

Please take a moment to read the following letter with a time-sensitive request to those who may be in a position to help.

Also, several have commented on Fr. Joe's [Homily following the attack on the Legislature in the U.S. Capital](#), so we set up a link to that homily if you would like to see or share it.



Dear Parishioners of St. Martha and St. Mary Parishes,

We need your help in resolving an urgent challenge arising from our limited attendance at Mass over the past ten months. Many parishioners remain very committed to serving and contributing to the regular Parish Offertory, allowing us to maintain Masses and ministries throughout the pandemic. The work of our diocesan ministries also continues as our wider Church strives to bring Christ's love and compassion to those who rely on their guidance and assistance.

- The sick and homebound continue to receive spiritual support and information over the phone from the Archdiocese's Faith Community Nurses and Chaplains.
- Our Pregnancy Help centers continue to provide resources and assistance for women facing crisis pregnancies.
- Those suffering from addiction still need support and guidance, and many have a greater need for counseling and spiritual support during this time of heightened anxiety.
- And, now more than ever, our parishes and schools have come to rely on the expertise and support from Central Ministries. These ministries and offices have worked tirelessly with all parishes to secure government funding, provided us with guidance, resources, and supplies to safely restart Mass, and offered webinars and tools to maintain our virtual connections so that we can continue our evangelization efforts.

The **Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal** funds the ministries that provide these resources as well as many others. For several years now, our parishioners' generous participation in this archdiocesan appeal has exceeded our minimum fair-share assessment and usually even the higher goal we strive for, so I know you see how the archdiocese provides ministries beyond our capabilities and supports our own collaborative parishes and staff.

This campaign usually kicks-off in March, but in 2020 that launch was blocked by public Masses being suspended. Because we struggled this year communicating with you about this archdiocesan appeal, **we are well below our goals, and even below our minimum fair-share** at St. Martha by \$2,660 and at St. Mary Parish by \$12,150. Both parishes *could* use our savings to cover these amounts, but **any one-time gifts to the 2020 Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal will result in your own parish being able to leave more money in parish savings.**

If you missed the chance to participate last year, **please show your support by going to BostonCatholicAppeal.org today** to give what you can. *Every gift received by January 30* will apply to our 2020 shortfall, and you can feel good about making a meaningful difference for both the parish and the wider Church.

If you have already donated to the Archdiocesan Catholic Appeal, **Thank you.** Especially during these difficult times, your support provides essential help to those served by these ministries.

Our collaborative parishes are blessed to have such wonderful and supportive parishioners like you. May God continue to bless you and all whom you hold dear.

Your brother and fellow contributor,

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