



To date more than \$XX,XXX has been committed to the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA), bringing us to XX.XX% of our parish goal from X,XXX of our X,XXX families!

We have always been a community of steadfast servants of the Lord, coming together in communion with one another to grow in our faith, nurture our children with the love of God, and progress toward the greater good. Today, we are asked to come together and affirm our commitment and support diocesan ministries, programs, and services that meet the physical, educational, and spiritual needs of thousands both within and outside of parish boundaries.

There are several reasons why our parish supports APA:

- + APA is an opportunity to share our gifts in support of our parish and our diocesan community, in the name of Jesus Christ. With one gift, we can support larger services our parish needs, 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.

**Thank you** to everyone who has generously responded to the 2020 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Your gift is received with great humility, thanks, and gratitude by the thousands of people supported through your donation.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA), please consider making a gift before December 31st. **Let us answer the call to be salt of the earth and light to the world** and commit ourselves to Christ's mission of spreading the gospel message to those who seek Him through our gifts to APA. **Visit [dosp.org/2020ministryupdate](https://dosp.org/2020ministryupdate) to learn more about the innovative ways our diocesan ministries have adapted and make your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal today!**



Your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal generously and courageously helps us live the Gospel.



*"A time of great challenge has been turned into a time of great blessings."*

### Good Samaritan Project Reimagined



Transitioning a week-long overnight experience in one location into a week-long virtual hybrid event in multiple locations including service projects, spiritual formation and community building, virtual skits, and targeted talks and prayer is no easy task – but our Youth and Young Adult Ministry staff did it! The summer 2020 event included:

- + 10 parishes
- + 150 teen participants, 50 adult chaperones, 25 college student leaders
- + an additional 500 remote participants

### Marriage Preparation Revamped



In response to the need for increased safety standards, the Office of Marriage and Family Life revamped their retreat to ensure couples desiring marriage within the Church received excellent sacramental preparation. Since May, **more than 160 couples** have participated and have shared they appreciate the following changes:

- + **A new set-up**, placing couples at individual tables promoting privacy for discussion and focus
- + **A consolidated schedule** transitioning the weekend-long retreat into a full-day experience
- + **Access to online publications** to allow those needing this resource to continue their sacramental preparation