



Letter from the Provost: *Campaign Goal Met!*

September 20, 2024

Dear Friends,

I write to share with you some very exciting news. Not only did the Oratory's *Magnify the Lord* capital campaign meet its goal of \$4.5 million, we surpassed it! The total value of the pledges we have received stands now at slightly more than \$5 million. I cannot tell you how gratifying this is and how grateful we are to those who helped us achieve this great blessing for the Oratory. Thanks be to God and thanks be to you. The money we have raised will meet all the capital needs we included in the campaign: the refurbishment of our Newman center, essential repairs and improvements to our house at Bayard St., the expansion of our campus and music ministries, as well as the refurbishment of our retreat house, Rednal.

All of these projects have made great progress. Our Newman Center is in the midst of a complete renovation. Those attending Mass at the Oratory will be glad to hear that our chapel's pews have been completely refurbished and are now re-installed. No more awkward chairs! The chapel's new choir loft is nearly finished and will soon be ready for the installation of our new organ, which will begin on October 4th. A few delays mean that the refurbishment of our student center is not yet finished, but we are cautiously optimistic it will be completed by the end of October.

It is wonderful to be able to share this good news with you. We recognize in the success of the campaign a sign of the Lord's favor. We see in it too a sign of your love and commitment to us and our mission. May you see in our zeal to serve you and yours a sign of our gratitude for your help.

In Christ and St. Philip Neri,

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