



SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA

**May 31, 2018**

**Dear Valued Parishioner/ Friend:**

Last weekend at all Masses. I announced the kickoff of our 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our membership in the larger Church begins with parish, then Archdiocese/ Diocese and then to worldwide Church. Through our "connection" with the greater Church, we not only utilize resources that we could not economically afford as a parish, but we also join our brothers and sisters in faith in caring for all our brothers and sisters on earth. This letter is to announce the parish kickoff of the 2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal which has as its theme "One Body in Christ". How appropriate as we approach the Feast of Corpus Christi.

By giving to the Annual Appeal today, you will answer God's call to discipleship by supporting His work in our archdiocese. Your gift has a two-fold effect: Your commitment to the works of Archdiocesan services and ministries is reflected by your donations. Though we do not teach, we cause education to occur; though we might not accompany through difficult moments personally, we cause comfort to be available. We contribute to provide for the future of our faith such as our ancestors have generously done for us. Your gift assists our parish in meeting our responsibilities, because every dollar you give to the Appeal goes toward our parish goal. Also, any overage above our 2018 assessment of \$39,001 will stay in the parish to promote & sustain the life of the parish community. We need and depend upon the commitment of each member of our community. This is made visible in our willing donations of time, talent and treasure. We need all three, but for this request I am appealing to you directly to help us pay for our share of Archdiocesan resources we use and that benefit us.

I have enclosed the brochure to be used to more fully describe the sources and uses of funds and ministries served. This parish has never failed to meet the goal in my time here. What I would ask is that each person give what they can. I commit to a donation of \$700 for this purpose. Thank you for your anticipated prayerful and generous response.

Happy to Serve the People of God who serve others!

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