

Good [evening/morning]. I am Dan Collins and I am the Finance Committee chair here at St. Patrick's.

We are now at the halfway point of our drive to meet our pledged amount for the restorative justice fund that parishes established as a response to the lawsuit brought against the Archdiocese by the victim survivors of cleric abuse. The establishment of the fund was a voluntary action by parishes independent of the Archdiocese. A key restriction on this fund is that 100% of the monies contributed to the fund will go to the victims. None will go to line the pockets of the attorneys or to defray the expenses of the Archdiocese.

At this point we have a ways to go to raise our pledged amount. And when I say pledged amount, I mean that we are committed to contributing this amount. It's not a matter of raise as much as we can and if we didn't quite get to our pledged amount...oh well. We will be contributing the full amount pledged.

I have stood her in front of you in the past reminding us all that we are family, that this is OUR church....capital campaigns, roofs that need repair, elevators that need repair. This time it is incredibly personal. Victims included youth from our St Patrick family. When one of us is hurting, I hurt....we all hurt. When one of us needs support, we provide that support. Because we are family. There are members of our family out there now that need that support..... spiritually and financially.

Please thoughtfully consider what an appropriate financial response from you and your family could be. A second collection will be taken to contribute towards this fund. If you are prepared to contribute today, please do so. You all should have received a special envelope for contributions mailed to your home. If you are not prepared to

contribute today, please place in this envelope and mail or bring to the business office.

Listening sessions will be held in the Chapel after mass to address any questions or concerns which you may have. All are invited to attend.

Thank you