ACUE appeal attracts record amount

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Bishop Roger Foyes and the ACUE Development Advisory Board hosted, Sept. 27, a major donor recognition reception at the Metropolitan Club, Covington, honoring leadership donors and volunteers of the annual ACUE appeal. The event was underwritten by Paul and Diane Smith, Craig and Eileen Carlson, Mark and Casey Guillaume, Thomas and Debbie Colvin, Tim and Barb Rowe, and Keith Ruhleman. Mark Guillaume was the master of ceremonies.

The Alliance for Catholic Urban Education (ACUE) consists of six urban Catholic elementary schools—Holy Cross Elementary School, Latonia; Holy Family School, Covington; Holy Trinity schools, Bellevue and Newport; Prince of Peace Montessori, Covington; St. Anthony School, Taylor Mill; and St. Augustine School, Covington.

Michael Clines, superintendent of schools, said that he was happy to report another record-breaking year for the ACUE appeal. The 2015-16 ACUE appeal, led by Bill Butler, honorary leadership chair, and Paul Smith, general chair, raised over $700,000 in tuition assistance and program support—a new record by nearly $150,000.

Mr. Clines thanked the 56 volunteers who made leadership calls on behalf of the appeal.

“The trajectory of growth and support of the ACUE ministry has been phenomenal, to say the least. We cannot overstate the gratitude that we have for our donors whose support we must count upon each year.”

This year there were 189 members of the Christ the Teacher Society; individuals, couples and religious organizations that make an annual contribution of $1,000 or more. Mr. Clines also thanked the 27 leadership foundation and corporate contributors who also gave $1,000 or more.

Special recognition was given to St. Elizabeth Healthcare which increased its annual support from $5,000 to $9,000, sponsoring up to 25 students at the six urban elementary schools, as well as to Corporis and the Butler Foundation, which has offered, in five consecutive annual appeals, a matching grant in the amount of $25,000 dollars for new and increased contributions for ACUE.

“As you can imagine, this match has been tremendously instrumental in the growth of our ACUE annual appeal,” said Mr. Clines. “However, for the 2015-16 appeal the $25,000 match was doubled to $50,000. But that is not all, the foundation then

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