



KICKING OFF THE 2023-2024 STM MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN!

The St. Thomas More Matching Gift Campaign for this year is now off and running. We are seeking and accepting challenge pledges from Parishioners to get the campaign off to a great start again this year. As in past years, when we raise a pledge amount from other donators, we will get those donations AND the challenge pledge amount. These challenge pledges create an extra incentive for others to donate so we can earn those matching funds. Please let Fr. Andy or Ron Marnicio know if you would like to make a challenge pledge this year. The income from the 2023-2024 Matching Gift Campaign will again be absolutely critical to supporting our day-to-day Parish operations and programs.

Just to remind everyone, last year's Matching Gift Campaign brought in an amazing **\$24,447** which was very close to our goal of \$25,000! This was due to the generosity of **3** kick-off challenge pledgers and **38** other donators. This was the Parish's largest fundraising effort last year. Participation in our Matching Gift Campaign has been growing steadily every year and be assured that every contribution helps tremendously. We appreciate the dedication and the concern our past Campaign challenge pledgers and donators have shown for the financial well-being of our Parish community.

But if you missed donating to the offertory for one or more weeks last year because of health restrictions or for any other reason and you are financially able, the Matching Gift Campaign is the perfect time to make up for some of the offerings that were not made. Please consider what you can donate now and apply it to the 2023-2024 Matching Gift Campaign.

Donating to the Matching Gift Campaign is very easy. Decide on the amount you would like to donate and simply write a check or initiate an electronic transfer to the "Church of St. Thomas More". In the note or memo field of a check indicate "Matching Gift Campaign 2023-2024". You can put your check in an envelope and drop it in the offertory basket at a Mass or mail it to Fr. Andy at the Parish Office. If you would like to remain anonymous, you can indicate that on the check as well. All who donate to the Matching Gift Campaign will receive a return thank you letter from the Parish that also documents the tax-deductible status of your donation.

The strong response to the St. Thomas More Matching Gift Campaign in past years has been inspiring and we appreciate it very much. This income is so important to covering our routine expenses and the maintenance and repairs to our buildings that are always needed. We are starting the Matching Gift Campaign now and will likely run it for approximately 2 months to give you time to plan and make your contribution. However, please don't hesitate unnecessarily. We will track and communicate our progress relative to the increased Matching Gift Campaign goal of **\$26,250** over the coming weeks. This goal is **5% higher** than last year's goal. We thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the Parish programs and operations.