

BE COURAGEOUS

Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal



THE 2019 ANNUAL PASTORAL APPEAL GETS UNDERWAY!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am thankful and feel tremendously blessed to be a part of this generous, energetic and faithful diocese. The resounding response of love and participation in our 50th Anniversary celebrations were heartfelt and extremely inspiring. Now as we continue our journey, even closer to Christ and more vibrant than ever, we embark together as a joyful community of disciples to carry out our new mutually-shared vision to *Courageously Live the Gospel*.

Sharing in our vision, the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal, themed: **BE COURAGEOUS**, *Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal*, is instrumental in helping us carry out the mission of our Church in the name of Jesus Christ. Throughout five counties, and within our 80 parishes and missions, hope is what we offer through our ministries, programs and services. The Annual Pastoral Appeal is our call to action to participate in successful efforts of proclaiming, inviting and encountering, which will enrich our faith and bring those we serve closer to Christ.

Our love for God must be reflected in our love for one another. I invite you to join me, praising God through joyful generosity. **Make a gift of courage that becomes an act of worship and thanksgiving.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend Gregory L. Parkes
Bishop of St. Petersburg

Hope IS What We Offer

God is love, love is the fuel that empowers faith and faith inspires hope.

Good stewardship begins with a sense of who we are as disciples of the Lord. Every good steward knows that all blessings come from the Lord and that it is how we use these blessings to serve one another and those we encounter that matters most. It is through our Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) that hope is offered to countless individuals and families who directly benefit from the ministries, programs and services which are fundamental to well-being and spiritual growth.

Every gift to the APA is courageous, a gesture of good faith and an investment in building up the kingdom of God, just as Jesus intended. In support of our parish, our diocesan faith community and in response to God's love and generosity, we pray all parishioners will participate in the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal!



EVERY GIFT IN FAITH
IS A GIFT OF
COURAGE

This publication is intended to share information about the Annual Pastoral Appeal and the ministries, programs and services it supports, made possible through your prayers and generosity. Together, **COURAGEOUSLY** *Living the Gospel*, we bring hope to the future!

