

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you know, we are in the 4th quarter of the collection year for our 2019 Catholic Faith Appeal Diocesan Assessment. We are half-way towards meeting the \$335,000 assessment with 23% of households participating. I want to personally thank those who have contributed thus far and am truly grateful for what we have accomplished to date.

The Catholic Faith Appeal provides many needed services to and support for our parish. Further, the ministries and programs supported by this ever-important fund embrace the charitable, spiritual, and educational needs of thousands of individuals and families.

The purpose of this letter is to appeal to you as members of this great faith community for help in reaching our assessed goal!

Essentially, if every household donates \$100 to the CFA, we can achieve our goal. However, no donation is too large or too small as the need is great. As of today, we have received \$165,263 in CFA contributions and an additional \$13,908 in pledges. Assuming all pledges are received, we still have a **shortfall of \$155,829**. Any 2019 shortfall becomes a debt of St. Thomas More that will accrue interest until paid in full.

I ask that you please contribute to the CFA and help raise our participation beyond the current level of 23% this year and beyond. Doing so will help St. Thomas More keep its debt down, and thus enable us to use our weekly collection monies here at home, in our Parish, for much needed improvements, programs and growth.

Your payment can be made as a one-time or monthly donation, and is as simple as making it online; placing it in the collection in one of the specially-colored envelopes marked CFA; or sending it directly to the Diocese in a CFA envelope (all envelopes can be found in the pews).

Again, please consider how you can help us this year and in years to come. All donations to this assessment are tax deductible.

Thank You in advance for your help.

God Bless,



*Fr. Gordon
Pastor*