



Dear Friends,

I want to extend a special thank you to the pastors and leaders of Wave 3 parishes who recently gathered with Bishop Joe Vásquez at four Leadership Summits. Their enthusiasm for this campaign to strengthen the Diocese of Austin is much appreciated!

It is hard to believe we are now launching the final wave of *Encountering Christ*, and I cannot help but reflect on how far we have come since the Pilot Phase began in January 2018. While we will meet our \$85 million goal during this last leg of fundraising, we owe our success to the generosity of many during the past year and a half. We are incredibly grateful to the more than 12,300 individuals who have accepted the invitation to participate in *Encountering Christ*.

I am especially pleased to report that your contributions are already being directed to support the needs identified in both the diocesan and local case statements. Look for details on how ministries and parishes are benefiting from campaign gifts in future issues of this newsletter and at encounteringchristcampaign.org.

Sincerely,

Scott Whitaker
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