

WE ARE SALT & LIGHT

Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF THE 2020 APA!

We Support the 2020 Appeal

The Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) is a direct appeal to the parishioners of the 80 parishes and missions of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, asking to directly fund diocesan ministries, services and programs. Our theme this year is **WE ARE SALT & LIGHT**. As baptized individuals, as a parish and as a diocese, by supporting the good works done in the name of Jesus Christ as joyful stewards, we are *Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal*.

There are several reasons why our parish supports the Annual Pastoral Appeal:

- APA is an opportunity to share our gifts in support of our parish and our diocesan community, in the name of Jesus Christ. It is an effective and cost-efficient way to provide necessary services for our parish, as well as offer ministries and programs which outreach outside of our parish boundaries.
- Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice is welcomed with gratitude, used with great joy and good stewardship, and brings hope to someone seeking the love and mercy of Christ.
- For each dollar raised through the appeal, a dollar is removed from the amount owed for each individual parish's assessment. This means more offertory dollars remain in the parish to support local operations.

We hope and pray all our parishioners will join us in supporting the 2020 APA!

A Message from Bishop Gregory Parkes

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

This year's Annual Pastoral Appeal: **WE ARE SALT & LIGHT**, speaks directly to us as disciples of Jesus Christ. It reminds us that God has called us to preserve the rich flavor of the Gospel and share the contagious joy that it brings to those we encounter. Our gifts to the APA bring a light of hope for those in need that we may never meet: a homeless United States Air Force Veteran who now has a new home he can afford and call his own; a parish youth minister and her core team of youth ministry leaders who now have someone with expertise to accompany, support, affirm and encourage their efforts that bring our young people closer to Christ; those on the periphery we with present-day communications activity and a vibrant radio ministry; and those from other cultures we welcome every into the life of our Church.

As we continue to journey together, I hope you will join me and be part of the blessing to our parishes and our diocese.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

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