



HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

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Track 4a Commitment Weekends Underway

In the month of December, 32 parishes are scheduled to conduct Commitment Weekends. This past weekend, seventeen parishes held their Commitment Weekends, raising more than \$3 million, which is nearly \$200,000 raised per parish. For the parishes with Commitment Weekends later this month, a few reminders: 1) the proper time to run this exercise is after the homily, before Communion, 2) the average gift is touted and a sacrificial pledge over five years is requested and 3) every parishioner receives, fills out and returns a card during mass.

Commitment Weekend is designed to give all families another chance to say yes to help their parish and support the needs of the Archdiocese as well. Monsignor Philip Ricci, retired Pastor of Mary Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales, shared this message with his parishioners after their first Commitment Weekend “An interesting and very beautiful thing has happened during the entire campaign and especially during our “phone-a-thon” phase the past three weeks something that we never anticipated. Beyond the monetary pledge of support, we have had the opportunity to listen to the prayerful needs of and challenges faced by many of our fellow parishioners. As a result, there has been a deep pastoral dimension to the whole campaign. It became an enriching and sometimes an evangelical experience for all involved.”

Commitment Weekend results mentioned in this week’s lead story are not reflected in the bullets or chart’s below. Monies raised from Commitment Weekends conducted the weekend of December 4th and 5th will be included in next week’s edition of Hope Highlights.

- In just one week, *St. Elizabeth, Uwchlan*, raised \$50,000 from phone-a-thons!
- Congratulations to Monsignor Thomas Owens, Pastor of *St. Alphonsus, Maple Glen*, for exceeding his Major Phase goal of \$620,000. The parish also received one new gift of \$25,000!
- *St. Cornelius, Chadds Ford*, received a \$10,000 increase on one pledge bringing the pledge total to \$30,000!
- This past week, *St. Katharine of Siena, Wayne*, received one gift for \$25,000!
- *St. Helena, Blue Bell*, received one new gift for \$15,000!
- Two generous families pledged \$10,000 each to *St. Agnes, West Chester*!
- In the past seven days, *Immaculate Conception, Jenkintown*, and *St. Eleanor, Collegeville*, each received a gift for \$10,000!
- Last week, *St. Leo, Philadelphia*, received one new gift for \$10,000!

PARISH	TOWN	PASTOR	GOAL	RAISED	%
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta*	Limerick	Fr. Paul Brandt	\$600,000	\$5,697,457	950%
St. Cornelius*	Chadds Ford	Msgr. Gregory Parlante	\$1,400,000	\$2,700,585	193%
St. Louis	Yeadon	Fr. John Collins	\$170,000	\$173,250	102%
St. Elizabeth	Uwchlan	Msgr. Thomas Mullin	\$1,250,000	\$1,214,935	97%
Old St. Joseph's	Philadelphia	Fr. Daniel Ruff, S.J.	\$590,000	\$554,695	94%
St. Mary	Conshohocken	Msgr. Gerard Measure	\$365,000	\$329,720	90%

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Immaculate Conception	Jenkintown	Msgr. David Diamond	\$1,050,000	\$929,630	89%
St. George	Glenolden	Fr. Christopher Papa	\$605,000	\$525,000	87%
St. Katharine of Siena	Wayne	Msgr. John Close	\$2,055,000	\$1,621,285	79%
Epiphany of Our Lord	Plymouth Meeting	Fr. Joseph Quindlen	\$1,475,000	\$1,031,510	70%
St. Therese of the Child Jesus	Philadelphia	Msgr. David Benz	\$180,000	\$124,120	69%
Incarnation of Our Lord	Philadelphia	Msgr. Hugh Shields	\$255,000	\$169,980	67%
Our Mother of Sorrows	Philadelphia	Fr. Jeffry Stecz	\$105,000	\$64,500	61%
St. Aloysius	Pottstown	Fr. Joseph Maloney	\$1,005,000	\$612,355	61%
Our Mother of Consolation	Philadelphia	Fr. Robert Bazzoli, O.S.F.S.	\$900,000	\$541,550	60%
St. Alphonsus	Maple Glen	Msgr. Thomas Owens	\$1,430,000	\$845,425	59%
SS. Peter and Paul	West Chester	Msgr. Daniel Kutys	\$1,800,000	\$1,062,515	59%
St. Helena	Blue Bell	Msgr. Joseph Nicolo	\$1,545,000	\$875,736	57%
Mother of Divine Providence	King of Prussia	Fr. Martin Cioppi	\$1,145,000	\$639,730	56%
Corpus Christi	Lansdale	Msgr. Thomas Flanigan	\$1,935,000	\$1,076,933	56%
St. Gertrude	West Conshohocken	Msgr. Gerard Mesure	\$135,000	\$73,400	54%
St. Joseph	Warrington	Fr. Joseph Bordonaro	\$740,000	\$401,665	54%
St. Ignatius of Loyola	Philadelphia	Fr. Jeffry Stecz	\$110,000	\$54,285	49%
Stella Maris	Philadelphia	Fr. John DiOrio	\$490,000	\$234,875	48%
St. Augustine	Philadelphia	Fr. James McBurney	\$170,000	\$81,191	48%
St. Philip Neri	Lafayette Hill	Msgr. Charles Vance	\$1,690,000	\$688,930	41%
St. Agnes	West Chester	Msgr. Nelson Perez	\$2,095,000	\$828,250	40%
St. Leo	Philadelphia	Fr. Joseph Farrell	\$450,000	\$162,335	36%
St. John the Evangelist	Morrisville	Msgr. Joseph Prior	\$1,050,000	\$368,900	35%
St. Eleanor	Collegeville	Msgr. Patrick Sweeney	\$1,895,000	\$654,810	35%
St. John Chrysostom	Wallingford	Fr. James Bajorek	\$1,340,000	\$455,270	34%
St. Catherine of Siena	Horsham	Fr. Joseph Rymdeika	\$1,150,000	\$377,300	33%
St. Joseph	Collingdale	Fr. Michael Reilly	\$700,000	\$218,071	31%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Philadelphia	Fr. Francis Cauterucci	\$490,000	\$138,350	28%
Maternity B.V.M.	Philadelphia	Fr. Paul Quinter	\$1,000,000	\$280,703	28%
Our Lady Help of Christians	Philadelphia	Fr. Dennis Fedak	\$146,000	\$39,600	27%
St. Ephrem	Bensalem	Msgr. Kenneth McAteer	\$1,330,000	\$356,808	27%
St. Dominic	Philadelphia	Fr. Edward Kearns	\$1,020,000	\$267,615	26%
St. John Fisher	Boothwyn	Fr. John Freeman	\$695,000	\$172,470	25%
St. Hilary of Poitiers	Rydal	Fr. Kevin Murray	\$675,000	\$163,357	24%
Sacred Heart	Oxford	Fr. Gregory Hamill	\$685,000	\$154,120	22%
Nativity B.V.M.	Philadelphia	Fr. Dennis Fedak	\$341,000	\$63,700	19%
Holy Martyrs	Oreland	Fr. Michael Ryan	\$650,000	\$103,925	16%
St. Timothy	Philadelphia	Fr. Stephen Leva	\$1,275,000	\$172,104	13%
St. Francis of Assisi	Springfield	Fr. Salvatore Riccio	\$1,245,000	\$148,780	12%
All Saints	Philadelphia	Fr. William Grogan	\$300,000	\$11,500	4%
St. James	Elkins Park	Fr. Edward Windhaus	\$550,000	\$14,300	3%
St. John the Evangelist*	Philadelphia	Fr. John Daya, O.F.M. Cap.	\$455,000	\$8,867	2%

* denotes Combined Campaign, a coordinated effort to address extraordinary local needs in conjunction with Archdiocesan charitable priorities

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A Tip from the Campaign Office

Two things parishes should look out for when conducting Commitment Weekend 1) parishioners not completing a Commitment Weekend card and 2) one time gifts. The focus of Commitment Weekend is full parish participation with encouraged giving over a five year period.

