



Diocese of Peoria

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Letter of Recommendation for Guidance in Giving, Inc.

Friends,

St. Joseph Parish in Pekin, IL is a parish of the Diocese of Peoria that has about 1,200 registered families, located about 10 miles south of the City of Peoria. While the parish has had its share of challenges over the last few years, parish leadership felt it was time to move forward with a capital campaign to add a new parish center/gathering space to the church building.

Early in February 2022 we hired Guidance in Giving, Inc. to run a capital campaign to raise the \$2.1 million dollars needed to build the new parish center. With the expertise of Joseph Neville and Charles Recznik, we were not only able to reach our goal in this most difficult economic environment, but actually able to surpass our goal by a substantial amount.

I cannot emphasize enough how vital Guidance in Giving, Inc. was to St. Joseph's ability to raise so much money toward our building project! The encouragement, advice and tools that both Joseph and Charles gave to me, and all the members of the project team, made us feel confident about what we were doing and the message we were giving to our fellow parishioners.

I wholeheartedly recommend Guidance in Giving, Inc. to any parish or group that is considering a capital campaign for some project or endeavor; I would expect the results to be just as spectacular!

Please reach out to me if I could be of any further help.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael Andrejek

Pastor

St. Joseph Parish, Pekin, IL