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THE CHURCH ALIVE!

FOR ONE CHURCH *Alive* IN SIX COUNTIES

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Annual Report to Donors – Spring 2019



The Church Alive!

AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

For some two-thousand years, Jesus has continued His work in the world through us—His contemporary disciples. As the Body of Christ, you and I serve as His hands and feet and heart through our good works and sacrificial gifts that build up the Kingdom.

As a supporter of *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, you responded to the extraordinary needs of the Church of Pittsburgh, helping to strengthen parish ministries and aiding clergy and lay leaders as they minister to the People of God.

Some people have asked how their contributions might be used, with the establishment of a compensation fund to aid those who were abused by members of our diocesan clergy. **I can assure you that no donations from *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, Parish Share or other designated gifts are being used for this compensation fund.**

Among other areas, your support is helping to educate children, form seminarians, train priests and lay ecclesial ministers, evangelize those who do not know Jesus, and comfort those afflicted by the scourge of substance abuse.

To you I offer my sincere gratitude and special blessings. By your generous actions, you support the Church of Pittsburgh, as “The Church Alive!”

Looking forward to our efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and grateful for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

*You're
Making
an Impact*

Your brother in Christ,

+ *David A. Zubik*

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh



YOU ARE THE DIFFERENCE

Faithful donors to *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* are seeing their sacrificial gifts bear fruit across the six counties of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

More than 45,000 families and individuals representing about 130,000 Catholics have made gifts to the campaign totaling more than **\$166 million**. Funds are addressing extraordinary needs—to strengthen parishes, support education and formation in the faith, revitalize sacramental life, invigorate evangelization, train clergy and lay leaders, and serve the poor and marginalized.

Donations are staying in your parish and working for the entire Church of Pittsburgh, with 19 new grants and distributions approved in 2018:

- **Parishes have received \$76 million**, collectively 152 percent of what they originally were anticipating, providing funds for priority projects that include capital needs and ministry programs.
- A groundbreaking **discipleship program** has been launched to help Catholics grow closer to Jesus and lead others to Him.
- Your support is helping to train leaders who are expanding **Young Adult Ministry** in their parishes or regions.
- More grants have been made to **Parishes in Need**, including for youth ministry, outreach to young people in inner-city neighborhoods, and preserving parish sacramental records.
- Pastoral support of **Hispanic Catholics**, whose presence continues to grow in the diocese.

All funds are used only for the purposes described in the diocesan and parish case statements, and campaign expenses remain low at less than seven percent, thanks to some 2,000 volunteers who helped to secure gifts.



Addiction Recovery Ministry

With more families and individuals being overwhelmed by the opioid epidemic, the Church of Pittsburgh is taking a pastoral approach to provide help.

Sacrificial gifts from donors to *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* are providing support through a grant to help establish a diocesan-wide **Addiction Recovery Ministry** at St. Juan Diego Parish in Sharpsburg. The parish center will host 12-step recovery meetings, prayer and Bible study groups, and educational forms, with referrals to community resources. Special Masses and anointing of the sick also will be offered.

Developed by **Father Michael Decewicz**, who has been open about his recovery from alcoholism, the program will provide a one-on-one ministry for abusers and their family and friends, while also supporting clergy, school principals, directors of religious education, and pastoral associates who are offering assistance.

Allegheny County recorded 735 overdose deaths in 2017, the third straight year of a record number of fatal overdoses. Cases also have risen dramatically in Butler and Lawrence counties.

“The paramount dynamic of our ministry is spiritual—how we manifest and respond to the love of God,” said psychologist and author **William Kraft**, who serves on the addiction recovery ministry team. “It works well for *The Church Alive*.”

ON MISSION FOR
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On Mission to Build Up the Church

After intensive prayer, study and consultation that began in April 2015, the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* revitalization initiative has entered the implementation phase.

Effective last October, Bishop Zubik organized the diocese’s 188 parishes into 57 groupings that eventually will become new, multi-site parishes.

At the same time, new Mass and confession schedules went into effect on an interim basis as priests and deacons began their assignments in parishes, hospitals, nursing homes, high schools, colleges, religious motherhouses, correctional institutions, and special ministry.

Effective religious education and evangelization are key to *On Mission*, forming the next generation of lay leaders who will collaborate with clergy to help rejuvenate our faith communities.

Our Campaign for The Church Alive! continues to provide critical resources to help strengthen parishes and ministries for the mission, offering a deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church to practicing and inactive Catholics, as well as those who have never been baptized.

Safeguarding Your Gift

An independently administered **Survivors’ Compensation Program** has been established to aid those who were abused by members of our diocesan clergy, and is funded through the sale of diocesan properties. **No money used for this fund or related legal expenses will come from *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, Parish Share, parishes, schools, Catholic Charities, or any other funds designated for specific use by donors.**

The volunteer board of directors of *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, Inc. continues to safeguard all gifts, using them responsibly and ensuring accountability and transparency in communicating with donors.

In December 2018, the board’s Audit Committee reported a clean audit by the public accounting firm Maher Duessel, which noted that donors’ intentions are being honored.

In addition, administrators confirm that the parish portion of campaign funds is being applied only in accord with approved parish case statements. If any case changes are needed, a formal approval process is required.

Details about the grant making process are available at ChurchAlivePgh.org/grants/php. Copies of the audit are available by emailing your address and parish name to Stewardship@diopitt.org.



GIFTS TO DATE

Of the \$234 million pledged to *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*, Inc., **\$166.6 million** in payments has been received to date. The volunteer board overseeing these funds has awarded charitable grants totaling more than **\$53.6 million** since the start of the campaign (see pages 4-5).

Parishes have received \$76 million for their local case statement priorities.* Funds will continue to be returned to parishes across our Diocese as gifts are received and accounts reconciled.

Summary of Results – as of December 10, 2018 – \$ in millions

	Pledged	Received
Parish phase	\$ 192.5	\$ 144.1
Bishop’s Leadership phase	\$ 41.5	\$ 22.5
Total	\$ 234	\$ 166.6

*Originally, \$50 million was projected for parishes.

Our Campaign for The Church Alive! – Grants Awarded - 2014-17

Case Component	Program
Need-based Tuition Grants	Infusion of 60% more tuition assistance into the Bishop's Education Fund, providing urgently-needed grants helping more students to afford a quality Catholic education
Seminarian Formation	Funds to increase priestly vocations outreach Increasing the Shepherds Care Fund II for recruiting, educating and forming our future priests Funding Seminarian Days of Recollection Modernizing seminary classroom technology
Technology for Secondary Schools	Support for cyber security, tech-based physical plant security and upgraded networks and tech infrastructure at all 12 Catholic high schools in diocese
North Catholic High School	Funding toward the construction of NCHS and debt service
Education for Our Priests and Committed Lay Leaders	Pilot programs for Lay Minister and Clergy training Good Leaders, Good Shepherds and Tending the Talents programs Priest, Deacon and Lay Leader collaboratives Lay leaders training for spiritual formation of children and youth
Students with Special Needs	Support for McGuire Memorial to help clients with disabilities develop job-readiness and daily living skills St. Anthony School Programs-tuition assistance for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities DePaul School for Hearing & Speech-special gap-funding assistance for families of toddlers; challenge grant to increased planned giving program
Catholic Campus Ministry	Expanded outreach at Robert Morris University, California University of PA, Washington & Jefferson College and Waynesburg University Support for FOCUS missionaries at Slippery Rock University
Grants to Parishes in Need	Financial assistance to strengthen parishes in Greene County Start-up funding for Community Center serving neighborhoods in Hazelwood Implement National Black Congress pastoral plan to reach youth in Pittsburgh Support of Hispanic ministry in diocese On Mission for The Church Alive! initiative, strengthening and growing the church
Retired and Senior Priests	Modernization and expansion of St. John Vianney Manor retirement home for priests
New Evangelization Program	Grant for evangelization programs at 12 new locations Elimination of fees as obstacle for marriage annulment applications Dirty Vagabond Ministries–street ministry for at-risk youth in Garfield/Pittsburgh and Sharpsburg neighborhoods Catholic Men's Fellowship–expand annual Gathering of Men, train parish leaders Spreading Pope Francis' The Joy of the Gospel Improving pastoral ministry in South Pittsburgh, including expanded outreach to the elderly Cultural Diversity–Train the Trainers workshop St. George Trek Scholarship program to help Catholic Boy Scouts become more aware of their vocation, including to the priesthood Established School of Missionary Discipleship Capital investment to preserve the Pittsburgh Crèche Provide curriculum materials and training for Catholic teachers and catechists
Catholic Communications	Upgraded technology serving the <i>Pittsburgh Catholic</i> newspaper Outreach to elderly, disabled, shut-ins through daily Mass and rosary online Expand and market TV/Cable/Web ministry Christian Associates TV programming Upgraded technology for Cathedral Mass broadcast Investment in Evangelization–dissemination of Bishop's pastoral letter, <i>The Church Evangelizing!</i> in English and Spanish Digital advertising Modernization of Diocesan TV studio and new editing suite
Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center	Construction and equipping of dental suites and partial funding to support a full-time dentist serving uninsured patients Assistance with elevator replacement to maintain access to vital services
Catholic Charities New Roselia Program Endowment	Pro-life assistance to homeless single mothers, providing housing, counseling support, and training to achieve stability in their lives
Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Endowment	Emergency assistance fund to help with utility bills, food, and medication when other resources are depleted
Our Sisters and Brothers in the Missions	Catholic health care mission efforts for the destitute poor in Chimbote, Peru, to modernize and expand the health care clinic, home visit program and service for abused, abandoned, or orphaned children

Our Campaign for The Church Alive! – Grants Awarded - 2018

Case Component	Program	\$ Funded
Seminarian Formation	Increasing the Shepherds Care Fund II for recruiting, educating, and forming our future priests Funding for online classroom and in-person education for men discerning a call to the priesthood	1,520,000
Education for Our Priests and Committed Lay Leaders	Funding to support two lay Pastoral Staff members to obtain their Canon Law Licentiate and ensure future availability of canonical services Training/certification of 113 lay ecclesial ministers and young adult leaders	363,104
Religious Education for Our Catholic Family	Education and professional advancement of lay leaders in the religious formation of children and youth; ministry-specific training	90,900
Technology for Secondary Schools	Second and final phase of upgrades including software licensing, hardware maintenance, incremental add-ons; new strategic initiatives	1,269,956
North Catholic High School	Funding toward construction costs and debt service	2,000,000
Grants to Parishes in Need	Hispanic Ministry—fund faith formation, spiritual programs, and outreach Support for new Vagabond Ministries inner-city programs to reach unchurched youth in Pittsburgh's Allentown section and Hill District Support for Southeast Washington Co. and Beaver Valley Parishes to strengthen outreach, faith formation, and youth ministry Support for Duquesne and West Mifflin Parishes to build up youth ministry and religious education programs Preservation of Parish Sacramental Records for new parish groupings <i>On Mission for The Church Alive!</i> initiative, strengthening and growing the Church	2,031,682
New Evangelization Program	Establishment of diocesan-wide addiction recovery ministry, developing ministry teams to walk in faith with addicts and their families	137,000
Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center	Funding to acquire hardware and software to implement a new electronic medical record system, improving efficiency of care Funding for dental position (distribution from campaign endowment)	219,899
Catholic Charities New Roselia Program Endowment	Pro-life assistance to homeless single mothers for housing, counseling support, and training to achieve stability in their lives (distribution from campaign endowment)	115,251
Catholic Charities Mother Teresa Endowment	Emergency assistance fund to help with utility bills, food, and medication when other sources are depleted (distribution from campaign endowment)	94,709
Catholic Communications	Set-up, design and maintenance of new websites for the 57 parish groupings in the diocese	39,840
Total Grants 2018		\$7,882,341
Total Grants 2014-18		\$52,652,741



Examples of Your Impact

- Donors' sacrificial gifts are funding an innovative **formation and evangelization** effort across the diocese. The School of Missionary Discipleship will help Catholics grow in the faith and lead others to Jesus through a three-phase process. **Ignite!** lights the fire of revitalization in parishes through spiritual awakening experiences such as Alpha and Christlife; **On Fire!** is an in-depth spiritual formation program, and **Equip!** will train volunteers for specific leadership roles, including catechesis, hospitality, pastoral care, and social outreach, supporting clergy and lay ecclesial ministers.
- **Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center** completed a **modernization of medical services** that included a new electronic health records system, updated operational procedures, and expanded training. The center in downtown Pittsburgh serves as a **safety net of care** for the homeless, uninsured, and medically underserved. Primary and specialty services include physical examinations, medications, eye exams and glasses, dental cleanings, X-rays, fillings, and root canals.
- Sixty-five years ago, a Pittsburgh priest, **Father Jules Roos**, founded a maternity hospital and wellness clinic serving the poor of **Chimbote, Peru**. In 2019, the 100,000th baby will be born in that hospital. The wellness clinic he founded to serve 25 patients now helps more than 1,000 patients each day. *Church Alive!* funds have helped to expand and modernize these services. *Muchas gracias, Pittsburgh!*



Bringing Jesus to At-risk Youth

An inner-city ministry that's bringing young people to Jesus is expanding in 2019.

Missionaries from **Vagabond Ministries** will begin outreach in Pittsburgh's Allentown section this summer, and in the Hill District in 2020.

The missionaries have been helping youth exposed to drugs and violence in Pittsburgh's Garfield, Bloomfield, and Friendship neighborhoods, and in Sharpsburg.

Sacrificial gifts to **Our Campaign for The Church Alive!** provided start-up grants for the ministry. The vagabond reference is tied to Jesus, who lived as a wandering preacher during his public ministry, and to his followers, who journey as vagabonds to their true home, heaven.

Supported by trained volunteers, missionaries meet teens where they are, whether on basketball courts, in housing projects, or in schools that partner with the ministry.

Young people are mentored and taught the faith, attending worship nights, Bible studies, retreats, and mission trips. Some are attending church regularly for the first time in their lives, and several have expressed interest in becoming Catholic.



Supporting Latino Catholics

With the **Latino presence growing** in our region, the diocese is providing pastoral support to keep their Catholic culture strong.

Campaign funds will support a catechetical director to teach the faith in all Latino parishes, and promote spiritual formation programs. Spanish-language Masses are held at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Pittsburgh's Beechview neighborhood, St. Regis in Oakland, Our Lady of Joy in Plum, St. Paul in Butler, and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Meadow Lands.

The grant also provides training for volunteer catechists, young adult leaders, promoting religious vocations, and improving communications. It also allowed five representatives from the local Latino community to attend a national meeting for Hispanic/Latino ministry to learn best practices.



Raising Up Young Leaders

There are more than 530,000 people in their 20s and 30s in southwestern Pennsylvania, about 125,000 of whom are Catholic, and many are looking for meaning in life.

To better connect with young adults and help make disciples, a new training program called **Cultivate** is being launched in the diocese, thanks to support from *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!*

The effort will provide leaders with the knowledge and skills to **implement young adult ministry** in their parishes or region.

It will help them understand the needs of younger Catholics who are looking for something deeper, including a life with Christ.

In the past, many young people drifted away from the church during their high school and college years, but returned to the faith when they married and started families. That is not always the case today.

A **Gallup report** titled “How Millennials Want to Work and Live” found young adults are less attached to religious affiliations, but are optimistic and want a purpose in life.

Diocesan surveys of parishioners indicated their top concern is helping young people reconnect with and grow in the faith.



Pittsburgh Steelers' offensive lineman Alejandro Villanueva speaks about his Catholic faith to young adults.

Parishes Benefit The Most

When *Our Campaign for The Church Alive!* officially kicked off in December 2012, Bishop Zubik set a target of raising **\$50 million** to address the extraordinary needs of parishes, the single largest portion of the funds.

Parishes have received **\$76 million** to date for their local case statement priorities. Many parishes have invested in **capital projects** relating to long-deferred building repair and maintenance, but donations also have supported **ministry**. These include faith formation programs, youth ministry, evangelization, outreach to needy families, and communications.



Listening and Learning

The DePaul School for Hearing and Speech is able to help more children as soon as they're diagnosed with hearing loss, thanks to a campaign grant.

The early intervention program helps connect parents to resources and lets them know they're not alone. More than two-thirds of DePaul students have a cochlear implant—a small electronic device that replaces the function of the damaged inner ear to provide sound signals to the brain.

Founded in 1908 by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill, DePaul is the only listening and spoken language school in the tri-state region for students who are deaf or hard of hearing.



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