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Closing Memo: 5/28/26

To: Fr. Abraham

From: Kolbey Bormann, CCS Campaign Director

CC: Jean Houghton Director of Mission Advancement, Steve Messina & Madi Acridge CCS

Date: 5/28/26

Re: Lord, Renew Your Church Review and Next Steps

Congratulations on a successful **Lord, Renew Your Church** campaign at St. Bernard. After months of hard work and determination, St. Bernard received gifts totaling \$402,972 which was 155% of the original campaign goal. This is a great accomplishment due to the hard work and dedication of the pastor, parish leadership, Campaign Volunteer Committee, and all the parishioners.

Campaign Summary:

St. Bernard is the beneficiary of a faith-filled community with a history of strong ministry groups led by dedicated lay ministers and volunteers. This foundation, coupled with a strong campaign plan, resulted in tremendous success. Father Abraham, you worked tirelessly and patiently with many of the parish families, investing your time to ensure parishioners were informed and well supported through their decision to participate in Lord, Renew Your Church. Your leadership, paired with the volunteer's time led to great success. By meeting with 10 of the most generous parishioners, Father Abraham, you secured \$132,500 or 51% of the overall goal through your own personal visits.

St. Bernard Parish	
Campaign Goal:	\$260,000
Raised to Date:	\$402,972
Parish Share:	\$271,675
Percentage of Goal:	155 %
Number of Gifts:	62
Average Gift:	\$6,557
Participation:	28%

Under Vern and Nancy Elke's leadership, the volunteer team worked to meet with as many families as possible to support you in securing significant gifts from personal visits. Collectively, their work together raised an additional \$234,062 in gifts from 39 families. The Elke's work secured 40% of these funds alone, many thanks to them as well for their incredible leadership.

CCS recommends that the parish community be provided with tangible examples of how their generosity is making a major impact on the parish community at Ascension and the overall diocesan community. Personally, solicited pledges are redeemed at higher rates than publicly appealed funds, and it is important to keep a personal touch with those families as well to demonstrate the positive impact of their generosity. Excitement and a winning message should serve as one's ideology when creating redemption action. We offer the following bullet points and suggestions to support your ongoing work in redemption of these important gifts to Lord, Renew Your Church.



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Regarding Parishioner Concerns:

As the active campaigning ends, it is understood that many parishioners may have remaining questions and concerns about their pledge commitments.

The following are situations you may encounter, and how to respond accordingly. If at any time you have questions, you can always call the Campaign Office at (651) 251-7700.

If a parishioner needs to pause, adjust, change the payment method or schedule of their existing pledge, they should call the Campaign Office at (651) 251-7700 or Melanie Sandoval Database the Analytics Manager at Office: Mission Advancement Phone: 651-291-4435/Email: sandovalm@archspm.org

Regarding Pledge Redemption and Donor Stewardship:

- The Archdiocese will continue to send out pledge reminders to families on their pledge schedule. The Campaign Office encourages parish leadership to include the contact information for the campaign in the bulletin so that donors may address concerns or changes regarding their pledges directly.

Last Chance Mailing

- In the coming year, the campaign office may mail a last chance mailing to those who have not made a pledge, giving them one final opportunity to give.

Key Volunteers:

Volunteer Name	Volunteer Email	Phone	Dollars Raised
Vern and Nancy Elke	NAelke02@gmail.com	612-384-6663	\$92,950 from 16 gifts Visited with 19 families
Joe & Kelli Starkey	j_d_starkey@hotmail.com	218-234-9160	\$61,612 from 11 gifts Visited with 11 families
Patricia Quinn	pquinn55322@hotmail.com	612-386-7641	\$53,500 from 7 gifts Visited with 9 families
Andy & Julie Kleindl	julie.kleindl@gmail.com	952-807-3522	\$26,000 from 5 gifts Visited with 8 families

Congratulations on a successful and transformative campaign. It was a pleasure to work with you!

Lord, Renew Your Church – Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis

