

BE COURAGEOUS

Live the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

To date \$XX,XXX has been pledged to the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA), bringing us to XX.XX% of our parish goal from X,XXX of our X,XXX families!

Thank you to our faithful parishioners who have already participated in the APA this year.

In addition to helping thousands in need across our diocese, your gift is an enormous help to our parish as it decreases our annual assessment dollar for dollar which enables us to strengthen our own ministry and maintain a vibrant faith community.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal, it is not too late, we haven't reached our goal and we need your help. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this appeal and courageously be part of a blessing that grows from a strong foundation of faith and gives hope to those we serve in Jesus' name.

Your assistance to the APA supports over fifty ministries, programs and services that help our parish, and all parishes within our five-county diocese. These gifts allow us to be teachers of the Word in Catholic schools and faith formation programs, advocates for those who have no voice and servants of hope for those in need physically and spiritually. Most of all, we are able to share the Gospel message in faithful action with those we welcome and accompany into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. For information about the Annual Pastoral Appeal please visit our webpage at: www.dosp.org/apa/. You may also be interested in our Annual Report at: www.dosp.org/stewardship/2018-annual-report/, and all diocesan accountability at: www.dosp.org/accountability/.

No gift is too small and all are greatly appreciated.



Please keep the success and unity of our parish and our diocese in your prayers.

Almighty, ever-living God, by our baptism, we have been called to live as missionary disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant that we, your people of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, will fulfill our purpose by proclaiming the Good News and inviting all people to encounter the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

Deepen our trust in you, O Lord, and help us to remain steadfast in our commitment to Courageously Living the Gospel in our homes, neighborhoods, parish communities, and wherever you may lead us.

Together, with the intercession of our Blessed Mother and all the saints who have gone before us, we humbly ask for the courage to live as your disciples standing firm in our Catholic faith, through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



EVERY GIFT IN FAITH

IS A GIFT OF COURAGE