

# Hope IN THE Lord

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## 2021 APA Begins

The Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) is a direct appeal to all parishioners of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, asking them to directly fund over 50 ministries, services and programs across the diocese. This includes outreach to the poor and marginalized, Catholic education and faith formation, Christian discipleship and faithful support to the life and ministry of our clergy, religious, and all who serve the Church.



Our theme this year is *Hope in the Lord*, which is very relevant considering all we have been through over the past year. This theme comes from Isaiah 40:31:

**...but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.**

In the coming days, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized APA packet. Please take some time to review the materials and respond by using the pledge card and return envelope provided. This year, we strive to join our diocesan family in reaching beyond ourselves and our parish, giving **hope**. Together, we can transform lives. We hope and pray all our parishioners will join us in supporting the 2021 APA.

**Thank you in advance for your prayers and support!**



**Your gift to the Annual Pastoral Appeal  
helps us courageously live the Gospel.  
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## Learning More About APA

### Why do we need diocesan ministries and programs?

As part of our mission, the Catholic Church serves the needs of many in our local area and beyond. Some services included in the appeal are considered shared services that assist every parish and their people. In many cases, it is more effective for all parishes to join together to fund central outreach. These services and programs are the ongoing pastoral work of the Body of Christ, providing hope to thousands.

### What should I give?

#### Prayer

Pray for the Church, for our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout our diocese, and for all people working in diocesan ministry, as well as those who receive assistance. You can download a copy of our *Courageously Living the Gospel* diocesan prayer at [www.dosp.org](http://www.dosp.org).

#### A Sacrificial Gift

Consider making a pledge or one-time financial contribution. Donations can be made by cash, check, credit card, or direct debit. Every gift, every prayer, and every sacrifice is welcomed with gratitude, used with great joy and good stewardship. If you would like to make your gift online today, please visit [www.dosp.org/giveapa](http://www.dosp.org/giveapa).