

WE ARE SALT & LIGHT

Living the Gospel through the Annual Pastoral Appeal

APA Q & A

What is the APA?

The Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) is a direct appeal to the parishioners of our diocese, asking to support the ministries, programs and outreach efforts organized and implemented throughout our five-county diocese. The appeal is the primary source of funding for diocesan-level services. For more information about how APA funds our diocesan outreach, please download a copy of our 2019 Annual report at:

<https://www.dosp.org/stewardship/2019-annual-report/>.

Why do we need these ministries and programs?

Countless services are offered in each parish, but in many cases, it is more effective for all parishes of our diocese to join together to fund central outreach. This includes outreach to the poor and marginalized through Catholic Charities, Catholic education and faith formation programs such as catechist training and enrichment, as well the education and formation of our seminarians, and faithful support to the life and ministry of our clergy, religious, and all who serve the Church.

What should I give?

Consider making a pledge or one-time sacrificial financial contribution. Donations can be made by cash, check, credit card, or direct debit. If you would like to make your gift online today, please visit www.dosp.org/apa.

The Power of Prayer

We are Catholic and believe in the power of prayer. Prayer takes just a little time and every member of our parish can participate. All are invited to join us in praying the Courageously Living Our Gospel Prayer for all those working together to make our amazing Catholic family even stronger.

***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 experience
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.