



RENEW +
REBUILD

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

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Dear friends in the Lord,

Over the past two years, we have been following Pope Francis' call to serve God and one another through our *Renew + Rebuild* capital campaign, which allows us to strengthen our parishes, communities, and archdiocese.

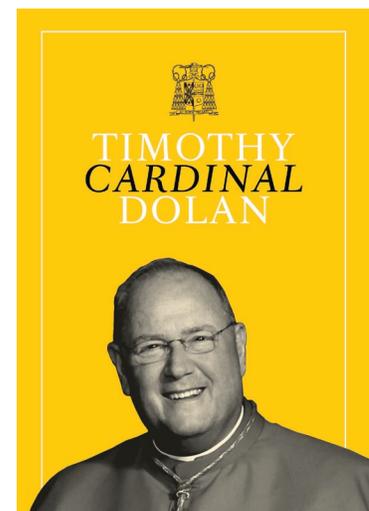
Thanks to the generosity of so many of you, we have reached a major milestone in this campaign: We have raised \$200 million! One hundred nine parishes have completed their fundraising and another 135 parishes will finish their *Renew + Rebuild* efforts over the next few months. What an amazing achievement! I am humbled by your incredible support.

Your support is especially appreciated and needed in this troubled time of crisis in the Church. The works of the Church must go on. And none of the *Renew + Rebuild* funds are used for the compensation on settlements.

So many of our parishes have benefited from *Renew + Rebuild*, and there are still more than 40 that will be starting later this year. Our success should provide these parishes with the confidence that they, too, can significantly improve their parish through this initiative.

Renew + Rebuild is very important to our archdiocese because almost three-fourths of the funds raised are being used to support critical parish projects such as replacing and repairing roofs, installing air conditioning or heating systems, renovating parking lots, and restoring churches. The rest of the funds are allocated to priorities that include the formation and evangelization of lay leadership through programs like the Sheen Center and Formed.org and Catholic schools and charities.

We all have a responsibility to care for our Church. It's up to us to ensure that our faith remains strong – one that continues



to inspire and evangelize for generations. It is not always easy to answer the call to give, but only together can we renew and rebuild our Church for the future, which helps us all lead more fulfilling, faith-filled lives.

To all in our parish communities across the archdiocese, I pray for you, I bless you, and I thank you!

Faithfully in Christ,

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Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

BY THE NUMBERS

What capital improvement projects are parishes tackling through *Renew + Rebuild*?

New boiler? Repairing the parish hall? Restoring stained glass windows? Here's a snapshot of the most common projects identified by parishes - and these are well under way! These improvements help keep our parishes strong and are only possible because of the generosity of our parishioners.

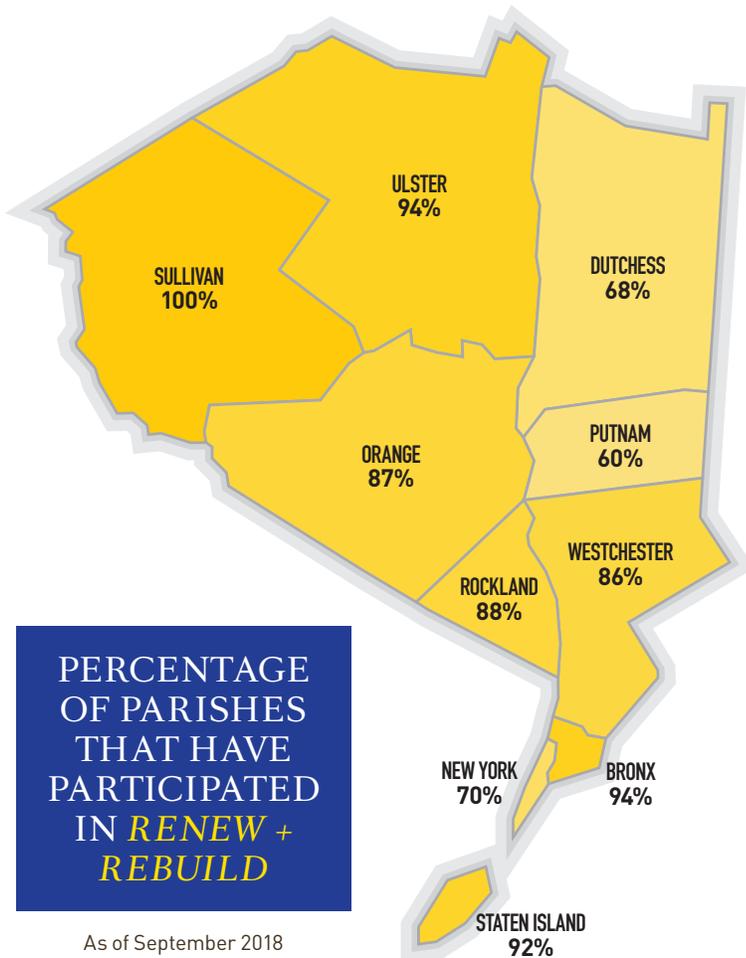


PROJECT

NUMBER OF PARISHES



Church repairs (walls, floors, paint)	120
New and repaired roofs	65
New HVAC (heat, ventilation and air conditioning)	64
Parking lot restoration	45
Stained glass restoration	36
Upgrades to eco-friendly lighting and/or installed solar panels	32
Parish hall repairs	31
New boilers	27
Emergency fund replenishment	25



As of September 2018

RENEW + REBUILD TIMELINE

OCTOBER 2015

Silent phase of campaign launches

OCTOBER 2018

135 parishes in progress (ending in December), 109 completed

JANUARY 2019

43 new parishes launch

JUNE 2019

Campaign ends

REBUILDING OUR CHURCH

“So many revealed their love for their church and wanted to really invest in their parish for the next generation. There was a real sense of ownership and of being a genuine stakeholder that has prompted a great initial response...I have to confess, I have gone from skeptic to believer.”

Fr. Peter McGeory
Pastor of St. Joseph, Bronxville

“...The campaign has helped me think about the future, and to focus beyond the here and now, to better serve the needs of a diverse community.”

Fr. Louis Anderson, Pastor
of St. Anthony, Bronx

The Archdiocese of New York continues the campaign to renew and rebuild our Church physically and spiritually. **The vast majority of the \$177M raised by parishes will stay within parishes**, and the rest will support campaign costs and other archdiocesan priorities.

74%

of funds raised by parishes stay within parishes for capital improvement projects



\$130,000,000

26%

supports other archdiocesan priorities, such as:



\$10,000,000

\$4,000,000

\$8,000,000

\$4,000,000

\$14,000,000

Extraordinary capital projects for needy parishes*

Evangelization and lay leadership formation

Catholic high schools

Catholic Charities

St. Patrick's Cathedral restoration*

* These allocations also represent parish capital needs, above the \$130M.

What's the difference between the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal and Renew + Rebuild?

The Archdiocese of New York is tasked with providing support for parishes, Catholic schools, charities and priests and religious. These two campaigns are vehicles that help us do this.

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal supports needy parishes, Catholic schools, our retirement home for priests, the seminary and Catholic Charities. This fund also supports the mission and evangelization work provided to parishes through the offices of

the archdiocese: Youth Ministry, Adult Faith Formation, Family Life, Respect Life, Black Ministry, Hispanic Ministry and more.

Renew + Rebuild is a separate campaign primarily supporting each parish's self-identified capital improvement needs. Of the funds raised through *Renew + Rebuild*, 74% stay within the parish.

We can't remain strong without both campaigns! We are grateful for your giving to the Archdiocese of New York.



RENEW + REBUILD PROVIDES INSPIRATION THROUGH THE ARTS!

You might not expect to find spiritual inspiration from off-Broadway theater or a panel discussion in lower Manhattan, but if you are open to it, it may happen. And, if that's not convenient, that same experience could be available in your parish or even from your own living room.



Lúnasa: Christmas from Ireland, coming to the Sheen Center this December.

In September 2015, the **Sheen Center for Thought and Culture** opened its doors to deliver programming that affirms and explores the true, the good and the beautiful. There are tremendous opportunities to explore your interests or try new things –

whether in film (such as at the Justice Film Festival), at an art exhibit (like “Faith & Duty: New York Chaplains in World War I”) or with prominent writers, historians and thinkers (who will be participating in “Alfred E. Smith: The Man Behind the Dinner”). For Catholics and non-Catholics alike, there's a longing for light and meaning in our lives, and the Sheen Center can be a channel for clarity.

“Here in the cultural capital of the world, we've got a very competitive landscape,” says William Spencer Reilly, executive director of the Sheen Center. “We are offering entertainment that

pushes people to the light, not the dark. This is what people seem to be striving for.”

Funds from *Renew + Rebuild* support the Sheen Center, which **aims to broaden its audience in two ways:** creatively engaging

people for whom getting to Manhattan is just not practical, and engaging people on the fringe of their faith. The Sheen Center is launching a partnership with Catholic Faith Network (formerly Telecare) starting with a series called *Live from the Sheen Center*. Programming includes a taped discussion between Ross Douthat of *The New York Times* and James Martin, S.J., of *America* magazine, who engaged in a spirited discussion on matters of religion in the U.S. called “Civility in America.” Also this month, select content will be available

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– Sheen Center Executive Director
William Spencer Reilly

through live-streaming, where all you'll need to take part is an internet connection. **The Sheen Center would love to be at the center of your parish's next pot luck dinner to inspire dialog and a deeper sense of community.**