

JUNE 2015



# CAMPAIGN UPDATE



A CAMPAIGN FOR OUR PARISHES,  
SCHOOLS AND MINISTRIES  
in the Archdiocese of Omaha

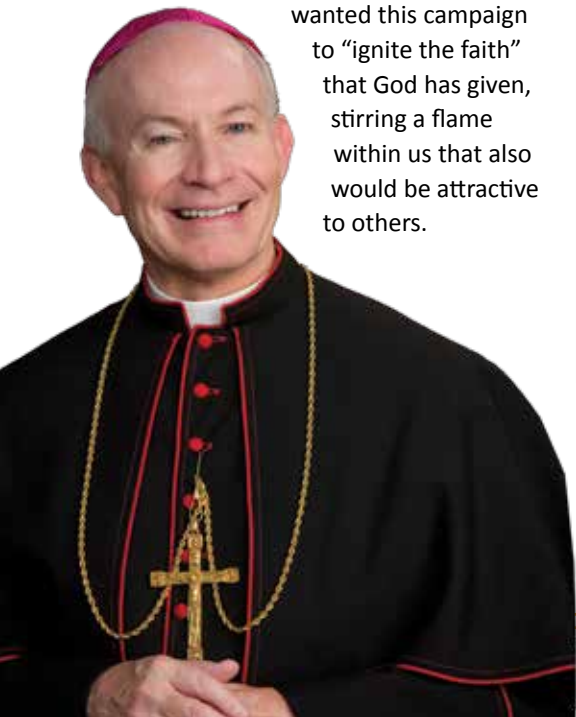
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In December, we were able to share the happy news that the *Ignite the Faith* campaign in the Archdiocese of Omaha had exceeded its \$40 million goal by a significant amount. As of May 15, we had received cash and commitments totaling \$53 million. More than 17,000 households made a pledge to support *Ignite the Faith* in a material way. I am grateful to each of you, as well as to the many more who have helped us to surpass our goal with your prayers.

We give thanks to God, whose grace and mercy make every good work of ours possible. We began the consideration of a major campaign with prayer to know God's will. After a wide consultation of Catholics in the archdiocese and as we began to focus on a number of pastoral priorities that we could support, one thing became very clear: we love and cherish our Catholic faith. In various ways, parishioners expressed a desire to deepen our own faith and to share it with the next generation and with our neighbors.

The Scriptures and our own experience teach us that faith – a living and saving relationship with God – is strengthened by sacrifice and cooperation. So from the

beginning, we knew that we wanted this campaign to “ignite the faith” that God has given, stirring a flame within us that also would be attractive to others.



*Ignite the Faith* never would not have come to such a great conclusion without the dedication of our lay leadership: general chairs, **Krista and Mickey Anderson, Mary and Jim Czyz, Elaine and Erv Eisenminger, Jane and M.J. Kersenbrock, Kathy and Bill Kizer, Suzie and Mike Lawler, Suzanne and Jim Pillen, and Kelly and Britt Thedinger.** They were assisted by an advisory council, made up of long-time supporters of the archdiocese, as well as an executive committee consisting of lay and clergy leaders. I am also grateful to the many volunteers at our parishes for their hard work, time and prayers to make the campaign a success.

The role of the parish priests has been crucial in our success across the archdiocese. I am particularly grateful for their cooperation and leadership throughout the *Ignite the Faith* process.

This report is a result of our commitment to share news about the good made possible by *Ignite the Faith* and gives details of how the funds are being allocated. As you continue to fulfill your commitments to the campaign, I want you to have confidence in what we are accomplishing together.

As I reflect on the success of the *Ignite the Faith* campaign, I am reminded that we have much for which to be grateful. At the top of the list is the gift of faith. Thank you for your generous expressions of faith. May God sustain us in faith with signs of his love for us in Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend George J. Lucas  
Archbishop of Omaha

The *Ignite the Faith* Capital Campaign's focus has been on long-term, strategic priorities that can only be addressed through an extraordinary effort. Our hope has not been simply to have a successful campaign, but rather to strengthen the life of the Church. Thanks to your generosity, these funds are already making a difference throughout the archdiocese. And more good things are yet to come.

Although the formal campaign activities have come to a close, the real work is just beginning. Each quarter, as funds are received, they are put to work in support of the goals of the campaign. Any funding that comes in over goal will be divided proportionately among the campaign's stated priorities.

***The following pages will provide an overview of the campaign's goals and how funds are making a difference right now.***

# INVEST IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

## Launch The Catholic School Consortium – A Sustainable Model For Catholic Schools

**\$3,500,000 Goal**

*By consolidating eight former parish schools into a new system of five schools, the Catholic School Consortium is offering a new model of Catholic education that will create efficiencies and yield cost savings that will allow the schools to not just remain open, but to reinvest in their teachers, curriculum and facilities. The schools in the Catholic School Consortium are Holy Cross, Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Bernadette, St. Thomas More and Saints Peter and Paul.*

### **\$1,500,000 Distributed to Date**

A portion of the funds have been used to update facilities. All five schools now have air conditioning providing a more comfortable learning environment for students. In 2014 *Ignite the Faith* funds provided for building updates and improvements at Saints Peter and Paul School. Additional improvements are scheduled in 2015.



- A comprehensive technology initiative is underway to improve wireless infrastructure so that every classroom has wireless capability. Administrators and teachers are being trained to more effectively use technology as an important part of the curriculum.
- A new, common reading text book and curriculum was introduced in all five schools and a new student learning aid was implemented that helps teachers measure student mastery of lesson material and helps to provide more focused learning for students not meeting standards in a particular subject.
- In addition to capital and program improvements, an effort to increase enrollment at all five schools is underway. Saints Peter and Paul is projected to have increased enrollment in 2015-2016 and Holy Cross and St. Thomas More's pre-kindergarten enrollments have increased.

## Provide Needs-Based Grants For Our Catholic Schools

**\$7,500,000 Goal**

*The Archdiocese of Omaha recently developed a comprehensive vision for all Catholic schools. School board members, parents, lay leaders, parishioners, priests, teachers and administrators identified areas where new investment is needed to strengthen our Catholic schools. All schools can apply for these funds to use for strategic initiatives that will improve and sustain them for the future.*





### **\$1,549,608 Awarded**

To date, more than \$1,500,000 has been awarded to 16 Catholic schools throughout the archdiocese – five in the metro area and 11 in rural communities. These dollars are being used to fund or partially fund important efforts such as:

- Expanding a child-care program
- Establishing a new pre-school program
- Renovating a STEAM lab, chapel, gym lobby and restroom
- Upgrading facilities including an HVAC system, wireless and network infrastructure and a security system
- Providing tuition assistance
- Hiring marketing and development staff

### **Improve Facilities at CUES Schools**

#### **\$5,000,000 Goal**

*Since 1975, the Christian Urban Education Service (CUES) has provided operational guidance and financial support to Sacred Heart Catholic School in north Omaha. CUES expanded its mission in 2012 to offer annual support to Holy Name Catholic School and All Saints Catholic School, where changing demographics have left parishes unable to support their schools without significant outside assistance. Campaign funds will be used for capital improvements to the three schools.*

### **\$3,000,000 Distributed to Date**

CUES Executive Director Mike Findley said *Ignite the Faith* funds are already being used to repair and improve the aging facilities at the three schools. A Building and Grounds Committee has been working to evaluate and prioritize facility needs. One major upgrade is to the boiler systems. CUES engaged Alvine Engineering to evaluate and recommend upgrades or replacement of aging and inefficient boiler systems at Holy Name, Sacred Heart and All Saints.

Other projects include:

- Two portable classrooms will be installed at Sacred Heart to provide additional classroom space for the 2015-2016 school year. The portable classrooms will accommodate a growing enrollment (there is currently a waiting list for kindergarten) and will provide additional space for a library and reading rooms.
- Holy Name School's technology infrastructure is being repaired and updated including improvements to its wireless system.
- All Saints School's gym roof was repaired allowing the school to now hold practices and some games at the school.

## INVEST IN OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS (CONT.)



### Support Catholic Education In Rural Communities

**\$4,000,000 Goal**

*Parishes in rural Nebraska face a unique set of challenges in keeping their Catholic schools affordable and academically excellent and their facilities up to date. Rural parishes are allocating 40 percent of the funds they receive to directly support Catholic education in their local communities.*

**\$2,392,003 Distributed to Date**

These dollars will support a variety of projects that were identified before the campaign was launched, including tuition assistance, facility and technology upgrades and program expansion.

### Market Our Catholic Schools

**\$2,000,000 Goal**

*Our Catholic schools have an amazing story to tell. Ignite the Faith funds will be used to more effectively promote and market our schools with the goal of achieving maximum enrollment at every school. Campaign funds have allowed this effort to commence. The Awaken Greatness campaign was launched in December 2014 after extensive research conducted by the advertising agency Bailey Lauerman.*

**\$894,871 Distributed to Date**

The first phase of the campaign utilized a mass media approach including TV, online, radio, outdoor and print advertising. It introduced audiences to Catholic schools in an effort to build awareness, dispel misconceptions and encourage families to learn more about Catholic schools. The second phase of the campaign focuses on deepening engagement with potential families by initiating one-on-one discussions and through social media channels. The campaign will tap into the energy and stewardship of individuals who are passionate about Catholic school and already promote it in their daily lives. These Awaken Greatness “ambassadors” will serve as a front line force for our schools. Finally, the campaign will create brand messages and marketing tools that schools can use as part of their recruitment efforts.

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## Start A Teacher Scholarship Fund

**\$1,000,000 Goal**

*Our Catholic school teachers sacrifice much to educate and form our young students. We owe them a debt of gratitude for their commitment and their service. While the campaign doesn't have the ability to permanently raise salaries across the board for all of our teachers at all of our schools, campaign funds will be used to award scholarships for our teachers to pursue advanced degrees. Scholarships will be awarded based on the recommendations of Catholic school administrators and could focus on those subject areas where teachers are most needed in our schools. Teachers will be asked to commit to teaching at a Catholic school in our archdiocese for at least two years following completion of their advanced training or degree.* .....

## \$383,216 Awarded

- In 2014, 10 archdiocesan teachers received scholarships to enroll in Creighton University's Educational Leadership master's program at a total cost of \$120,000. Since then, another 14 teachers have signed up for leadership programs totaling an additional \$105,000. These educators were selected by their principals as having the skills to be administrators. This education will position them to fill a growing need for qualified school principals.
- Twenty-eight teachers received grants totaling \$158,216. These teachers will be enrolled in master's programs in curriculum and instruction, literacy and reading, English as a second language, library sciences, counseling, music, secondary education, Spanish, special education and theology. These scholarship recipients serve at 30 different schools throughout the archdiocese.



Steve Schumacher

Steve Schumacher, a physical education teacher at St. Wenceslaus School since 2005, is pursuing a master's in Educational Leadership at Creighton University. His long-term goal is to become a principal at an archdiocesan school. He said his short-term plan is to make it through the challenging program while balancing a full-time teaching position and raising a family. Steve said the tuition grant from the *Ignite the Faith* funds "nudged" him to pursue his master's. "I felt like when this opportunity came up it was telling me, 'this is your calling,'" he said. Steve and his wife, Emily, have two young children, so the grant was critical in his decision to start the program. "Having it paid for was a relief and allows me to focus on the educational aspect instead of worrying about student loans. It's a gift that I'm very grateful for."

# STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH

## Launch The “School Of Faith” Training Program

**\$1,600,000 Goal**

*The mission of the School of Faith is to provide ongoing doctrinal and spiritual formation for Catholic school teachers through programs that stress the call to prayer, virtue and holiness of life. This formation not only benefits the teachers themselves, but also equips them to build a solid Catholic environment in our schools.*

## **\$346,424 Distributed to Date**

Funds from the campaign allowed this program to launch in the 2013-14 school year in five of our urban schools. For 2014-15, it expanded to all urban schools and Columbus Catholic schools. More than 950 teachers and administrators in 36 schools are involved. Next year, all archdiocesan schools will participate.

Facilitated by qualified instructors, teachers, staff and administrators come together once a month for a half-day session to learn about the Catholic faith, discuss real-world challenges and focus on personal faith formation.

The campaign will fund three years of the program for every archdiocesan elementary and secondary school. After the initial three years, we will evaluate to confirm that it is worthy of continued funding.

## Offer Advanced Training To Catechists And Parish Ministers

**\$200,000 Goal**

*To be a catechist is a blessed calling and one worthy of the Church’s support and resources. The Archdiocese of Omaha offers faith formation and training to parish religious education directors, youth ministers, catechists and others interested in learning more about our faith.*

## **\$61,928 Distributed to Date**

“We want to support everyone engaged in parish catechesis,” said Bill Beckman, director of the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. “Leaders in adult Bible studies, parish staff and volunteers, all can make an effort to do this.”

The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is utilizing *Ignite the Faith* funds to support a variety of programs including:

- My Catholic Faith Delivered is an online training program that involves video presentations, assessments, discussion boards and links to additional resources. Six hundred adult catechists registered for the 36-lesson program – an increase of 96 since September 2014.
- A first level training for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has 30 catechists registered from 14 parishes for this dynamic new training.
- More than 50 people from ten parishes participated in a Run Alpha seminar on April 25 at Mary Our Queen Parish. Alpha is a dynamic process of evangelization for adults and youth that can help develop lifelong Catholic disciples. The Office of Evangelization and Catechesis will offer assistance from the *Ignite the Faith* funds to parishes that want to implement Alpha.

## Support Our Parish Youth Ministry Programs

**\$200,000 Goal**

*The archdiocese will partner with parishes to provide assistance for youth ministry programs, whether to launch new programs or enhance existing offerings and will focus on three areas:*

- YDisciple Youth Ministry Initiative
- Parish Youth Ministry Grants
- Training for Youth Ministers





Cassie and Andy Guenther

▶ YDisciple is a new youth ministry initiative that addresses the need for more parishes to offer formal youth ministry programs. YDisciple is designed to call youth into deep and lasting relationship with Jesus Christ through a process of dynamic formation, mentoring from adult leaders, including parents, and small group relationships. Ten parishes – five rural and five urban – are currently participating in the pilot phase of YDisciple and another five to seven parishes will participate in fall 2015, said Jen Moser, Archdiocese of Omaha’s coordinator of Youth Ministry.

One of the parishes involved in the pilot program is St. Mary in West Point. Parishioners Cassie and Andy Guenther heard about the program at a presentation and approached their pastor, Fr. Gerry Gonderinger, about implementing it at St. Mary. They got the go-ahead and were amazed by the success from the start.

Cassie said that the youth ministry program at their parish usually had about 30 students participating. But when the YDisciple program was launched in August 2014 more than 60 youth attended the kickoff and that number has remained steady. “The response has been overwhelming,” said Cassie. “The kids and leaders are so committed. They want to be spiritually fed because they keep coming back week after week.” Students are divided into small groups led by adult leaders – 22 volunteers from the parish – and meet weekly to deepen their faith. The YDisciple program provides a curriculum, videos and other resources to facilitate small-group discussion and activities.

Cassie said the *Ignite the Faith* funds helped pave the way for their parish to launch YDisciple, since it removed the barriers of cost. “We could focus on finding good adult leaders instead of raising money,” she said.

### **\$52,877 Distributed to Date**

- *Ignite the Faith* Campaign Youth Ministry Grants for the New Evangelization allow parishes to apply for grants of up to \$1,000 with specific goals that relate to the Pope’s call for a new evangelization within the Church. Parishes can propose initiatives that aim to evangelize participants and help them to become intentional disciples of Jesus Christ. Grant applications were available at the beginning of April, and the first funds will be awarded in July.

- A one-day training for about 60 youth ministers was held in January and led by speaker Frank Mercadante. The program offered innovative ideas to help engage a new generation of leaders. “We are grateful for the *Ignite the Faith* funds,” said Jen Moser, Archdiocese of Omaha’s coordinator of Youth Ministry. “We hope to offer more events in the future that will help bring training resources to parishes, encourage renewed energy and purpose so that we can help young people grow as disciples and encounter Jesus Christ.”

# SUPPORT OUR PRIESTS

## Fully Fund the Priest Pension Plan

### \$6,000,000 Goal

*Thirty-five priests are expected to retire in the next 10 years. This represents 25 percent of all active priests in the archdiocese. The Priest Pension Plan helps provide a dignified retirement for our priests who have spent their lives in service to God. Funds from the campaign will ensure we meet our ongoing obligation to our 41 retired priests as well as future retiring priests.*

### \$5,180,855 Distributed to Date

Archbishop Lucas challenged our priests to give the first \$1 million, and they more than answered the call! Archdiocesan priests have committed more than \$1 million for the support of our retired priests. Fr. Michael Grewe, chairman of the Clergy Committee said the commitment of our priests was gratifying. "Our priests' resounding support for their

fellow brothers has been a huge morale boost for retired as well as active priests," said Fr. Grewe. "It's a reminder that we are a family and we support each other emotionally and spiritually."

## Encourage Priestly Vocations Through The Seminary Fund

### \$1,000,000 Goal

*The Seminary Fund fuels the archdiocese's efforts to attract vocations to the priestly and religious life. Funds from the campaign will be used to expand the reach of our vocations office and cover the \$30,000 annual cost of educating and forming our future priests.*

### \$1,000,000 Distributed to Date

There are currently 27 seminarians in the Archdiocese of Omaha. *Ignite the Faith* funds will support their ongoing formation and will help encourage others to consider a priestly vocation.

## Did You Know?

# You can fulfill your campaign pledge early.

There are several benefits:

- **No more reminders.**
- **Less money spent on postage and printing.**
- **Campaign goals are funded faster.**

If interested, contact Shannan Brommer, director of the Stewardship and Development Office: 402.557.5650

Or send an e-mail to [smbrommer@archomaha.org](mailto:smbrommer@archomaha.org)

Thank you for your support!





Dear Friends:

As a result of the prayers, leadership and generosity of thousands of people in this archdiocese, the *Ignite the Faith* campaign exceeded expectations and raised more than \$53 million. As you know, these funds have made, and will continue to make, a significant impact on our Catholic schools, support our parishes in important ways, take care of our retired priests and encourage new vocations. Millions of dollars have already been invested to launch these initiatives. It will be exciting to witness the profound effects of this extraordinary effort in the months and years to come. I hope you will take the time to read more about how these funds are already making a difference in this *Ignite the Faith* follow-up report.

I wish to sincerely thank our pastors, lay leaders and the thousands of parish volunteers throughout the archdiocese. It was their dedication that ensured we reached our financial goal and even more meaningful, their countless conversations and acts that served to achieve our most important goal: **to ignite the faith**. They carried the message of hope for our church's future to their fellow parishioners, the outcome of which cannot be measured in dollar figures.

At a recent prayer service and reception to thank those involved in the important work of stewardship and development in our parishes, schools and ministries, our presider, Msgr. Joseph Hanefeldt, now Bishop of Grand Island, reflected on a quote a friend of his shares: "At the heart of the gift is the love of the giver."

To me, Bishop Hanefeldt's message captured the core of the campaign's accomplishments. Indeed, this campaign did so much more than raise very important dollars. It is clear to me that the countless and varied gifts offered during this effort were given with love, love for our parish communities, our schools, our priests, our church.

It has been a personal gift to be closely involved in the campaign process. At every turn, I was inspired by the faith, the dedication and courage, the love and sacrifice of so many.

I feel immensely grateful, humbled and happy. I am also very proud. I am proud of the people of this archdiocese. We came together as a faith community from every corner of northeast Nebraska and we accomplished so much together. I am proud that we, the Church of this archdiocese, set in motion a remarkable course that will ignite the faith for generations to come, and that we did it with love.

Sincerely,

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Shannan M. Brommer

Director of Stewardship and  
Development Office

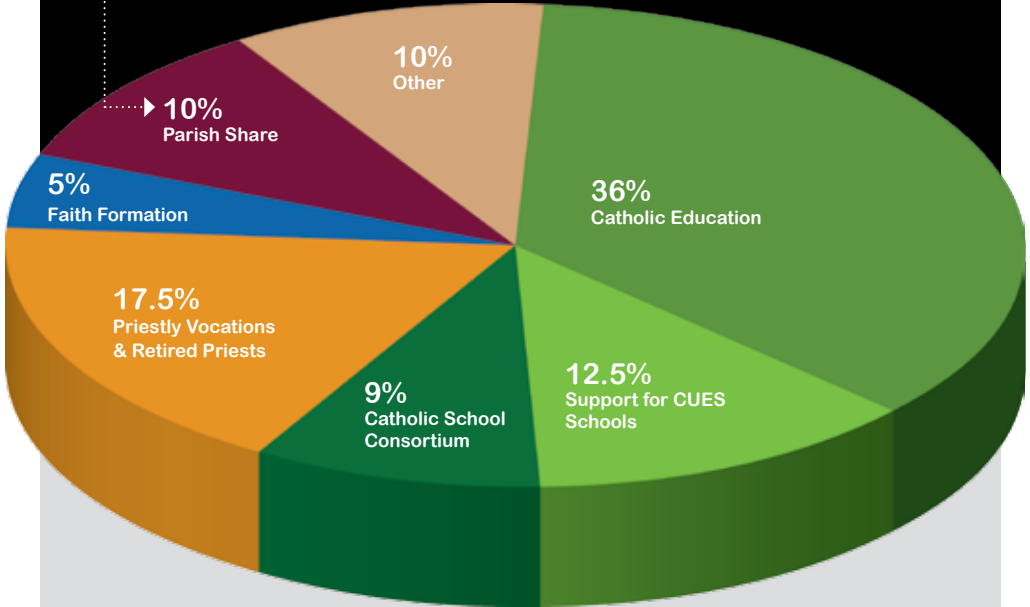
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## Ignite the Faith Parish Totals

Parish	Gifts	
Assumption BVM - Our Lady Of Guadalupe Parish - Omaha	\$422,926.50	St. John the Baptist Parish - Fordyce \$58,496.72
Christ the King Parish - Omaha	\$2,386,617.02	St. John the Baptist Parish - Ft Calhoun \$405,195.00
Divine Mercy Parish - Schuyler	\$304,051.98	St. John the Baptist Parish - Holt Cnty, Deloit Twp \$66,175.00
Holy Cross Parish - Bancroft	\$21,365.00	St. John the Baptist Parish - Pender \$20,215.00
Holy Cross Parish - Beemer	\$111,613.90	St. John the Baptist Parish - Petersburg \$50,461.00
Holy Cross Parish - Omaha	\$321,285.50	St. John Vianney Parish - Omaha \$296,695.46
Holy Family Mission - Decatur	\$23,811.80	St. Joseph Mission - Amelia \$24,533.00
Holy Family Parish - Cedar County	\$223,918.62	St. Joseph Mission - Constance \$19,985.00
Holy Family Parish - Lindsay	\$274,062.73	St. Joseph Parish - Atkinson \$50,465.00
Holy Family Parish - Omaha	\$17,570.00	St. Joseph Parish - Lyons \$33,635.00
Holy Ghost Parish - Omaha	\$137,182.00	St. Joseph Parish - Omaha \$232,101.00
Holy Name Parish - Omaha	\$159,967.50	St. Joseph Parish - Pierce \$131,820.94
Holy Trinity Parish - Hartington	\$624,780.95	St. Joseph Parish - Platte Center \$83,849.00
Holy Trinity Parish - Heun	\$26,742.30	St. Joseph Parish - Ponca \$112,820.00
Immaculate Conception Parish - Boys Town	\$56,000.00	St. Joseph Parish - Springfield \$307,500.00
Immaculate Conception Parish - Omaha	\$139,980.00	St. Joseph Parish - Walthill \$10,740.00
Mary Our Queen Parish - Omaha	\$1,229,094.00	St. Joseph Parish - Wisner \$73,283.34
Our Lady of Fatima Mission - Macy	\$300.00	St. Lawrence Mission - Scribner \$74,825.00
Our Lady of Fatima Parish - Omaha	\$50,350.00	St. Lawrence Parish - Silver Creek \$25,911.66
Our Lady Of Lourdes - St. Adalbert Parish - Omaha	\$272,552.00	St. Leo Parish - Snyder \$87,206.67
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish - Tilden	\$33,505.00	St. Leo the Great Parish - Omaha \$1,244,236.00
Sacred Heart Mission - Olean	\$25,450.00	St. Leonard Parish - Madison \$99,972.45
Sacred Heart Parish - Emerson	\$30,340.00	St. Ludger Parish - Creighton \$98,451.00
Sacred Heart Parish - Norfolk	\$845,755.26	St. Margaret Mary Parish - Omaha \$3,316,923.56
Sacred Heart Parish - Omaha	\$849,832.50	St. Mary Magdalene Parish - Omaha \$189,351.14
Sacred Heart Parish of Boyd County	\$111,787.65	St. Mary Mission - Hubbard \$21,300.00
Ss. Cyril And Methodius - Clarkson	\$127,154.36	St. Mary of the Seven Dolours - Osmond \$177,801.66
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish - Howells	\$102,535.73	St. Mary Parish - Bellevue \$769,280.87
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish - Krakow	\$38,906.67	St. Mary Parish - Laurel \$47,715.00
Ss. Peter and Paul Parish - Omaha	\$199,770.00	St. Mary Parish - Leigh \$34,421.24
St. Aloysius Parish - Aloys	\$48,119.21	St. Mary Parish - Omaha \$93,150.00
St. Andrew Kim Taegon Catholic Community - Omaha	\$22,090.00	St. Mary Parish - Wayne \$238,081.00
St. Andrew Parish - Bloomfield	\$47,605.00	St. Mary Parish - West Point \$889,374.19
St. Anne Mission - Dixon	\$41,270.00	St. Matthew the Evangelist Parish - Bellevue \$279,920.00
St. Anthony Mission - St. Charles	\$10,900.00	St. Michael Parish - Albion \$232,688.40
St. Anthony Parish - Cedar Rapids	\$102,604.00	St. Michael Parish - Central City \$91,226.76
St. Anthony Parish - Columbus	\$461,929.73	St. Michael Parish - Coleridge \$47,347.33
St. Augustine Parish - Winnebago	\$51,742.83	St. Michael Parish - South Sioux City \$8,730.00
St. Benedict the Moor Parish - Omaha	\$70,339.00	St. Michael Parish - Tarnov \$28,031.00
St. Bernadette Parish - Bellevue	\$364,749.60	St. Patrick Parish - Battle Creek \$44,435.00
St. Bernard Parish - Omaha	\$270,660.03	St. Patrick Parish - Elkhorn \$696,290.96
St. Bonaventure Parish - Columbus	\$846,801.85	St. Patrick Parish - Fremont \$996,170.60
St. Bonaventure Parish - Raeville	\$57,215.21	St. Patrick Parish - Gretna \$874,686.00
St. Boniface Parish - Elgin	\$333,902.59	St. Patrick Parish - Jackson \$229,040.00
St. Boniface Parish - Menominee	\$77,016.00	St. Patrick Parish - O'Neill \$296,126.00
St. Boniface Parish - Monterey	\$39,334.75	St. Patrick Parish - Tekamah \$104,978.20
St. Boniface Parish - Stuart	\$76,028.00	St. Paul Parish - Plainview \$39,615.00
St. Bridget - St. Rose Parish - Omaha	\$149,438.00	St. Peter de Alcántara Parish - Ewing \$66,015.00
St. Cecilia Cathedral Parish - Omaha	\$1,141,222.67	St. Peter Parish - Clarks \$18,100.00
St. Charles Borromeo Parish - Gretna	\$410,403.00	St. Peter Parish - Fullerton \$102,413.00
St. Charles Borromeo Parish - North Bend	\$110,476.83	St. Peter Parish - Newcastle \$71,275.00
St. Columbkille Parish - Papillion	\$1,398,443.11	St. Peter Parish - Omaha \$477,403.10
St. Cornelius Mission - Homer	\$27,705.00	St. Peter Parish - Stanton \$121,450.00
St. Edward Parish - St. Edward	\$51,275.00	St. Philip Neri - Blessed Sacrament Parish - Omaha \$256,916.47
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish - Omaha	\$736,131.20	St. Pius X Parish - Omaha \$434,052.09
St. Frances Cabrini Parish - Omaha	\$149,676.10	St. Robert Bellarmine Parish - Omaha \$3,615,742.30
St. Francis Borgia Parish - Blair	\$264,795.00	St. Rose of Lima Parish - Crofton \$99,335.86
St. Francis de Sales Mission - Schoolcraft Twp	\$8,155.00	St. Rose of Lima Parish - Genoa \$73,881.67
St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Neligh	\$55,850.00	St. Rose of Lima Parish - Hooper \$19,440.00
St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Omaha	\$99,285.00	St. Stanislaus Parish - Duncan \$41,980.00
St. Francis Parish - Humphrey	\$159,508.00	St. Stanislaus Parish - Omaha \$172,173.70
St. Gerald Parish - Ralston	\$1,379,364.92	St. Stephen the Martyr Parish - Omaha \$1,024,241.00
St. Ignatius Mission - Brunswick	\$46,865.00	St. Theresa Mission - Clearwater \$51,062.00
St. Isidore Parish - Columbus	\$1,371,810.73	St. Thomas More Parish - Omaha \$301,929.00
St. James Parish - Omaha	\$616,213.05	St. Vincent de Paul Parish - Omaha \$1,976,813.78
St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish - Randolph	\$185,058.86	St. Wenceslaus Parish - Dodge \$110,230.00
St. Joan of Arc Parish - Omaha	\$227,477.00	St. Wenceslaus Parish - Omaha \$2,483,830.00
St. John at Creighton University Parish	\$160,281.55	St. Wenceslaus Parish - Verdigre \$157,830.00
St. John Nepomucene Parish - Howells	\$47,215.77	St. William Mission - Niobrara \$47,445.00
St. John Parish - Valley	\$478,076.00	Non-Parish Gifts \$6,595,300.36
		<b>Total \$53,040,360.04</b>

# Parish Share

Ten percent of the funds raised by parishes will be returned to them for specific needs identified by each parish. These funds have been and will continue to be distributed quarterly to parishes throughout the payment period. Already, over \$2 million has been returned to parishes for their specific parish and school projects.

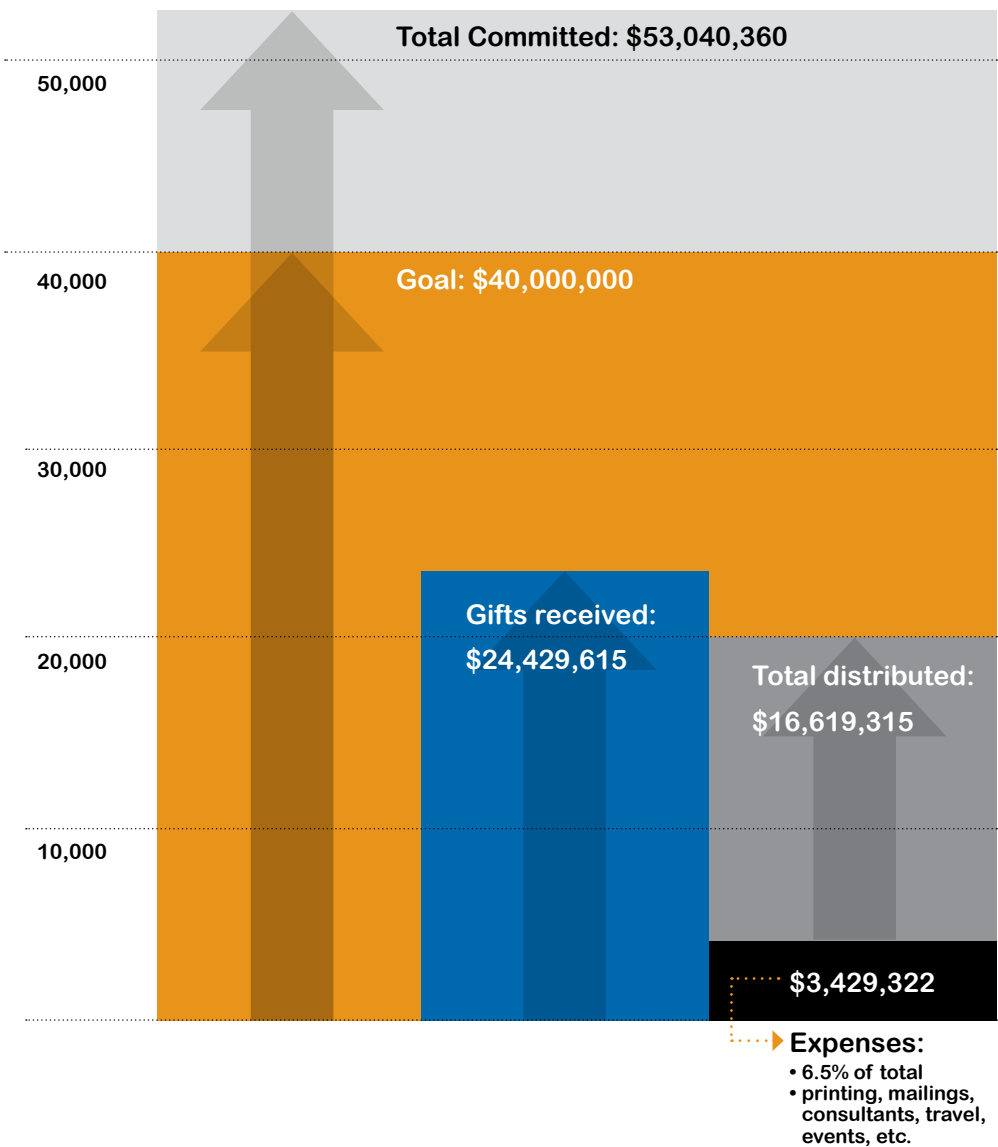


## Distribution of Funds

As of May 15, 2015

	Awarded	Distributed
Catholic School Excellence Fund (Needs-based grants to schools)	\$1,549,608	\$12,324*
CUES Schools		\$3,000,000
Catholic School Consortium		\$1,500,000
Rural Catholic Education (40% rural parish share)		\$2,392,003
Promoting Catholic Schools The Awaken Greatness Campaign		\$894,871
Catholic School Teacher Scholarships	\$383,216	\$149,982*
Priest Retirement Fund		\$5,180,855
Seminary Fund		\$1,000,000
School of Faith Program		\$346,424
Youth Ministry Programs		\$52,877
Catechist Training: My Catholic Faith Delivered		\$61,928
Parish Rebates (10% share) Rural		\$598,001
Urban		\$1,430,050
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$1,932,824</b>	<b>\$16,619,315</b>

\*Represents amount distributed not total awarded to date



## Pledge Reminder

Thank you for your support of the *Ignite the Faith* Capital Campaign. It is an expression of your faith in which you feel our archdiocesan goals are worthy and that you are willing to sacrifice to make a positive difference in the lives of others.

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