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## A Message from our Bishop

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is my profound joy to share with you the inaugural newsletter of the Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina, a foundation whose purpose and mission is to support the religious, educational, and charitable programs throughout the Diocese of Charleston.

Though the recent months have proven tumultuous for us all, our Church has adapted and persevered to bring the Word of God and the comfort of our Lord Jesus to all who have been impacted by sickness, unemployment, racial injustice, and worry. It is my prayer that the work the Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina (CCFSC) is doing to strengthen our communities in Christ can be a source of inspiration and light in these unfortunate and uncertain times.

As 2020 marks the 200th year since the founding of our Diocese, the Bicentennial Campaign was launched to ensure our parishes, missions, social programs, and ministries across the state are prepared for the next century. These funds are the lifeblood of the CCFSC, and I am pleased to report that this effort has been an overwhelming success. This semi-annual newsletter will serve as the messenger for all the good that is being done through your generosity.

May God's Blessings Be Yours,

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston



## Sharing God's Grace

The Bicentennial Campaign has been an historic undertaking that owes its success to the devotion and generosity of thousands of faithful families from all across our state. We are pleased to report that over 12,000 Catholic families have made gifts to the Bicentennial Campaign since 2018, resulting in over \$62 million raised, which is 104% of our \$60 million goal. These funds enable the Catholic Community Foundation of SC's purpose and we are deeply thankful for the support provided by South Carolina Catholics.

Over 50% of the overall funds raised will be provided back to the parishes and missions to meet their critical needs. The remaining share will be

allocated and provided to the elements that will strengthen the Diocesan programs across our seven deaneries while also sustaining our growing Diocese for generations to come.

This newsletter will provide semi-annual updates to our Diocese about how the funds are being administered by the Catholic Community Foundation of SC to the parishes, programs, schools, and endowments that will evangelize our brothers and sisters and enable us to act as the hands and feet of Christ.



## Success Across the Deaneries

### AIKEN

Good Shepherd Catholic Church in McCormick, SC ran a very successful Bicentennial Campaign in 2019, raising 126% of their \$220,000 goal from nearly 40% of their registered parishioners. With security upgrades for their campus at the forefront of their needs, the parish has since used their campaign funds to implement the first phase of their Facility Security Plan, which will ensure the safety of the buildings, parishioners, and staff of Good Shepherd as they gather to worship Jesus Christ.

### BEAUFORT

St. Anthony Catholic Church in Ridgeland, SC is the spiritual home to multiple diverse communities in South Carolina's Lowcountry. In early 2019, the parish came together to raise over 200% of its Bicentennial Campaign target, allowing them the means to conduct repairs, modernize their campus facilities, and increase comfortability for parishioners and guests. A flourishing parish such as St. Anthony's serves as a shining example of the Bicentennial Campaign bringing a parish family together to address their church's significant needs.

### CHARLESTON

The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, SC stands as the "mother church" of the Diocese of Charleston. After being destroyed in a fire in 1861, a slow rebuild took place, but a lack of funding kept crucial design elements such as the steeple and interior paint from being finished. Numerous initiatives throughout the years have helped upkeep the church to its originally-intended state, however a major, much-needed rejuvenation project was initiated using Bicentennial Campaign funds in late 2019. Once complete, the nearly \$2,000,000 project will exhibit and emphasize the beautiful elements of the Cathedral as it was originally conceptualized.

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# Our first steps

## Living the Gospel Through Social Outreach

Catholic Charities of South Carolina promotes self-sufficiency and strives to break the cycle of poverty in South Carolina by serving our neighbors in need. Strengthening our outreach to individuals stricken by homelessness, food insecurity, unemployment, mental illness, and inadequate access to healthcare is what led to the creation of the Outreach Program Fund. The CCFSC is pleased to provide grants to the Outreach Program Fund for the following initiatives that enable Catholic Charities to act as the Body of Christ:



### Food Pantry Operations

Catholic Charities currently operates 5 food pantries statewide (Greenville, Gloverville, Hardeeville, Charleston, Conway), and has identified a pressing need for an additional location in Columbia. Since the rise of COVID-19 in March 2020, client demand has increased by 50%, and the resources of several locations were quickly depleted. The CCFSC has granted \$100,000 to complete the much-needed Columbia facility and to ensure these crucial pantries remain stocked with food for those who have been gravely impacted by hardship.



### Clean of Heart Mobile Ministry

This pilot ministry seeks to implement a nationwide best practice by taking its shower and laundry ministry to the homeless populations that are commonly on the move. Endorsed by regional pastors and local government authorities, Greenville-Spartanburg will be the launching point for this ministry that will serve the growing number of tent communities across our state. \$75,000 has been granted by the CCFSC to implement this important new initiative by Clean of Heart.

***One Family in Faith.***

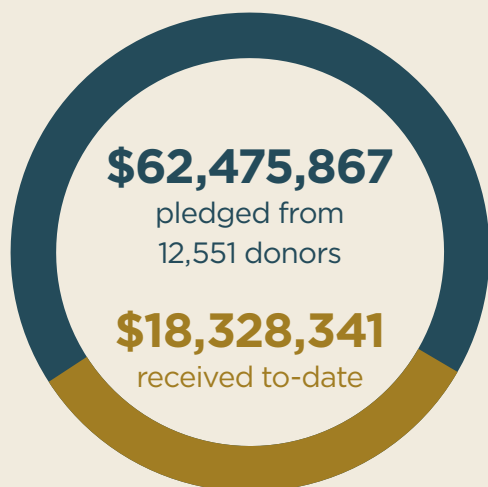
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## Forming Catholics to Believe in the Gospel

Catholic schools need to remain affordable, accessible, and attainable for all who value the opportunity to be educated in an academic environment that centers on a relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Diocese of Charleston School Modernization Project seeks to provide 28 schools across our state with modern internet infrastructure that supports each school's fully-enrolled capacity for the next 7-10 years. The CCFSC will disburse \$200,000 to this essential project that maximizes our students' access and connectivity to the internet and 21st century educational and communication platforms. The project aims to be fully-implemented in 2021.



## Campaign Overview Highlights & Statistics



**48%**  
of parishes have exceeded  
their targeted goal

**16%**  
of parish campaigns  
remain active

**412+**  
lay volunteers have  
donated countless hours

*Totals Accurate as of June 26, 2020.*

### COLUMBIA

Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Orangeburg, SC established itself as one of the earliest examples of success in the beginning of the Bicentennial Campaign. In 2018, Holy Trinity and its mission church, St. Theresa in Springfield, both exceeded over 220% of their campaign targets, and set the stage for the successes other parishes would enjoy. Since their campaigns, Holy Trinity has begun to implement a viable youth ministry, where the youth of the Orangeburg area can learn and grow in Christ. At St. Theresa, their funds have allowed for renovations to the church and parish hall to take place.

### GREENVILLE

St. Augustine Catholic Church in Union, SC was the first parish to surpass 100% of its Bicentennial Campaign target in 2020. With under 40 registered families, St. Augustine carried the successful momentum that many other smaller parishes have experienced since 2018. As funds begin to be returned to St. Augustine, the parish intends to maintain a "rainy day" fund to allow for a quick response to any emergency maintenance situation.

### MYRTLE BEACH

Precious Blood of Christ in Pawley's Island, SC had a robust list of needs they hoped to address through the Bicentennial Campaign. Recognizing that more than half of the raised funds would be returned to Precious Blood if 125% of their target was achieved, the parish executed an overwhelmingly successful campaign, and raised over \$1,000,000. This achievement allows the parish to take the initial steps in adding new storage space for their parish outreach kitchen, as well as other campus improvements.

### ROCK HILL

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Lancaster, SC has begun the process of bringing in architects to address the various church renovations the parish would like to conduct. With a Bicentennial Target of \$130,000, the parish was motivated to exceed this figure to ensure more funds would come back for these renovations. In late 2019, St. Catherine completed their campaign with 120% raised and the excitement of their future projects becoming reality.





# Your gifts

## BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN DETAILS

PARISH	TARGET	RAISED-TO-DATE	% OF TARGET
All Saints Parish, Lake Wylie	\$630,000	\$230,450	37%
Basilica of Saint Peter, Columbia	\$575,000	\$575,000	100%
Blessed Sacrament Church, Charleston**	\$1,200,000	\$226,773	19%
Blessed Trinity Church, Greer	\$240,000	\$716,866	299%
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston*	\$870,000	\$1,863,597	214%
Christ Our King Church, Mount Pleasant	\$1,900,000	\$3,013,062	159%
Church of the Infant Jesus, Marion	\$50,000	\$72,180	144%
Church of the Resurrection, Loris	\$90,000	\$184,530	205%
Corpus Christi Church, Lexington	\$800,000	\$855,784	107%
Divine Redeemer Church, Hanahan	\$420,000	\$251,652	60%
Divine Saviour Church, York	\$150,000	\$113,375	76%
Good Shepherd Church, McCormick	\$220,000	\$277,160	126%
Holy Cross Church, Pickens	\$200,000	\$118,947	59%
Holy Cross Mission, St. Helena Island	\$90,000	\$43,100	48%
Holy Family Church, Hilton Head	\$910,000	\$768,425	84%
Holy Spirit Mission, Laurens	\$80,000	\$154,550	193%
Holy Spirit, Johns Island	\$670,000	\$1,014,974	151%
Holy Trinity Church, Orangeburg	\$280,000	\$690,332	247%
Immaculate Conception Church, Goose Creek	\$810,000	\$418,958	52%
Jesus Our Risen Savior Church, Spartanburg	\$420,000	\$420,000	100%
Nativity Church, Charleston**	\$790,000	\$94,570	12%
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Folly Beach	\$220,000	\$85,200	39%
Our Lady of Grace, Indian Land	\$200,000	\$200,000	100%
Our Lady of La Vang, Greenville	\$50,000	\$50,000	100%
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Greenwood	\$750,000	\$2,192,548	292%
Our Lady of Peace Church, North Augusta	\$640,000	\$634,276	99%
Our Lady of Peace Mission, Bonneau	\$60,000	\$33,100	55%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Camden**	\$350,000	\$36,000	10%
Our Lady of the Hills Church, Columbia	\$1,160,000	\$2,056,391	177%
Our Lady of the Lake Church, Chapin**	\$680,000	\$583,450	86%
Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Greenville**	\$580,000	\$159,032	27%
Our Lady of The Valley Church, Gloverville	\$100,000	\$33,733	34%
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, North Myrtle Beach	\$1,260,000	\$1,530,876	121%
Precious Blood of Christ Church, Pawleys Island	\$850,000	\$1,749,212	206%
Prince of Peace Church, Taylors	\$1,320,000	\$883,508	67%
Sacred Heart Church, Abbeville	\$60,000	\$89,570	149%
Sacred Heart Church, Charleston	\$180,000	\$168,380	94%
Sacred Heart Church, Gaffney**	\$250,000	\$237,950	95%
Saint Clare of Assisi Church, Daniel Island**	\$690,000	\$500	0%
San Sebastian Mission, Greenville	\$280,000	\$886,308	317%
St. Andrew Church, Barnwell	\$70,000	\$127,720	182%
St. Andrew Church, Clemson	\$330,000	\$330,000	100%
St. Andrew Church, Myrtle Beach*	\$1,210,000	\$2,537,056	210%
St. Ann Church, Kingstree	\$25,000	\$5,574	22%
St. Ann Church, Santee	\$100,000	\$127,390	127%
St. Ann Church, Florence**	\$290,000	\$232,850	80%
St. Anne Church, Rock Hill	\$790,000	\$584,186	74%
St. Anne/St. Jude Church, Sumter*	\$650,000	\$2,296,850	353%
St. Anthony Church, Florence**	\$600,000	\$2,821	0%
St. Anthony Church, Ridgeland	\$110,000	\$224,160	204%
St. Anthony Church, Walterboro	\$130,000	\$150,638	116%
St. Anthony Mission, Hardeeville**	\$160,000	\$25,345	16%
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Greenville	\$680,000	\$680,000	100%

# CAMPAIGN DETAILS (continued)

PARISH	TARGET	RAISED-TO-DATE	% OF TARGET
St. Augustine Church, Union**	\$20,000	\$22,225	111%
St. Benedict, Mt Pleasant	\$960,000	\$1,135,455	118%
St. Boniface, Joanna	\$50,000	\$71,400	143%
St. Catherine of Siena, Lancaster	\$130,000	\$214,646	165%
St. Denis Mission, Bennettsville	\$30,000	\$32,925	110%
St. Edward, Murphy Village	\$165,000	\$212,525	129%
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Mauldin**	\$490,000	\$283,540	58%
St. Ernest Mission, Pageland	\$20,000	\$20,590	103%
St. Francis by the Sea, Hilton Head	\$1,930,000	\$1,777,938	92%
St. Francis Mission, Walhalla	\$40,000	\$40,000	100%
St. Gerard, Aiken	\$140,000	\$148,600	106%
St. Gregory the Great, Bluffton**	\$2,150,000	\$893,670	42%
St. James the Greater Mission, Walterboro	\$30,000	\$63,589	212%
St. James, Conway**	\$730,000	\$174,469	24%
St. John Neumann, Columbia	\$605,000	\$605,000	100%
St. John of the Cross, Batesburg	\$100,000	\$193,725	194%
St. John the Beloved, Summerville	\$1,230,000	\$1,290,478	105%
St. John, North Charleston	\$190,000	\$391,560	206%
St. Joseph Mission, Darlington	\$35,000	\$24,695	71%
St. Joseph, Anderson	\$580,000	\$704,052	121%
St. Joseph, Charleston	\$500,000	\$601,816	120%
St. Joseph, Chester	\$50,000	\$15,660	31%
St. Joseph, Columbia**	\$1,530,000	\$755,448	49%
St. Louis Church, Dillon	\$70,000	\$104,422	149%
St. Luke Mission, Easley	\$230,000	\$80,200	35%
St. Mark, Newberry	\$80,000	\$239,650	300%
St. Martin de Porres, Columbia	\$340,000	\$606,222	178%
St. Mary Help of Christians, Aiken**	\$1,720,000	\$821,482	48%
St. Mary Magdalene, Simpsonville**	\$3,150,000	\$804,525	26%
St. Mary Mission, Allendale	\$20,000	\$130,910	655%
St. Mary Mission, Hampton	\$30,000	\$29,760	99%
St. Mary of Angels, Anderson	\$200,000	\$291,132	146%
St. Mary of the Annunciation, Charleston	\$280,000	\$2,247,510	803%
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception, Edgefield**	\$110,000	\$45,300	41%
St. Mary Our Lady of Hope, Summerton	\$140,000	\$147,795	106%
St. Mary Our Lady of Ransom, Georgetown	\$300,000	\$715,343	238%
St. Mary the Virgin Mother, Hartsville	\$190,000	\$114,221	60%
St. Mary, Greenville	\$855,000	\$855,000	100%
St. Mary, Rock Hill**	\$340,000	\$32,550	10%
St. Mary, Yorges Island	\$50,283	\$50,283	100%
St. Michael Mission, Great Falls	\$30,000	\$6,365	21%
St. Michael, Garden City*	\$1,760,000	\$2,226,302	126%
St. Patrick Mission, Johnsonville	\$10,000	\$6,000	60%
St. Patrick, Charleston	\$330,000	\$839,445	254%
St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Seneca	\$495,000	\$495,000	100%
St. Paul the Apostle, Spartanburg	\$820,000	\$1,813,925	221%
St. Peter, Beaufort	\$1,210,000	\$2,978,466	246%
St. Peter, Cheraw	\$70,000	\$77,832	111%
St. Philip Benizi, Moncks Corner	\$180,000	\$214,995	119%
St. Philip Neri, Fort Mill**	\$890,000	\$890,000	100%
St. Philip the Apostle, Lake City	\$40,000	\$36,730	92%
St. Theresa Mission, Springfield	\$50,000	\$113,400	227%
St. Theresa the Little Flower, Summerville**	\$630,000	\$174,698	28%
St. Theresa, Winnsboro	\$30,000	\$40,020	133%
St. Thomas More Center, Columbia	\$310,000	\$318,655	103%
St. Thomas the Apostle, North Charleston**	\$450,000	\$185,440	41%
St. William, Ward**	\$70,000	\$9,100	13%
Stella Maris, Sullivans Island	\$1,340,000	\$1,385,891	103%
Sts. Frederick & Stephen Mission, Edisto Island	\$35,000	\$35,000	100%
Transfiguration, Blythewood	\$450,000	\$988,033	220%

\*Parish elected to run a Combined Campaign, which combines the Bicentennial Campaign with a separate parish campaign for an urgent and significant local need.

\*\*This is a Block IV parish whose campaign is currently on hold.



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*We are the Roman Catholic Church  
in South Carolina.*



## Who is the CCFSC?

The Catholic Community Foundation of South Carolina (CCFSC) is a newly-established 501(C)3 organization that will ensure the funds raised for endowments and other long-term purposes within the Diocese are invested and distributed properly to fulfill the needs of 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 Diocese of Charleston website at [www.charlestdiocese.org](http://www.charlestdiocese.org)