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March 4, 2021

Michael Cusack, President
Guidance in Giving
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Dear Mr. Cusack:

This letter is being offered on behalf of Thomas Dorsz, the Campaign Director for our Legacy of Hope Campaign. Tom served us in that capacity in both parishes.

In working with Tom, I found that he was always professional, friendly, organized, positive, encouraging, insightful, and resourceful. He was always available whenever there was a need, and would take the time to personally deliver materials if there was an extra need. Tom conducted meetings well, always giving helpful input and using good listening skills with parishioners.

Given the Covid-19 virus and the delays that resulted in the campaign, Tom showed us that the campaign could continue and that we could still be productive in the time that remained. He assumed leadership, worked in collaboration with us, showing that he is flexible, creative, and realistic.

Working with Tom has been a very positive experience. Our parishes have certainly benefitted from our working with him. We highly recommend Thomas Dorsz for his excellent work, dedication, and service to our communities.

Sincerely,

Rev. Donald Ouellette
Associate Pastor

cc: Michael Messano

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC PARISH

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Reverend Terence T. Kilcoyne

Michael Cusack, President
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225 Snedecor Ave.
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Re. Michael Messano

Dear Mr. Cusack:

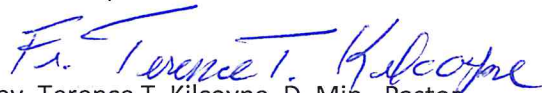
Michael Messano was assigned to Holy Trinity Catholic Parish as campaign director for the Legacy of Hope campaign in the Diocese of Worcester.

Having experienced a capital campaign for the Diocese twenty years ago, I was not looking forward to the experience again. However, I found Michael's preparation and presentation most helpful and a joy to participate in.

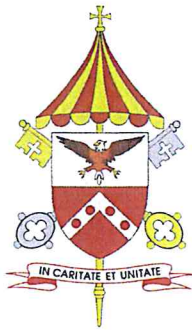
Michael ran our campaign with an easy confidence and inspired our parishioners to be very generous. To date, we are \$100,000 over our target.

I highly recommend Michael for his professionalism and integrity and I commend him and all of you at Guidance in Giving for your talent and enthusiasm. I am glad to have been part of the group working with Michael.

In the Lord,


Rev. Terence T. Kilcoyne, D. Min., Pastor
Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

February 16, 2021



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February 17, 2021

Mr. Michael Cusack
Guidance in Giving
225 Snedecor Ave.
Bayport, NY 11705

Dear Mr. Cusack,

Reliable, organized, dedicated, and readily available are words to describe Tina Anderson our campaign director for the Diocese of Worcester Capital Campaign Legacy of Hope. Mrs. Anderson always arrived at meetings early and was very well prepared - equipped with the necessary materials. From the beginning to the end of the campaign she was very helpful in organizing and creating a positive atmosphere. She provided us with sample letters and helped with the mailing lists which made our job easier when sending out the material to the parishioners.

She was readily available either in person or by phone or email to answer any of our questions. She is very dedicated to her job and always was professional in all that she did. Thanks to her effort, the capital campaign in our parish ran very smoothly and it was a great success.

With every prayerful wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Grzegorz Chodkowski, Pastor

Cc: Michael Messano



St. Francis of Assisi Parish

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February 17, 2021

Michael Cusack, CEO
Legacy of Hope
225 Snedecor Ave.
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Dear Michael Cusack,

I am happy to provide this letter with my personal feedback on our overall experience with Legacy of Hope. St. Francis of Assisi in Fitchburg, MA recently completed The Legacy of Hope Campaign in January 2021.

Jose De Jesus and Tina Marie Anderson were both a huge help to us as we began the task of implementing our campaign. We were thankful to have Tina and Jose as the Campaign Director Assigned to our parish.

Jose and Tina have always been helpful, encouraging, sincere in promoting a "Good Faith Effort" to our parishioners at all receptions, and very organized. They were extremely conscientious in making sure to follow the "plan" at all times; however, at the same time they listened and were sensitive to how we felt our parish would best respond to each of the components of the campaign project.

No doubt, they guided us to the very best of their ability. All questions were addressed and answered in a prompt manner. They didn't hesitate to offer their help in whatever was needed and was in constant contact with us weekly. I was impressed with their strong faith, warm personality, and dedication to ensure a successful campaign.

When we began this campaign, it seemed unreachable. To exceed our target amount became a huge blessing to our parish and we were excited to fulfill our case and do many new improvements to help our parish community grown and become stronger together.

I highly recommend Legacy of Hope as well as its representatives to those parishes seeking success with their communities.

Sincerely,

Rev. Angel R. Matos
Pastor, St. Francis of Assisi Parish

cc. Michael Messano



SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

July 26, 2021

Mr. Michael Cusack
Guidance in Giving
225 Snedecor Ave.
Bayport, NY 11705

Dear Mr. Cusack,

Recently we concluded our Legacy of Hope Campaign here at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in the little town of Barre Massachusetts. Our campaign director for our small parish community was Jon Van Beaver. First of all, on behalf of our parish community, I offer thanks for Jon's leadership and guidance throughout the campaign process. He was always available and willing to go the extra mile in order that our campaign was as successful as possible – supplying all the necessary materials, providing continuous campaign updates, attending the various meetings, and being present at our receptions.

Running this type of campaign can be a daunting task for a pastor, specifically because it means asking your parishioners to make financial sacrifices, not only for your own parish, but for the diocesan needs as well – a request that does not always go over well with a parish community. However, I believe the structure of the campaign, the nonaggressive manner in which the campaign was run, the informational receptions inviting parishioners to learn about the campaign, and Jon's behind the scenes effort and personal touch helped the effectiveness of the campaign greatly.

Our campaign target was \$213,000 and we have raised close to \$280,000 thus far – an accomplishment that many of our parishioners were surprised to see given the financial history of our small parish community. That says a lot about the campaign and the work Jon did make it so successful. I highly recommend Jon as a very professional and effective fund-raising strategist.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. James B. Callahan, Pastor

Cc: Michael Messano



St. Peter Parish
St. Andrew the Apostle Mission

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July 8, 2021

Mr. Michael Cusack
Guidance in Giving.
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Dear Mr. Cusack,

I am pleased to write a letter for Jon Van Beaver. The approach of your campaign is very informed and efficacious.

Jon mirrors and models your approach in every way.

He is a committed Christian, highly intelligent, and very dedicated.

He is a great representative of Guidance in Giving.

Our situation is somewhat unique. We have a mission parish, a large semi-autonomous African Community, and a large Latin Community.

We felt a unique approach was needed. Jon accommodated us and helped put a plan into operation.

Obviously, we were challenged by the Covid pandemic; less people at mass; fewer people were able to attend the receptions.

In spite of this we are doing well and will continue to improve.

John organized events well. He was prepared and followed through.

We appreciate his efforts. We wish him well in Memphis.

Our campaign will continue into the Fall.

Thank you for your support.

In Christ,

Magr. Francis J. Scollen

Monsignor Francis J. Scollen, Pastor

CC: Michael Messano

Michael Cusack,
President Guidance in Giving
225 Snedecor Ave.
Bayport, NY 11702

Re Jon VanBeaver

Dear Mr. Cusack:

Jon VanBeaver was assigned to Holy Family and St. Stephen Catholic Parishes as our campaign director for the Legacy of Hope campaign in the Diocese of Worcester.

While I was not a pastor twenty years ago when the Diocese had its last capital campaign, I was very well informed by friends who were running that campaign in their parishes. Based upon information shared, I was not looking forward to the experience.

However, I found Jon's preparation, presentation, and professionalism combined a knowledge of the approach your company was to take, I found the experience most helpful and surprisingly easy to manage and a joy to participate in.

Jon ran our campaign with an easy confidence and inspired our parishioners to be very generous. To date, we are well on our way to our target in both parishes.

I highly recommend Jon for his professionalism and integrity and I commend him and all of you at Guidance in Giving for your talent and enthusiasm. I am glad to have been part of the group working with Jon.
In the Lord,

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Robert K. Johnson,

Pastor

Holy Family Parish
St. Stephen Parish

Saint Edward The Confessor
10 Church Street Westminster, MA 01473



July 6, 2021

Michael Cusack, President
Guidance in Giving, Inc
Bayport, NY 11705

Dear Michael,

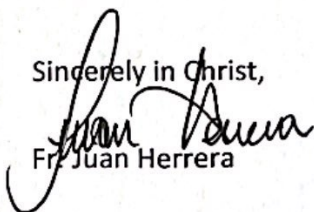
Being assigned to Saint Edward the Confessor, Westminster, MA., as campaign director for the Diocese of Worcester Capital Campaign Legacy of Hope, Tina Marie Anderson was most helpful in organizing the campaign and creating a positive atmosphere for the work that was before us.

Tina has always been supportive, encouraging, and continuously teaching us, as parish, the meaning of being faithful and keeping the hope during the campaign. She is very meticulous in making sure to follow the plan; and at the same time, she helped us find the alternative ways to succeed every step of the campaign. She listened and was attentive to our needs being just a phone call away if we had any question.

No doubt, Tina led us to the very best of her ability. She didn't hesitate to offer her help in whatever was needed establishing an excellent communication with us each week. I will say that her strong faith and devoted prayer life, made her an important piece in the success of the campaign in our parish.

I highly recommend Tina as a campaign representative.

Sincerely in Christ,


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Mr. Michael Cusack, President,
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June 28, 2021

Mr. Michael Cusack,

I take this opportunity to strongly recommend Troy Ferreira of Guidance In Giving, Inc. for his professionalism and leadership in assisting Saint Andrew Bobola Parish with the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign. It has been a great pleasure to work closely with Troy over that last few months on this important diocesan campaign. Troy is a kind, trustworthy and respectful young man who is always prepared to present information on the particulars of this capital campaign and who is ready to respond to any question that may arise. Troy has been a valuable teammate. He has attended several meetings with me and our Campaign Chairperson to discuss implementation of the plan outlined for all parishes in the Diocese of Worcester. He attended two receptions that we held this past spring in our parish hall and presented information to our parishioners at Mass, as well as during our social gatherings.

I am impressed by Troy's level of professionalism. I hope to continue working with Troy on the Legacy of Hope Capital Campaign and would be very pleased to work with him on other matters pertaining to the parish or dioceses. I recommend Troy Ferreira without any hesitancy or reservation. It has been a joy and pleasure to work with Troy. I am glad to have worked so closely with him and wish him all success in his bright future and career.

Sincerely,


Rev. Krzysztof Korcz, Pastor

Re: Mr. Michael Messano