



The Beacon on the Hill

May 2015

Holy Disciples Catholic Church Scriptural Campaign Newsletter

Dear Friends,

We are truly Blessed! The Holy Spirit is at work in our Parish creating unity. Examples of this unity include the high turnout at the St Patrick's dinner and the high participation in small groups during the Living of the Eucharist Lenten Journey. The theme during Mass last weekend was unity and belonging. The first reading was about Paul joining the disciples and then *speaking out boldly in the name of our Lord*. The responsorial psalm was *I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people*. When we belong to a parish and gather together as a spiritual family, then Jesus is in our midst shining his light on us and those around us. Thank you, Holy Disciples Parish, for your continued support of one another.

For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst -Matthew 18:20

May God bless and keep you during this wonderful Easter Season,

Steve and Kerry Kurpius

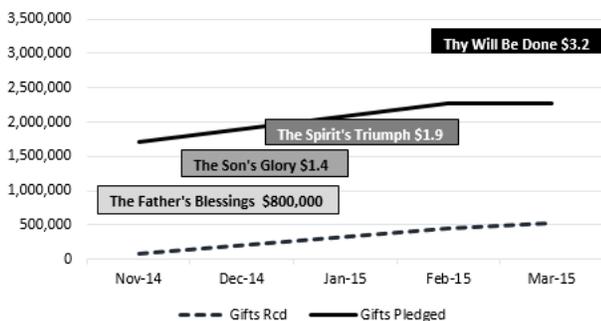
Scriptural Campaign Follow-Up Directors

Letting our light shine throughout South Hill and beyond.

Monthly Update (as of April 30, 2015):

- Participating Households: 393 of 847 registered
- Gifts Pledged so far: \$2,284,463.46
- Gifts Collected to date: \$567,521.27
- Payments made to the Archdiocese: \$640,531.60
(These include payments from the General Fund)
- Current Loan Amount: \$2,824,433.06

1st Quarter of the Campaign



Equal Sacrifice, Not Equal Gifts

New! "Welcoming Disciples"

One of the blessings of the Scriptural Campaign is that a new ministry has formed, "Welcoming Disciples."

This ministry reaches out and connects with our new parishioners. The purpose of this ministry is to visit new parishioners to share about Holy Disciples, the various ways to be involved, and to develop fellowship and a strong connection to our parish mission. We need more people to help with this ministry. If you are interested in participating, please, contact us or the parish office.

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Treasure Principle:

"See that you excel in the grace of giving: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor so that you might become rich through his poverty"

2 Corinthians 8:7, 8:9

Generosity is one of the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit (charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self control, and chastity) which are perfections that the Holy Spirit forms in us as the first fruits of eternal glory. (Catechism of the Catholic Church #1832).

By charity, we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for love of God. Charity, the form of all the virtues, "binds everything together in perfect harmony" CCC#1844 and Colossians 3:14

