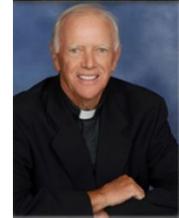




February 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) on behalf of the Diocese occurs on the weekend of February 9 & 10. Our parish assessment this year is \$17,000. It seems a lot for this parish but when divided up, maybe it is not so much! If you have already received the brochures for the Appeal you will note that the theme of the Appeal this year is, "Responding to God's Grace."

In responding to God's call to grace and stewardship, which lies at the heart of our participation in the life of the Church – we do so by supporting our parishes, schools, catechetical programs, service programs for the poor, the unborn and the marginalized through our Diocesan Annual Appeal. As a parish we have many needs. But our parish is also part of the larger Church of the Diocese. It is our responsibility to support both.

The brochure for the Appeal reminds us of whom we serve through our donations. It tells us how the donations are designated for this year. Sufficient to say, that as a parish we can only do so much to reach out to the needs of the larger community of the Diocese of San Diego. When all the parishes come together, we can do a great deal to answer some of the needs of the more unfortunate in our Diocese. Equally, we cannot stand alone. We could not even carry out our mission as a parish, of passing on the faith without the support and resources of the Diocese. We need to be parish orientated but we also need to be conscious of our relationship to the Diocese and to the Universal Church.

Giving brings a deep joy and fulfillment. That is for the good of God's Grace and that is the joy each of us seek. I invite you to think of your giving as part of your discipleship in Christ. Make a generous sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Through your gift you reach out to touch the lives of so many that you cannot physically touch. Your giving will enrich you and will give life to others.

I am deeply conscious of your generosity to the parish, to the Diocese, and to the many other good causes we bring to your attention during the year. We appreciate it and we know the Lord certainly does. Please do your best this year to make us proud as a parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Kevin Casey
Administrator