



Annual Appeal Update

My brothers and sisters, six months ago I spoke to you in a recorded message to ask your help with the 2019 Bishop's Appeal, *Living Our Faith*. Today I want to give a brief update on the response to this year's appeal thus far. With several months to go, we've reached eighty-two percent of our diocesan goal – a most encouraging statistic.

The image on this year's Bishop's Appeal poster shows Mary and Joseph guiding the halting steps of the infant Jesus down the street. And that's a good image of the Appeal's purpose—that we show our children and grandchildren how to keep their balance as Christians and walk toward the Light that brightens our darkness. Faith comes alive when we work together to spread it.

If you're like me and you need more time to make up your mind, remember that every additional donation brings us closer to 100%. To those of you who have already contributed, thank you. Thank you many times over. Your generosity will make it easier to live our faith in the year ahead.

God bless you.