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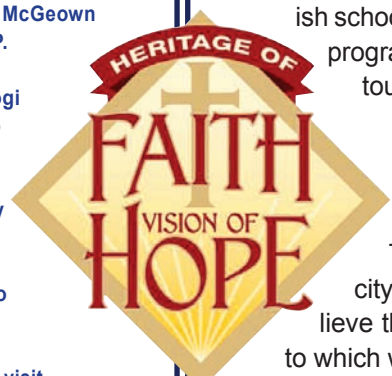
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Parishes Receive Quarterly Disbursements of Campaign Funds

The parish share of pledge payments made to *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope* is making its way back to the Pilot and Track 1 parishes that have completed their local efforts. Quarterly statements were mailed in mid-October to 58 parishes, informing the pastors that money received through pledge payments has been deposited into an interest-bearing parish trust account. The money is available immediately to use for the priorities outlined in each parish's case statement, or it is held until the parish is ready to move forward on a project.

In just over a year, the Archdiocese has received pledge payments of over \$ 11.8 million. Parishes that conducted combined campaigns are responsible for collecting their own pledge payments, and report that the anticipated rate of redemption is on track.

"We are seeing remarkable support for the campaign, both in terms of the amount pledged to *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope*, and in payment on those pledges," said His Eminence Cardinal Justin Rigali. "Donors are being faithful to their commitment, for which we are most grateful."

Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope began in September 2008 with 12 Pilot parishes that collectively raised \$9.9 million in pledges and gifts. Fifty-one Track 1 parishes completed their campaigns in late spring, raising \$27.9 million. Track 2 was comprised of 36 parishes, with pledges totaling \$18.8 million to date, and 68 parishes are currently conducting campaigns. Another 100 parishes will begin their activity after the first of the year. Overall, nearly 20,000 families have made gifts to this historic initiative.

One parish that has used a portion of its share of local funds raised is Our Lady Help of Christians in Abington. "We had two projects that required attention right away," said the pastor, Father Anthony Janton. "We needed to improve the ventilation in the school building, so we mounted fans in the hallway. We are installing a window near the school entrance, so we can draw fresh air through the corridors." The other major project completed was the brick pointing and re-caulking of the church building. "We had enough left over (from the first disbursement) to do some cosmetic refurbishing in the church hall," he added.

"I've had meetings with the Parish Pastoral and Finance Committees to plan what projects from our case we will undertake next," Father Janton said. "This whole process was very positive. People were very helpful, and our parishioners responded enthusiastically to the message." Parishioners at Our Lady Help of Christians pledged \$901,375 on a target of \$890,000, or 101% of goal. "I thank God that we had the money from the campaign to do these projects," Father Janton said.

From the Co-Chairman



Dear Friends –

As Catholics living in Philadelphia, it is not hard to think of the myriad of ways the Church has touched our lives over the years. This is a city where people ask, "What parish are you from?" rather than what neighborhood you live in. Some parish schools have been in operation for over 100 years. The programs operated by Catholic Social Services have touched thousands of lives of the most vulnerable in our city and suburbs. Our beloved Cathedral has served as a site for joyous celebrations and for the funerals of our fallen heroes.

The Catholic Church plays a pivotal role in this city's spiritual and community life. That is why I believe this campaign is the single most important cause to which we can give.

And I'm happy to tell you other people agree! New pledges and gifts to *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope* continue to pour in at an exciting clip! From July through September, nearly 6,000

donors made a pledge to the campaign, with an average of \$2 million raised each week!

Ninety-nine parishes have finished their local efforts, and another 68 are active now. With *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope*, the glass is half-full: nearly 20,000 people have raised almost half of the \$200 million goal! Another 100 parishes will begin the effort after the first of the year, making me believe that we will not only meet our goal, but exceed it!

Keep talking about the campaign! Share the good news of our success with friends, family members and fellow parishioners. And, if you have not yet made a pledge, please give it your prayerful consideration. Consider it a gift to the generations to come – a strong Church, able to continue to serve the people of Philadelphia.

Sincerely,

J. Eustace Wolfington
Co-Chairman,
Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope

Capital Campaign Update



Track 3 Parishes

PARISH (PASTOR)	GOAL	RAISED	%	PARISH (PASTOR)	GOAL	RAISED	%
St. Margaret,* Narberth (Fr. Robert Chapman)	\$760,000	\$784,000	103%	St. Andrew, Newtown (Fr. Michael Picard)	\$3,330,000	\$620,300	19%
Our Lady of the Sacred Heart,* Hilltown (Fr. Michael Kelly)	\$730,000	\$700,526	96%	St. Norbert, Paoli (Fr. Dominic Rossi)	\$1,160,000	\$210,600	18%
St. John the Baptist, Ottsville (Fr. Raymond Diesbourg, M.S.C.)	\$545,000	\$400,600	74%	St. John of the Cross, Roslyn (Fr. John Reardon)	\$810,000	\$146,800	18%
St. Anthony of Padua,* Ambler (Msgr. Stephen McHenry)	\$1,395,000	\$1,003,555	72%	St. Stanislaus, Lansdale (Msgr. Joseph Tracy)	\$1,755,000	\$311,900	18%
Immaculate Conception, Marcus Hook (Fr. Joseph Amalfitano)	\$180,000	\$119,700	67%	St. Vincent de Paul, Philadelphia (Fr. Richard Rock, C.M.)	\$505,000	\$89,500	18%
SS. Simon and Jude,* West Chester (Msgr. Francis Beach)	\$2,150,000	\$1,301,000	61%	St. John Baptist Vianney, Gladwyne (Fr. Donald Leighton)	\$965,000	\$170,000	18%
Nativity of Our Lord, Warminster (Fr. Angelo Citino)	\$1,480,000	\$807,296	55%	Mater Dolorosa, Philadelphia (Fr. John Large)	\$180,000	\$27,500	15%
St. Colman, Ardmore (Fr. James Sherlock)	\$540,000	\$276,400	51%	St. Madeline, Ridley Park (Fr. Louis Bellopede)	\$845,000	\$117,500	14%
St. Isaac Jogues, Wayne (Fr. Steven Harris)	\$890,000	\$415,000	47%	St. Pius X, Broomall (Fr. James Hutchins)	\$1,670,000	\$230,500	14%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Bridgeport (Fr. Salvatore Pronesti)	\$300,000	\$129,500	43%	St. Andrew, Philadelphia (Fr. Peter Burkauskas)	\$125,000	\$16,500	13%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Doylestown (Fr. Charles Hagan)	\$2,340,000	\$972,980	42%	St. Joan of Arc, Philadelphia (Fr. John Large)	\$115,000	\$13,500	12%
St. David, Willow Grove (Msgr. Richard Bolger)	\$1,180,000	\$456,602	39%	St. Joseph the Worker, Fallsington (Fr. Donald Birch)	\$605,000	\$69,300	11%
Mary, Mother of the Redeemer, North Wales (Msgr. Philip Ricci)	\$1,840,000	\$702,400	38%	St. Patrick, Malvern (Fr. James Ambrogio)	\$1,630,000	\$180,250	11%
St. Francis Xavier, Philadelphia (Fr. Paul Convery, C.O.)	\$550,000	\$209,283	38%	Annunciation B.V.M., Havertown (Fr. Mark Haynes)	\$1,010,000	\$98,550	10%
St. Edmond, Philadelphia (Fr. Thomas Rossi, O.Praem.)	\$290,000	\$103,740	36%	Presentation B.V.M., Cheltenham (Fr. William Harrison)	\$637,500	\$56,500	9%
St. Denis, Havertown (Msgr. James Graham)	\$1,440,000	\$512,410	36%	St. Albert the Great, Huntingdon Valley (Msgr. Paul Dougherty)	\$1,640,000	\$141,000	9%
Holy Saviour, Norristown (Msgr. Charles Sangermano)	\$865,000	\$300,383	35%	Holy Saviour, Linwood (Fr. John Sibel)	\$380,000	\$31,840	8%
St. Agnes, Sellersville (Msgr. John Wendrychowicz)	\$1,085,000	\$354,600	33%	St. Anastasia, Newtown Square (Msgr. Philip Cribben)	\$1,845,000	\$154,250	8%
Our Lady of Charity, Brookhaven (Msgr. Andrew Hanlon)	\$1,000,000	\$297,900	30%	St. Agatha-St. James, Philadelphia (Fr. Steven Marinucci)	\$155,000	\$11,831	8%
Divine Mercy, Philadelphia (Fr. Michael Olivere)	\$360,000	\$106,000	29%	St. Thomas the Apostle, Glen Mills (Fr. Richard Williams)	\$1,320,000	\$97,350	7%
St. Maximilian Kolbe, West Chester (Msgr. Robert Carroll)	\$1,630,000	\$479,650	29%	St. Cecilia, Philadelphia (Fr. Charles Bonner)	\$1,340,000	\$95,350	7%
St. John Bosco, Hatboro (Fr. Martin Cioppi)	\$1,130,000	\$326,720	29%	St. Isidore, Quakertown (Fr. Frederick Reigler)	\$820,000	\$56,500	7%
St. Thomas of Villanova, Rosemont (Fr. Richard O'Leary, O.S.A.)	\$1,350,000	\$382,000	28%	Immaculate Conception, Levittown (Fr. Timothy O'Sullivan)	\$655,000	\$41,100	6%
Sacred Heart, Royersford (Fr. Timothy Judge)	\$830,000	\$231,750	28%	St. Philomena, Lansdowne (Fr. Paul Castellani)	\$445,000	\$27,000	6%
St. Paul, Philadelphia (Fr. Gerald Carey)	\$430,000	\$120,000	28%	St. Martin of Tours, New Hope (Fr. Frederick Kindon)	\$720,000	\$39,300	5%
St. Francis de Sales, Lenni (Fr. Michael Colagreco)	\$685,000	\$175,490	26%	Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia (Fr. John Holliday, C.M.)	\$160,000	\$8,408	5%
St. Joseph, Ambler (Fr. Eugene Tully)	\$460,000	\$110,000	24%	St. Eugene, Primos (Fr. Joseph McDermott)	\$700,000	\$27,500	4%
Sacred Heart, Bridgeport (Fr. Andrew McCormick)	\$360,000	\$84,000	23%	Our Lady of Fatima, Bensalem (Fr. John Meyers)	\$440,000	\$13,000	3%
St. Bernadette, Drexel Hill (Fr. John Kelly)	\$1,120,000	\$258,500	23%	St. Joseph, Cheltenham (Fr. William Harrison)	\$240,000	\$5,000	2%
Assumption B.V.M., Feasterville (Fr. William McGeown)	\$1,035,000	\$221,500	21%	St. Benedict, Philadelphia (Fr. George Moore)	\$205,000	\$3,000	1%
St. Bridget, Philadelphia (Fr. Joseph Devlin)	\$570,000	\$117,500	21%	St. Rose of Lima, Philadelphia (Msgr. Wilfred Pashley)	\$140,000	\$1,250	1%
St. Adalbert, Philadelphia (Msgr. Francis Feret)	\$740,000	\$150,250	20%	St. Hugh of Cluny, Philadelphia (Fr. Andris Alexis Moronta, I.V.E.)	\$100,000	\$500	1%
St. Matthew, Conshohocken (Fr. James Donlon)	\$750,000	\$149,900	20%	St. Andrew the Apostle, Drexel Hill (Msgr. Albin Grous)	\$1,500,000	\$7,000	0%
				Our Lady of the Rosary, Coatesville (Fr. Thomas Brennan)	\$624,000	\$0	0%

* Denotes combined parish/capital campaign.

Cardinal Rigali Recognizes Leadership Donors

Fifty guests joined Cardinal Justin Rigali at a dinner in their honor on October 14 at the inaugural event of the Cardinal's Society.

Noting a willingness to lead and give freely of their time and resources, Cardinal Rigali took the opportunity to recognize the guests' commitment

to *Heritage of Faith ~ Vision of Hope* and thank them for their support of the campaign. "Let us never grow tired of doing good," he said, citing the words of Saint Paul.



Cardinal Rigali greets guests at the Cardinal's Society dinner on October 14.

Why I Volunteer...

Joe Dougherty, St. Maria Goretti Parish

When first approached by his pastor to serve as a volunteer on the Campaign Executive Committee for St. Maria Goretti, Joe Dougherty hesitated, not because he didn't want to help, but because he thought it would be difficult to succeed. "I prayed and thought about what I'd heard at the orientation meeting. The video outlining the programs that would benefit from the campaign was sufficient to get me to rethink my position, and as time went on, I became convinced that helping with this campaign was the right thing to do," Joe said. "That continues to this day. This was a very positive experience for me personally."

Joe led the Advance Gifts Committee, and worked with volunteers throughout the summer to contact parishioners about making a pledge to the campaign. "Through their persistence and positive attitude, we showed steady progress week after week. And while we may not have gotten an immediate decision every time, we planted the seed." Joe added that the upbeat attitude of the other volunteers sustained and inspired him.

"This campaign allowed us to build community spirit within the parish," Joe said. "My hope is that through this effort, people will look at Stewardship in a different light, and become more involved at St. Maria Goretti."

The parish target was \$1,415,000. The parish exceeded its goal, ultimately raising \$1,533,506, or 108% of goal!

Joe and Donna Dougherty



The co-chairman of the Leadership Gifts Committee, J. Eustace Wolfington, encouraged those in attendance to continue to work toward the \$200 million goal. "We cannot stop," Wolfington said. "Each of us needs to talk about this campaign and reach out to our friends and colleagues and ask for their support, too," he added.

The Cardinal's Society was designed to acknowledge and involve individuals, families and organizations that have contributed substantially to the work of the Archdiocese and its parishes through *Heritage of Faith~Vision of Hope*. This dinner was specifically for Leadership donors – those who made gifts of \$100,000 or more directly to the overall campaign in support of the six strategic priorities of the effort: Parish life, Catholic education, restoration of the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, infrastructure improvements at Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary, Priests' retirement, and support for Catholic Social Services. Another Cardinal's Society event to recognize donors of \$100,000 or more to local parish campaigns will be held next year, as the 267 parishes complete their fundraising efforts.