

2017 Annual Catholic Appeal
“Love Your Neighbor As Yourself”

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign** where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The ACA theme, “Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,” was selected to remind us that our contributions to the Annual Catholic Appeal enable the funded ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish, our Archdiocese, and throughout the world.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

After our parish goal of \$ _____ is reached in cash, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help to fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Ministries, programs, and services funded by the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

1. Grants and scholarships for schools serving economically disadvantaged communities
2. Support parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth, and adults in economically disadvantaged communities
3. Recruitment, education, and formation of lay ministers and deacons
4. Continuing education and ongoing spiritual formation of priests
5. Capital grants to parishes and schools serving economically disadvantaged communities
6. Catholic Relief Services for aid to the poor in foreign lands
7. Ministries of care and comfort to those in need
8. SPRED (Special Religious Education) in over 100 parishes
9. Office of Respect Life (supporting the dignity of life from conception to natural death) -- Elizabeth Ministry, Project Rachel, Project Gabriel, chastity programs for youth, etc.