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CAMPAIGN SUMMARY

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Minimum Need
\$28,000,000

Raised to Date
\$41,426,519

**% of Minimum
Need Achieved**
147.95%

Pilot Phase Goal
\$6,197,000

Raised to Date
\$11,580,017

**% of Pilot
Goal Achieved**
186.86%

Block I Goal
\$12,118,000

Raised to Date
\$19,424,693

**% of Block I
Goal Achieved**
160.30%

Block II Goal
\$13,617,000

Raised to Date
\$7,023,414

**% of Block II
Goal Achieved**
51.58%

DINNER RALLIES BLOCK II PARISHES

Building on the momentum created by the Pilot and Block I phases of the STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE IN FAITH Campaign, over 450 people representing 85 parishes gathered at the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville for a dinner to kick-off Block II, the final phase of the campaign.

Block II parishes officially began at the beginning of September. By the dinner on Thursday, September 25, the 85 parishes of Block II had already raised over \$2.8 million or 21% of the collective goal of \$13,617,000. This included almost \$500,000 in pledges received during the evening of the dinner.

The kick-off dinner was highlighted by presentations from the Most Reverend Edward P. Cullen, Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown, the Reverend Monsignor John G. Chizmar, Pastor of Immaculate Conception in Jim Thorpe and Campaign Clergy Coordinator, and Joseph Chiaretti, a parishioner of St. Joseph in Girardville and the chair of St. Joseph's in Girardville highly successful Pilot parish campaign.

Monsignor Chizmar reported that the success of the campaign to date has been "nothing short of extraordinary." He stated that as a result of the hard work and dedication from first 67 parish campaigns and the individual visits by Bishop Cullen, the campaign had already raised over \$35 million.



Over 450 volunteers and pastors from the 85 Block II parishes attended the Block II Kick-off Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Fogelsville on September 25, 2003.

"The generosity of the parishioners of the Diocese of Allentown to the campaign has been phenomenal, as well as the strength and conviction of the pastors and volunteers helping to give every parishioner the opportunity to support this project," said Chizmar.

Monsignor Chizmar reiterated the importance of continued success during the last Block of the campaign. "Pilots and Block I have shown us that this campaign is important and meaningful to the faithful of the Diocese and its success will strengthen the Diocese and parishes for the next generation," said Chizmar. "As you begin your campaigns in Block II, it is important to reach out and extend an opportunity for each parishioner to participate in this worthy cause; for if you do, you will most certainly be continuing to bring to fulfillment at the conclusion of the campaign what began so successfully at its beginning."

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