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SUMMER 2021

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

It has been my honor to serve as your Bishop over the past decade. As each year passes, more and more Catholics are choosing to make South Carolina their home. With joy, the Catholic Church is flourishing in every corner of our state, giving us promise for the future of our ministry in Christ. This is no more evident than with the success of the Bicentennial Campaign, an historic undertaking to prepare our Church for the coming generations.

The generosity that has been shown by the devoted Catholics who wish to strengthen their parishes and our Diocesan programs is overwhelming. Despite the hardships of the last year, the campaign has continued to be a tremendous source of inspiration, and I must express my most sincere gratitude to all who have made a commitment to this effort.

The Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina will be hard at work to distribute the campaign's funds to the many areas of need throughout our Diocese. Our children, our vulnerable neighbors, and our spiritual homes will feel God's grace through your goodwill.

When we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we see all of the goodness and beauty in the world. The Bicentennial Campaign has shown that the fruit of generosity is abundant in South Carolina, and I am deeply thankful for your continued faithfulness.

May God's Blessings Be Yours,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo
Bishop of Charleston



Success in Uncertain Times

On March 11, 2020, the Bicentennial Campaign officially surpassed its target of raising \$60 million throughout the Diocese of Charleston. In the following days, the world changed. With the rise of COVID-19 came widespread Mass restrictions, a suspension of all in-person parish activity, and sudden uncertainty regarding the overall success of the Bicentennial Campaign. The importance of keeping our parishes afloat through the difficulty of the pandemic dwarfed our Diocesan-wide capital campaign, yet the donations kept coming.

Since March of last year, the Bicentennial Campaign has almost

raised an additional \$10 million from over 2,500 families. Even though many parishioners are still participating in Mass from their homes and normal parish activity is still returning to its normal levels, it is clear that South Carolina Catholics have kept the faith in their Church. We owe this success to the unrelenting commitment from our pastors, parish staff, and volunteers.

As we enter the fulfillment phase of the campaign, please know that the CCFSC and the Diocese of Charleston remain dedicated to providing the same level of communication and support to which you are accustomed. We are excited to keep sharing the good news with you.

Achievement Across the Deaneries

AIKEN DEANERY

Our Lady of Lourdes in Greenwood, SC ran a combined effort with the Bicentennial Campaign to build a new Family Life Center known as St. Bernadette's Hall. After a very successful campaign in 2018, construction for this expansion project was completed in the Fall of 2020. The parish is now enjoying the new office space, kitchen, and gathering areas offered by St. Bernadette's Hall.

BEAUFORT DEANERY

St. Peter in Beaufort, SC carried-out one of the most successful campaigns throughout the Diocese. The parish aimed to usher in a renewed future in strong financial standing through the Bicentennial Campaign, and has since paid off all parish debt and purchased a new property to establish a strong community outreach center.

CHARLESTON DEANERY

St. John in North Charleston, SC focused on improving the safety of their church by renovating the stairway to its choir loft, which was previously unstable. The Bicentennial Campaign has since enabled the parish to conduct this much-needed project, the first of its numerous case elements to upgrade its parish and school facilities.

COLUMBIA DEANERY

Transfiguration in Blythewood, SC sought to expand their campus by constructing a classroom addition, a new kitchen, and storage space to more adequately accommodate their vibrant parish activity. Since last year, the funds that Transfiguration has received through the Bicentennial Campaign have allowed for the completion of this beautiful new space.

Fulfilling our

Living the Gospel Through Social Outreach



St. Clare's Home — \$126,470

St. Clare's Home of Joyful Hope is a maternity home for women who find themselves in a crisis pregnancy with no place to go and seemingly no other options. The home, nestled on 16 acres in Greenville County, provides a real alternative to abortion for pregnant moms by reaching out in love to them and their unborn babies.

The Catholic Church is taking strides in breaking the cycles of single parenthood and poverty by providing mothers experiencing crises with a "home" and a loving environment. The Diocese is committed to setting up our mothers and their children for healthy lives and preserving the sanctity of life starting at conception. To do so, Bicentennial Campaign funds slated for St. Clare's Home of Joyful Hope total \$1,000,000.

Through your generosity, women who stay at St. Clare's Home will live in community with other mothers to share their journey, and receive health and maternal care from the Sisters of St. Michael of the Archangel, who will staff the home.



Hispanic Ministries — \$15,000

As the Hispanic population in our diocese continues to grow, we must maintain our welcoming efforts towards the Spanish-speaking community and facilitate their integration into the family of faith. It is imperative that we commit the needed resources to ensuring our Hispanic brothers and sisters grasp a full understanding of the Catholic faith and its holiness as they become familiar with life in South Carolina.

The CCFSC is proud to provide the funds necessary to hire a Hispanic Family Coordinator with the Office of Hispanic Ministry and Family Life. This important role will aid Hispanic couples to fully understand the sanctity of married life through Catholic programs, retreats, and local gatherings. Additionally, the Foundation will support our Hispanic priests, deacons, and religious sisters with training to improve their leadership and pastoral service in counseling those dealing with grief, depression, and other psychological issues.

To jumpstart these important initiatives for our Hispanic Ministry, a total of \$15,000 has been granted by the CCFSC.

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Forming Catholics to Believe in the Gospel

Campus Ministry — \$58,000

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the gospel with college and university students, inspiring and equipping them for a lifetime of Christ-centered evangelization, discipleship, and friendships in which they lead others to do the same.

FOCUS missionaries at the University of South Carolina in Columbia and Coastal Carolina University in Conway are determined to ensure Catholic students feel connected to the Word of God as their studies prepare them for their next steps in life. It is important that our young academics involved with FOCUS are able to conduct Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips, and one-on-one discipleship so that they may avoid distraction from the joyful message of Jesus Christ's love.

As the University of South Carolina and Coastal Carolina are two prominent college preferences for young Catholics from across the country, it is imperative that the respective FOCUS missions at these campuses have the resources necessary to maintain a strong presence to continue making disciples. The Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina is proud to grant a total of \$58,000 to these Campus Ministries in Columbia and Conway for the purpose of serving the young faithful.



GREENVILLE DEANERY

St. Paul the Apostle in Spartanburg, SC ran one of the most successful efforts of the Bicentennial Campaign. Recognizing a larger share of the funds would come back to the parish if it surpassed 125% of its target, St. Paul the Apostle reached 220% of their \$820,000 goal, providing the parish the funds to pay down its mortgage debt and address maintenance needs.

MYRTLE BEACH DEANERY

St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom in Georgetown, SC saw its parish family come together for the purpose of ensuring their church's foundation and all of its amenities are sustainable, secure, and efficient. By raising over 200% of its Bicentennial Campaign target, the parish is able to begin mapping a long-range plan to make certain their historic church and its campus will last for generations.

ROCK HILL DEANERY

St. Anne in Rock Hill, SC has experienced significant growth in recent years, requiring an expanded parking lot to sufficiently accommodate their church and school. With the funds raised through the Bicentennial Campaign, not only will St. Anne be able to increase the number of available parking spaces on its campus, an emergency access road will also be installed.

Campaign Overview Highlights & Statistics



15,310
individual donors

61
parishes exceeding
100% of campaign target

420
lay volunteers

All figures accurate as of July 13, 2021.

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in Faith.*



Your gifts

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN DETAILS

PARISH	TARGET	RAISED-TO-DATE	% OF TARGET
All Saints Parish, Lake Wylie	\$630,000	\$240,820	38%
Basilica of Saint Peter, Columbia**	\$1,150,000	\$575,000	50%
Blessed Sacrament Church, Charleston	\$1,200,000	\$546,267	46%
Blessed Trinity Church, Greer	\$240,000	\$712,498	297%
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston*	\$870,000	\$1,909,207	219%
Christ Our King Church, Mount Pleasant	\$1,900,000	\$3,012,384	159%
Church of the Infant Jesus, Marion	\$50,000	\$66,614	133%
Church of the Resurrection, Loris	\$90,000	\$185,049	206%
Corpus Christi Church, Lexington	\$800,000	\$854,117	107%
Divine Redeemer Church, Hanahan	\$420,000	\$258,258	61%
Divine Saviour Church, York	\$150,000	\$113,375	76%
Good Shepherd Church, McCormick	\$220,000	\$265,800	121%
Holy Cross Church, Pickens	\$200,000	\$117,937	59%
Holy Cross Mission, St. Helena Island	\$90,000	\$43,100	48%
Holy Family Church, Hilton Head	\$910,000	\$774,325	85%
Holy Spirit Mission, Laurens	\$80,000	\$154,550	193%
Holy Spirit, Johns Island	\$670,000	\$1,000,577	149%
Holy Trinity Church, Orangeburg	\$280,000	\$690,821	247%
Immaculate Conception Church, Goose Creek	\$810,000	\$431,677	53%
Jesus Our Risen Savior Church, Spartanburg**	\$840,000	\$420,000	50%
Nativity Church, Charleston	\$790,000	\$247,854	31%
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Folly Beach	\$220,000	\$85,270	39%
Our Lady of Grace, Indian Land**	\$400,000	\$200,000	50%
Our Lady of La Vang, Greenville**	\$100,000	\$50,000	50%
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Greenwood*	\$750,000	\$2,254,808	301%
Our Lady of Peace Church, North Augusta	\$640,000	\$624,816	98%
Our Lady of Peace Mission, Bonneau	\$60,000	\$33,150	55%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Camden	\$350,000	\$162,376	46%
Our Lady of the Hills Church, Columbia	\$1,160,000	\$2,070,564	178%
Our Lady of the Lake Church, Chapin	\$680,000	\$882,665	130%
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Greenville	\$580,000	\$193,302	33%
Our Lady of The Valley Church, Gloverville	\$100,000	\$31,723	32%
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, North Myrtle Beach	\$1,260,000	\$1,510,981	120%
Precious Blood of Christ Church, Pawleys Island	\$850,000	\$1,728,402	203%
Prince of Peace Church, Taylors	\$1,320,000	\$845,393	64%
Sacred Heart Church, Abbeville	\$60,000	\$89,570	149%
Sacred Heart Church, Charleston	\$180,000	\$142,250	79%
Sacred Heart Church, Gaffney	\$250,000	\$238,331	95%
Saint Clare of Assisi Church, Daniel Island	\$690,000	\$162,595	24%
San Sebastian Mission, Greenville	\$280,000	\$882,888	315%
St. Andrew Church, Barnwell	\$70,000	\$126,610	181%
St. Andrew Church, Clemson**	\$660,000	\$330,000	50%
St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach*	\$1,210,000	\$2,495,843	206%
St. Ann Church, Florence	\$290,000	\$235,297	81%
St. Ann Church, Kingstree	\$25,000	\$5,639	23%
St. Ann Church, Santee	\$100,000	\$127,390	127%
St. Anne Church, Rock Hill	\$790,000	\$583,216	74%
St. Anne/St. Jude Church, Sumter*	\$650,000	\$2,296,430	353%
St. Anthony Church, Florence	\$600,000	\$236,391	39%
St. Anthony Church, Ridgeland	\$110,000	\$225,780	205%
St. Anthony Church, Waltherboro	\$130,000	\$148,893	115%
St. Anthony Mission, Hardeeville	\$160,000	\$220,977	138%
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Greenville**	\$1,360,000	\$680,000	50%

CAMPAIGN DETAILS (continued)

PARISH	TARGET	RAISED-TO-DATE	% OF TARGET
St. Augustine Church, Union	\$20,000	\$22,341	112%
St. Benedict, Mt Pleasant	\$960,000	\$1,129,285	118%
St. Boniface, Joanna	\$50,000	\$66,253	133%
St. Catherine of Siena, Lancaster	\$130,000	\$227,254	175%
St. Denis Mission, Bennettsville	\$30,000	\$32,925	110%
St. Edward, Murphy Village	\$165,000	\$209,918	127%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mauldin	\$490,000	\$290,350	59%
St. Ernest Mission, Pageland	\$20,000	\$20,617	103%
St. Francis by the Sea, Hilton Head	\$1,930,000	\$2,128,924	110%
St. Francis Mission, Walhalla**	\$80,000	\$40,000	50%
St. Gerard, Aiken	\$140,000	\$149,120	107%
St. Gregory the Great, Bluffton	\$2,150,000	\$3,486,097	162%
St. James the Greater Mission, Walterboro	\$30,000	\$58,819	196%
St. James, Conway	\$730,000	\$645,147	88%
St. John Neumann, Columbia**	\$1,210,000	\$605,000	50%
St. John of the Cross, Batesburg	\$100,000	\$195,464	195%
St. John the Beloved, Summerville	\$1,230,000	\$1,291,761	105%
St. John, North Charleston	\$190,000	\$384,280	202%
St. Joseph Mission, Darlington	\$35,000	\$24,695	71%
St. Joseph, Anderson	\$580,000	\$704,394	121%
St. Joseph, Charleston	\$500,000	\$615,073	123%
St. Joseph, Chester	\$50,000	\$15,660	31%
St. Joseph, Columbia	\$1,530,000	\$1,358,630	89%
St. Louis Church, Dillon	\$70,000	\$102,737	147%
St. Luke Mission, Easley	\$230,000	\$75,800	33%
St. Mark, Newberry	\$80,000	\$239,685	300%
St. Martin de Porres, Columbia	\$340,000	\$604,933	178%
St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken	\$1,720,000	\$1,728,512	100%
St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville	\$3,150,000	\$1,486,745	47%
St. Mary Mission, Allendale	\$20,000	\$130,910	655%
St. Mary Mission, Hampton	\$30,000	\$30,450	102%
St. Mary of Angels, Anderson	\$200,000	\$275,314	138%
St. Mary of the Annunciation, Charleston	\$280,000	\$2,590,433	925%
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Edgefield	\$110,000	\$46,800	43%
St. Mary Our Lady of Hope, Summerton	\$140,000	\$147,795	106%
St. Mary the Virgin Mother, Hartsville	\$190,000	\$114,221	60%
St. Mary, Georgetown	\$300,000	\$720,050	240%
St. Mary, Greenville	\$1,810,000	\$855,000	47%
St. Mary, Rock Hill	\$340,000	\$32,850	10%
St. Mary, Yorges Island**	\$100,000	\$50,000	50%
St. Michael Mission, Great Falls	\$30,000	\$7,115	24%
St. Michael, Garden City*	\$1,760,000	\$2,192,786	125%
St. Patrick Mission, Johnsonville	\$10,000	\$6,000	60%
St. Patrick, Charleston	\$330,000	\$844,255	256%
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Seneca**	\$990,000	\$495,000	50%
St. Paul the Apostle, Spartanburg	\$820,000	\$1,804,470	220%
St. Peter, Beaufort	\$1,210,000	\$2,968,167	245%
St. Peter, Cheraw	\$70,000	\$73,882	106%
St. Philip Benizi, Moncks Corner	\$180,000	\$216,348	120%
St. Philip Neri, Fort Mill**	\$1,780,000	\$890,000	50%
St. Philip the Apostle, Lake City	\$40,000	\$37,947	95%
St. Theresa Mission, Springfield	\$50,000	\$113,400	227%
St. Theresa the Little Flower, Summerville	\$630,000	\$225,095	36%
St. Theresa, Winnsboro	\$30,000	\$40,045	133%
St. Thomas More Center, Columbia	\$310,000	\$407,000	131%
St. Thomas the Apostle, North Charleston	\$450,000	\$238,382	53%
St. William, Ward	\$70,000	\$11,075	16%
Stella Maris, Sullivans Island	\$1,340,000	\$1,370,090	102%
Sts. Frederick & Stephen Mission, Edisto Island**	\$70,000	\$35,000	50%
Transfiguration, Blythewood	\$450,000	\$1,002,177	223%

**Parish elected to run a Combined Campaign, which combines the Bicentennial Campaign with a separate parish campaign for an urgent and significant local need.
**Parish elected to raise or pay funds to only its Diocesan share, which is 50% of its parish target.*



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Who is the CCFSC?

The Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina (CCFSC) is a 501(C)3 organization responsible for overseeing the investment and distribution of the funds raised for endowments and other long-term purposes to fulfill the needs of Catholic parishes, schools, missions and ministries. The clergy and lay people who comprise the Board of Directors will be involved with future Diocesan efforts beyond the Bicentennial Campaign.

For more information, please visit the Foundation's website at www.catholicfoundationsc.org.