
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DIocese of Springfield

January 31, 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the coming weeks, your pastor will be talking about the **2018 Annual Catholic Appeal**. Through the efforts of the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, our Church presents a legacy of quality education, charitable care, pastoral support, a respect for human dignity and an unwavering commitment to the poor. This year's theme, "*In giving, we receive...*" embodies the true spirit of stewardship, in that by giving to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** we are truly the recipients of God's many gifts and blessings.

You support your parish as it helps individuals through its ministries – educational, social outreach, pastoral and even missionary. Yet, there remains a host of other needs that are beyond the ability of any one parish to meet. For example: the formation of future priests and deacons, the supervision of educational and catechetical programs, and through our communal commitment, we help our poorest brothers and sisters by way of services provided by Catholic Charities. All these things are accomplished in our names through our gifts to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**.

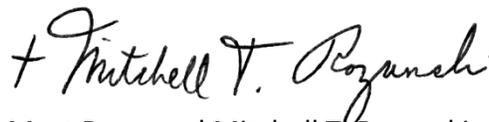
If you have supported the Appeal in the past, I thank you for your support and encourage you to help again this year. If you have not made a gift previously, I invite you to do so this year and praise God through your generosity. In this way, our giving becomes an act of worship and thanksgiving.

Please use the enclosed pledge/gift card and reply envelope to make your commitment to this year's Appeal. I encourage you to consider a pledge – although one-time gifts are also welcome. Several gift plans are suggested, but you alone know what amount is right for you and your financial circumstances. You may also make your pledge or gift at the on-line donation center at www.diospringfield.org/aca with a credit card.

Be assured that all gifts will be used for the sole purpose of supporting ministries within our diocese. None of these funds will be used for any other purpose.

Asking God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit to continue to bless you for your example and genuine expressions of love, I am

Yours in Christ,



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