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**"Our Church – Our Future"**  
**Holy Family Church Capital Campaign**  
**Lincoln, IL 62656**

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With this letter, I am happy to recommend Tom Dolce, Guidance in Giving Campaign Director for the "Our Church – Our Future" Capital Campaign, at Holy Family Church, Lincoln, IL.

Having successfully completed our first Capital Campaign with Guidance in Giving in 2014, the parish leadership embarked on this second campaign with some initial concerns. How would parishioners respond to another campaign, with just a two year break in time? Restoring a century old Church verses building a new Church facility had been under study for several years. Would parishioner's ultimately support a campaign of building restoration, which financially appeared to be our only reasonable option?

A 2006 feasibility study followed by a 2014 parish survey indicated strong support for renovating the historic Church. Never-the-less, a new facility was favored by some parishioners. Overcoming the challenge of "restoration verses building new" was clearly an issue that would need to be addressed. Tom's interpersonal skills and years of experience as a Campaign Director greatly facilitated the parish leadership's ability to focus on the decision to repair and renovate the Church building.

Managing the entire project – from working with numerous volunteers, to organizing parish-wide receptions, developing the campaign brochure, invitations, mailings to all parish families – to overseeing the day to day operations of the campaign office – Tom's dedication to duty, professionalism, affable personality, and strong commitment to his Catholic faith, brought credibility and success to the campaign project.

Developing every aspect of the 14 week campaign, Tom's attention to detail lead to overall success of "Our Church – Our Future" Capital Campaign. Currently we have surpassed our stated goal by over \$100,000.00, with pledged totaling \$865,000.00 to date.

The overwhelming success of "Our Church – Our Future" campaign brings great credit to Guidance in Giving and Tom Dolce, Campaign Director.

Respectfully,



Rev. Jeffrey G Laible