

Forward in Faith

As part of the *Forward in Faith* campaign, we are pleased to participate in the Archdiocesan *To Teach Who Christ Is* campaign and support the Church. Every parish is participating in TTWCI and by strategically combining it with our needs for a parish center, we are able to benefit greatly. Our contribution to the campaign is based on our offertory from the previous year. We are committed to raising about \$500,000 of the \$4.5 million total to support the needs of the Church. We have received many questions about the TTWCI campaign and have provided answers below.

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

Q: What is *To Teach Who Christ Is*?

A: *To Teach Who Christ Is* is a capital and endowment campaign to raise a minimum of \$350 million in gifts and pledges for parishes, faith formation, scholarships to Catholic schools, and critical facility issues.

Q: How will the campaign help local parishes?

A: We all belong to one local Church of Chicago. Central to this effort is ensuring that parishes are strong and vibrant communities of faith, bearing hope through their presence, sacramental life and ministries. *To Teach Who Christ Is* seeks to assist parishes in responding to their own issues while creating funds to support those in need throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago. Joining together as an Archdiocese will strengthen the work of the Church in neighborhoods throughout Chicago and suburban Lake and Cook counties.

Q: Which parishes are participating in the campaign?

A: All parishes are taking part in the campaign.

Q. How will funds be allocated?

A. *To Teach Who Christ Is* seeks to raise \$350 million: \$150 million is earmarked for parish needs, to be determined locally; \$150 million for scholarships to Catholic schools through the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust; \$30 million for critical facility issues; \$10 million for religious education training for catechists; \$8 million to enhance the academic excellence of Catholic schools; and \$2 million for innovative new religious education programs.

Q: How will *To Teach Who Christ Is* benefit catechists?

A: Gifts to the campaign will assist in the reform of parish religious education programs and provide scholarships for the formation and certification of parish religious education directors and coordinators, and youth ministers.

Q: How will the campaign support religious education innovation?

A: Campaign funds will allow the Archdiocese to identify and study the most innovative religious education programs and replicate those programs for broader use.

Q: How will the campaign enhance the academic excellence of Catholic schools?

A: Gifts to the campaign will enhance the academic excellence of Catholic schools by empowering school reform efforts, providing for leadership and professional development for principals and teachers, and ensuring schools have the latest technology critical for diverse and integral curriculums.

Q: What is the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust?

A: The Catholic Education Scholarship Trust is an independent 501(c)(3) trust. The Northern Trust serves as the directed trustee. Funds designated to the trust are reserved exclusively for scholarships for students in Catholic schools. The trust is a permanent endowment and, to ensure it is a long-term source of funding for scholarships, only a portion of its income will be used each year.

Q: Who is eligible to receive scholarships from funds raised in the campaign?

A: After the Catholic Education Scholarship Trust endowment fund has been invested and income is available, scholarships awards will be made to qualified students in Catholic schools in Cook and Lake counties. Scholarships will follow the child, regardless of whether or not the student changes Catholic schools. Families will also be required to contribute to the cost of education to demonstrate their commitment.

Q: Will gifts to the campaign pay for the legal settlements for victims of clergy sexual abuse?

A: No, campaign funds will be allocated to a protected account and used only to support ministries, parishes and Catholic schools, as outlined in campaign materials.