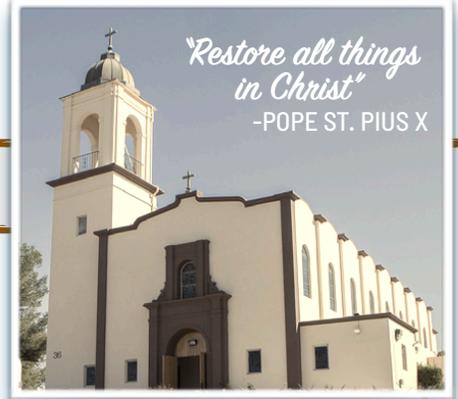




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Dear Friends,

Each year we are invited to participate in our **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)**, which is an opportunity for all of us to support essential ministries and services which benefit many in our Local Church. These past two years have been a time of deep hardship and struggle, yet we stand today with a profound sense of hope that we will be delivered from the darkness of the pandemic.

As we begin a new year, the theme of this year's ACA, "**Living Our Mission**", calls to mind a need for renewed commitment to live out our baptismal promises as active collaborators in the Mission of the Church. Your contribution to the ACA supports many programs and ministries that result in important direct benefits to our parish and needed assistance to people around us – necessary work as we move out of the pandemic towards a reenergized and renewed Church. The enclosed brochure describes these programs and ministries and how the funds are designated:

- **Formation and Care of our Priests** who dedicate their lives to God through service and love of all our brothers and sisters in Christ. The ACA provides support for seminary formation programs and also funds continuing education and pastoral care for active and retired priests and deacons. I myself obtained a Masters in Ecclesial Administration and Management (MEAM) online through the University of St. Thomas in Houston last year, that I may better serve as your pastor.
- **Catholic Schools and Faith Formation Programs**, which bring hope and faith to our young people. Here at St. Pius X, we give thanks to God for a flourishing Parish School.
- **Office of Marriage, Family Life, and Spirituality**, in its focus on strengthening the family.
- **Catholic Charities**, to continue serving our neediest brothers and sisters who have suffered most from the social and economic devastation of the past years, including partnering with us in establishing our Parish Food Pantry to serve our local community.

Our parish share of this Diocesan Appeal is once again \$45,000. I am confident that we can reach this goal. Last year we collected \$22,752.50 over our assessment, which will go towards our shade sail project in the Plaza that I hope will be completed this year.

Please prayerfully consider your response as a faithful steward of the gifts which God has joyfully bestowed on you, and help us reach our goal of 100% participation based on the ideal of equal sacrifice. Please join the 145 families who pledged last year: 7.44% of the 1948 registered members of our parish. Your participation, regardless of the amount, makes a difference.

*"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house.
Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you,
and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" - Malachi 3:10*

In Christ, through Mary,

Father Jay Bananal

Fr. Jay Bananal
Pastor of St. Pius X



Donating to the ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL is Easy!

Make your donation or pledge in one of two ways:

1. Fill out the Donation Response Form and return it to the Parish
2. Visit the SD Diocese website to make a secure online pledge or donation.
giving.sdcatholic.org
 - ◆ Hover over the "Giving" Tab at the top left of the page
 - ◆ Click "Annual Catholic Appeal"
 - ◆ Click the DONATE NOW Button in the middle of the page

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qualifies for many Company Matching Gift programs.*



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- Catholic Education
- Evangelization and Catechesis
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries
- Prison Ministry
- Catholic Charities
- Seminary Formation Programs
- Care of Retired Priests



Living Our
MISSION



GOOD AND GRACIOUS GOD,
We thank you for all we are and all we have.
Everything is a gift from your infinite generosity.
We marvel how bountiful is your kindness.
We celebrate the year of your enduring mercy.
As we explore our responsibility to be good stewards,
fill us with the compassion of Jesus, your Son.

GIVE US EYES to see the needs of those around us, in the faces of our neighbors near and far.
GIVE US HEARTS that are moved by the pleas of those who cry out: the children, the refugees, the sick, and the suffering.
GIVE US HANDS that are eager to share what has been entrusted to us.
GIVE US FEET to venture wherever the Spirit leads, for the mission to bring your good news to all.



As we resolve to be mindful of the needs of others,
we pray that You instill in us your generosity,
your kindness, and your mercy.
Free us from all attachments to the things of this world.
Keep us focused in our mission of good stewardship.
Give us the grace to generously support the
Annual Catholic Appeal
so that we may faithfully do the work of Your Church.
In Jesus' name we pray. **AMEN.**