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**Beyond Sunday**  
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Dear Fellow Parishioners of the Archdiocese of St. Louis:

The *Beyond Sunday* campaign was launched in June 2015 to transform Catholic education and invest in our parish communities in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Less than 18 months later, thanks to your generous and prayerful support, we are making tremendous progress.

With a goal of \$100 million, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri is honored to lead *Beyond Sunday*, the largest fundraising campaign in the history of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. You've helped us raise over \$74 million, of which 60% will be used to transform Catholic education and 40% to invest in our local parishes. You have rallied around the *Beyond Sunday* cause and we are happy to report that the campaign is already making a significant impact, including:

- \$1.8 million in *Beyond Sunday* scholarships awarded to 1,109 students of middle-income families attending 97 Catholic elementary schools and all 27 Catholic high schools.
- \$4.48 million distributed to parishes to fulfill local parish needs.
- 55 applications received, competing for \$750,000 in STREAM Curricula and Innovation grants for the 2017-2018 school year to bolster the competitiveness of our Catholic education system.

Importantly, we also want to affirm the Roman Catholic Foundation's commitment to good stewardship of your *Beyond Sunday* gifts. Campaign expenses are expected to be 8% of funds raised. This is within the acceptable range of 5% to 15% cited by the nationally recognized Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University-Purdue University.

As an independent 501(c)(3) public charity, the Roman Catholic Foundation is legally separate from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We are committed to transparency and accountability. The Foundation's professional staff is overseen by an all-Catholic Board of Trustees. RubinBrown LLP, a nationally recognized Certified Public Accounting firm, audits our financial statements, including testing of *Beyond Sunday* pledges, deposits, and distributions. Our annual report, audited financial statements, and IRS Form 990 are all publicly available at rcfstl.org. We take seriously our responsibility to manage your donations, account for them accurately, and disburse campaign funds for intended purposes.

Finally, as the last group of parish campaigns is now underway, we want to thank you for your continued generosity and prayerful support of *Beyond Sunday*. Archbishop Carlson's vision of making our schools "centers of faith, learning and service" has already been greatly advanced by your response. We are well on our way to truly transforming Catholic education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and providing for the long-term viability of our parishes. God Bless!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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