



Bishops Annual Appeal 2021

My dear parish family:

As believers in Christ, we are inspired to follow His example to love one another. The theme of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, "Living the Joy of the Gospel," inspires us, as people of faith, to share joyfully the Good News of Christ to those who most need to feel His love as we continue His work on earth as faithful disciples. With all that we have been through lately during this pandemic people really need to know that God still loves them and that we can experience joy. The Appeal gives us the opportunity to support the good works and ministries that brings hope to many of our brothers and sisters throughout the 23 counties of our Diocese.

The overall goal for the Diocese this year is \$6.85 million and our parish share is \$36,690.00.

Once again I know there are many obligations and concerns facing each of you and your families, but please consider supporting the ministries and programs made possible though the generosity of the people of faith in our Diocese.

Just think last year \$1.5 million went to support our seminarians and new vocations, which is good news as we have a shortage of priests. Which gives us hope because we know that there are priests coming in the future. Almost \$2 million went to support our Catholic schools, including college campus outreach and tuition assistance.

Let us pray for the success of the Bishop's Annual Appeal because all the programs that receive assistance are necessary and beneficial in the Body of Christ.

Once again I am calling upon everyone for their participation in this Appeal and if every family contributes \$142.00 we will make our goal in just three weeks.

This year any monies that go over our goal will go to the parish maintenance fund which has been depleted with the emergency repairs. We have had to replace one HVAC system at a cost of \$7,000.00 and repairs to another one. I pray that we can keep them up and running because they are all the same age and have reached their life capacity.

Just a reminder to keep making payments on your pledges through the office this year as that money goes to the payment of our Diocese loan for construction.

May God bless you all for your generosity and stewardship to Ss. Simon & Jude and the Diocese of Columbus.

Love and Peace

Fr. Dwayne A McNew

