



Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Raymond:

Let us celebrate together this final report of the generosity of our community in the To Teach Who Christ Is capital campaign. The completion of this campaign is a major achievement for our community. We are all indebted to the late Tom McGough and to Chuck and Kathy Hemler for their tenacious and inspiring leadership of this project over the past five years. Read and give thanks to God for the many improvements that have been made possible at St. Raymond by the generosity of our community.

Peace Be With You,

Fr. Scott

The St. Raymond TTWCI Campaign Final Report

When the Archdiocese announced its “To Teach Who Christ Is” fundraising campaign to support Catholic schools and Catholic education, they suggested that parishes might want to do even more and use this as an opportunity to raise funds for capital projects needed in the local parishes. This seemed likely since, as part of the Archdiocese TTWCI effort, each parish would be assessed an amount based on their annual Sunday and holiday collections, so the parishes would probably need some fundraising anyway to cover the assessment.

The St. Raymond community decided to do just that. An aging but vibrant Tom McGough, as he had so many times in the past, volunteered his services to head up the parish’s efforts. He enlisted a team to help develop the projects to be undertaken as well as to lead the fundraising for the parish. A figure of 2.5 million dollars was established as the target for the St. Raymond campaign based on an evaluation of the projects which the team had developed with the assistance of then pastor Fr. Ed Panek and some key input from former parish business manager Hank Matecki.

The campaign target projects were classified into five major categories and these were presented to the parish in the summer of 2017 along with an expected cost. Several additional volunteers then began to contact parishioners for their support over the next few months. A five-year pledge period could be selected to help spread out the financial impact for those contributing. When the solicitation portion of the campaign ended, contributions and pledges over the target of 2.5 million dollars had been received.

Many members of Tom McGough’s original team then formed the Campaign Implementation Team to help ensure that the projects which had been represented to the parish would get implemented in a timely fashion as the necessary funds were received. This team continued to function when Fr. Scott became pastor and during the next two years several additional members were added to the team.

As this St. Raymond campaign effort is now coming to a close, here’s a look at what has been achieved.

From both a financial and project implementation basis, this campaign has been a success thanks to dedicated and generous parishioners. During these past five years, 648 households have thus far contributed \$2,480,631, which along with \$30,072 in interest, has produced a combined total income of \$2,510,703. Since a few remaining pledge payments will still be arriving by the end of the year, the final figures will be slightly higher. Thanks to all who have made this possible even with all the constraints brought on by the pandemic.

The completion of the campaign target projects has required expenditures amounting to \$2,211,096 summarized in the following table:

