## PARISH OF THE VISITATION

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Ref: Domingo Betancourt, Campaign Director

Attention Michael Cusack,

Our Capital Campaign, "Honoring our Past, Building our Future," was a complete success and I would like to take a moment to share with you how pleased we are with the entire experience.

When we first started this project, we had many questions about every single aspect of our fundraising plan. At first, we thought about conducting our own internal capital campaign but quickly realized that the amount of work and the expertise needed were outside of our capacity. We needed fundraising experts. After meeting Stephen Babcock, we realized that Guidance in Giving was the best choice for us and felt confident that we were on the right path.

On January 4th, 2016 we began the active phase of our capital campaign with Domingo Betancourt as our on-site Capital Campaign Director. From the onset, Domingo took charge of the campaign with expertise, confidence and leadership. His response to any questions or issues was always prompt and courteous and when we had our concerns Domingo always directed us with enthusiasm and encouragement.

Domingo brought his gift of being bi-lingual into the process, which in my estimation brought out the best participation number from our Hispanic parishioners. He always went the extra mile to ensure successful receptions, trainings, presentations and meetings with parishioners, volunteers, parish leadership and office staff. I found Domingo's professional demeanor to be that of a knowledgeable, humble and easy person to work with that I commend for his dedication to his profession.

Now, we are well on our way to raising an amount that I had not originally anticipated and as a community we look forward to a new chapter in the long life and history of our parish, as our long awaited rectory and chapel building becomes a reality.

May God bless you, as I proudly and highly recommend Guidance in Giving and it's representatives to others seeking to raise major funds in their respective communities.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jimson Varghese, SDV

**Pastor**