Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Where would we be without God in our lives? A Pew Research Center study has revealed that the number of Americans who believe in God has declined in recent years, while the number of Americans saying they have doubts about God’s existence — or that they do not believe in God at all — has grown.

It is our job as Disciples of Christ to make it known that God is real and alive in the world today. We are living examples of Jesus by the way we practice and live our faith. By receiving the gifts that God gives us and sharing them with others we are helping others know that God does exist in their lives.

St. Augustine said, “God gives where he finds empty hands.” As Christians, we are called to do the same. We come to the altar with empty hands. We are filled with Christ and share Christ with all we meet.

No matter what the challenges of the times were, you the faithful, have always been generous in helping to spread the Good News and do the work of Jesus. Together with the love and mercy of God we can share our faith, care for those in need, and build the kingdom of God here on earth.

I’m grateful to you for your faithfulness to Jesus and the Church of Trenton.

May God Bless you.

Most Rev. David M. O’Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Your Gift Matters!

Your donation is important in building up our Church. Gifts of cash, check, money order, credit card or electronic transfers from your bank account are gratefully accepted. Gifts of stock, IRA distributions, bequests and charitable annuities can be coordinated by contacting the Department of Development at 609-403-7197.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Diocese of Trenton
PO Box 70170
Newark, NJ 07101

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In a world where fewer people believe in God and his Church, our mission to share our Faith has never been more critical. By reaching out to our brothers and sisters and responding to their temporal and spiritual needs, we give witness to the power of God’s love.

When we work together through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are able to educate young children about Jesus Christ and the Gospel; provide spiritual guidance and support to teens and young adults trying to find their way; assist families and individuals across the generations who are dealing with a myriad of life’s challenges, and help those with such fundamental needs as food, clothing and shelter.

Your Appeal gift helps the Diocese to find and form seminarians who will serve this Church as priests for decades to come. Through special evangelization programs and our network of Catholic media, your generosity makes it possible to reach those who are hungry for God’s word; who seek inspiration and welcome in the Catholic Church.

There are so many ways that the Church can be present to people in real and meaningful ways. You can be part of this effort by supporting one or all of the many essential ministries and programs that lift up the lives of believers and non-believers alike.

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If you wish, you may designate your gift as follows:

☐ The Ministry where it is needed most
  • Donations allocated to ministries most in need

☐ Priests, Deacons & Religious
  • Finding & Forming Priests (Vocations recruitment & Seminary Preparation)
  • Retired Priests Care
  • Preparation of Deacons
  • Support of Religious Women & Men

☐ Community Outreach
  • Families, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
  • Catholic Social Services (The Guild)

□ Pastoral Care (Prison, Respect Life, Grief)
□ Special Events and Programs
□ Outreach to the Poor and Vulnerable

☐ Teaching the Faith
  • Evangelization and Communications Outreach
  • Religious Education, Rite of Election of Adults and Children
  • Catholic School Programs (ie: Catholic Athletes for Christ)
  • Tuition Assistance
  • Professional Development for Educators

Gifts to the Appeal are used to support the ministries listed above and will not be used to defray legal fees or to fund the Victim Compensation Program.