

March 1, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

The 2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal, (Together in Action) commences this Sunday, March 1st in all parishes of the Diocese. Once again we are asked to make a "sacrificial" commitment to our diocese. The Annual Bishop's Appeal is the one single lay charitable activity present in every parish of the Diocese. It is a unique and valuable partnership between the laity and the clergy.

The purpose of the Annual Bishop's Appeal is: 1) to function within the philosophy of scriptural stewardship that advocates a personal commitment to giving of one's time, talent and treasure as a way of life; 2) to nurture the practice of our Christian faith as baptized and confirmed Catholics; 3) to provide the financial resources for the establishment, maintenance and continuation of services within the Diocese of Calgary that help to alleviate physical, emotional and spiritual human suffering; 4) to provide financial resources for the support of the Church, local and universal, and for the furtherance of the Gospel.


More than three quarters of the total funds to be raised in the Annual Bishop's Appeal must come from the people in our parishes. To meet this responsibility we challenge once again the generosity the faithful in our parish. In these difficult times of soaring costs and recession there are many in our own communities – and throughout the world – who will come to depend on us for our assistance this year. Can we ignore this cry for help from "the least among us?" The Annual Bishop's Appeal invites all Catholics to share the joy of bringing life, hope and love to others.

And so I appeal to you on behalf of Bishop McGrattan to give every consideration to making a generous donation this year's Bishop Appeal so that the work commissioned by the Bishop can proceed successfully. We've been blessed. Be generous. Come share the challenge.

May I conclude with the generosity prayer.

"Dear Lord, teach me to be generous, teach me to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wound, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, save that of knowing that I do your will." (St. Ignatius of Loyola)

We're All in This Together,


Fr. Ben Marino
Pastor