



# HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

Week of December 6, 2010

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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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Colledgeville*, 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.

