
Saint Michael	Avella	\$140,000	\$291,875	208%
Saint Michael	Elizabeth	\$775,000	\$1,047,312	135%
Saint Michael the Archangel	Butler	\$405,000	\$562,266	138%

Parish	Locality	Standard Target	Pledges	% of Target
Saint Monica*	Beaver Falls	\$1,465,000	\$2,223,585	152%
Saint Nicholas	Millvale	\$100,000	\$145,530	146%
Saint Norbert	Pgh/Overbrook	\$230,000	\$71,955	31%
Saint Oliver Plunkett	Fredericktown	\$240,000	\$299,480	125%
Saint Pamphilus	Pgh/Beechview	\$210,000	\$332,322	158%
Saint Patrick	McKeesport	\$385,000	\$582,770	151%
Saint Patrick	Oakdale	\$140,000	\$191,670	137%
Saint Patrick	Canonsburg	\$1,395,000	\$1,524,982	109%
Saint Patrick-Saint Stanislaus	Pgh/Strip District	\$460,000	\$618,170	134%
Saint Paul Cathedral*	Pgh/Oakland	\$1,500,000	\$2,872,389	191%
Saint Paul	Butler	\$1,130,000	\$1,288,945	114%
Saint Peter	Butler	\$385,000	\$404,316	105%
Saint Peter	Slippery Rock	\$415,000	\$821,060	198%
Saint Peter	Pgh/North Side	\$455,000	\$544,094	120%
Saint Philip	Crafton	\$655,000	\$853,568	130%
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina	Blawnox/Harmar	\$625,000	\$860,015	138%
Saint Pius X	Pgh/Brookline	\$340,000	\$389,955	115%
Saint Raphael	Pgh/Morningside	\$685,000	\$651,915	95%
Saint Regis	Pgh/Oakland	\$128,000	\$10,100	8%
Saint Richard*	Gibsonia	\$1,125,000	\$2,025,791	180%
Saint Rita	Munhall	\$165,000	\$134,682	82%
Saint Robert Bellarmine	E. McKeesport	\$470,000	\$626,335	133%
Saint Rosalia	Pgh/Greenfield	\$510,000	\$659,660	129%
Saint Scholastica	Aspinwall	\$1,225,000	\$1,644,643	134%
Saint Sebastian*	Ross Twp.	\$2,160,000	\$3,657,971	169%
Saint Stephen	Pgh/Hazelwood	\$235,000	\$262,060	112%
Saint Susanna	Penn Hills	\$475,000	\$260,785	55%
Saint Sylvester	Pgh/Brentwood	\$990,000	\$570,180	58%
Saint Teresa of Avila	Ross Twp.	\$1,830,000	\$2,330,055	127%
Saint Therese of Lisieux	Munhall	\$1,270,000	\$991,997	78%
Saint Thomas Aquinas	California	\$195,000	\$118,723	61%
Saint Thomas More*	Bethel Park	\$2,045,000	\$4,072,825	199%
Saint Thomas Parish	Clarksville	\$185,000	\$187,825	102%
Saint Thomas α Becket	Jefferson Hills	\$1,010,000	\$766,200	76%
Saint Titus	Aliquippa	\$760,000	\$615,098	81%
Saint Ursula	Allison Park	\$995,000	\$711,907	72%
Saint Valentine	Bethel Park	\$1,350,000	\$622,942	46%
Saint Victor	Bairdford	\$505,000	\$579,761	115%
Saint Vincent de Paul	New Castle	\$480,000	\$483,710	101%
Saint Vitus	New Castle	\$1,180,000	\$1,379,287	117%
Saint Wendelin	Carrick	\$330,000	\$211,225	64%
Saint Wendelin	Butler	\$345,000	\$424,502	123%
Saint Winifred	Mt. Lebanon	\$735,000	\$838,575	114%
Saints John & Paul*	Franklin Park	\$2,075,000	\$2,651,226	128%
Saints Peter & Paul	Beaver	\$1,035,000	\$1,632,224	158%
Saints Simon & Jude*	Scott Twp.	\$1,075,000	\$2,307,609	215%
Transfiguration	Russellton	\$350,000	\$260,455	74%
Word of God	Rankin/Swissvale	\$460,000	\$531,810	116%
No Parish Affiliation	—	—	\$35,780,478	—
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$133,395,500</b>	<b>\$230,309,054</b>	<b>184%</b>

## MODELING GOOD *Stewardship*

**T**he U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops teaches us that Christian Stewardship means safeguarding our resources and using them responsibly, along with generously sharing our time, talent and treasure.

“But being a Christian steward means more,” the bishops’ pastoral letter states. “We receive God’s gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.”

Just as the faithful are asked to be good stewards, so must our parishes and Diocese ensure donor wishes are fulfilled exactly according to the case statements.

Pastors and administrators must verify how their campaign funds are being spent, and the board of directors of *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, Inc. follows the diocesan case components when awarding grants.

Accountability to the donors and transparency about how funds are used are keys to building and maintaining donor trust and enthusiasm for our mission to be The Church Alive!



### Keeping Campaign Expenses Low!

Low-cost fundraising secret — volunteers!

Expenses budgeted at just seven percent (*three percent paid by parishes, four percent by Diocese*).

Expenses could fall to six percent by close of Campaign.

## *Accountability & transparency*



*Holy Trinity's newly renovated sanctuary*

### DONORS WHO SACRIFICE

When *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* began in the 11 initial parishes in January 2013, Bishop Zubik asked all the faithful across our Diocese to prayerfully consider a sacrificial, five-year pledge.

**Paul Duffer** and his wife, **Jane**, answered that call through their parish, Holy Martyrs in Tarentum. “I’m thankful to have the resources to contribute, and the Campaign made me think about giving back to God for all the blessings I’ve been given,” Paul Duffer said.

**Susan** and **Frank Vietmeir** raised their family in Holy Trinity Parish in Robinson, but when the church was built in the mid-1960s, they were young and unable to contribute to the project. “Now it’s our turn,” Susan Vietmeir said. “We want to make sure that we pass the faith on to the next generation.”

**Deacon Joe Compomizzi** describes the Campaign as faith in action. “It is the witness of the Spirit igniting the fire and seeing it spread,” he said. “The Campaign has provided an opportunity for parishioners to talk to one another about their faith and get to know each other. It is a foretaste of the abundance of God.”



## People We Care For

As Catholics, we need to look no farther than the third chapter of Colossians to understand that we are called to serve our neighbors in need.

“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”

**Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh** helps us carry out our calling. The Campaign supports Catholic Charities’ **Mother Teresa Endowment Fund** for emergency financial assistance, the **Free Health Care Center**.

Another endowment fund will assist the **New Roselia Pregnancy and Parenting Support Program**, helping to provide for seven apartments for transitional housing.

New moms participate in workshops on life skills, parenting and computer/office training, and will be able to take advantage of the on-site day care center. They’re also required to attend pre-natal visits and check-ups for themselves and their babies.



## Roll the Tape!

A picture is worth a thousand words, the saying goes, and a video is even better.

The Campaign seeks to demonstrate how donations are meeting urgent needs through a series of short **Impact Videos**. The first spotlights Catholic education, Catechesis and Formation through the eyes of Father Michael Ackerman, ordained last summer and serving the people of New Castle.

**Seminarian formation** is an important priority in the Campaign. A minimum of \$5 million is being added to the **Shepherd’s Care Fund** to help pay tuition, room and board, and other educational costs of men preparing for the priesthood.

To view the video, log onto [www.CHURCHALIVEPGH.ORG](http://www.CHURCHALIVEPGH.ORG). Check back for other updates every quarter.

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## VOLUNTEERS WHO INSPIRE US

Lay women and men followed the example of their priests and deacons and helped lead parish campaigns across our Diocese, raising awareness as well as much-needed funds.

More than 2,000 volunteers called and met with their fellow parishioners to invite their prayerful support and sacrifice, recruited other volunteers, organized receptions, ran Commitment Weekends and kept track of pledges. Along the way, they made a discovery.

“Looking back, we were able to tell the Good News through the Campaign,” said **Jean Pascale**, who, with husband, **Pietro**, helped lead the campaign at St. James the Apostle Parish in Pulaski, Lawrence County.

“*Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* ended up being a gift to us,” said **Lauren Heiger**, co-chair with husband, **Jeff**, at Holy Sepulcher Parish in Glade Mills, Butler County. “It gave me an opportunity to talk about my faith. It makes me feel on fire with the Holy Spirit!”

**Don DiGirolamo**, Campaign chair at St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish in Blawnox/Harmer, sees important benefits beyond financial resources. “Parishioners like to hear the story of what we’re planning to do across our Diocese and in the parish. I’m glad I got involved,” DiGirolamo said.

**Denny** and **Regina Stover** summed up their experience at Our Lady of Grace Parish in Scott. “The Campaign has helped our parishioners get more involved,” Regina said. “That will have a long-lasting impact.”



*Fr. Mike Ackerman celebrates Mass at a nursing home*