



"But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works." James 2:18

January 25, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The Diocese of San Diego, comprised of 99 parishes throughout San Diego and Imperial Counties, has been blessed through the generosity of so many people such as you. With our 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal theme, inspired by James 2:18, **"Living our Faith"**, I am inviting you to be part of serving God with the gifts you have been given to equip others spiritually, socially, and educationally through ministries funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

As you may know, gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal serve as the primary means to fund a multitude of ministries that assist our parish and Catholics throughout the diocese. While our financial goal of \$3,500,000 is very important, it is just as essential for each of us to grow in faith and to accompany others into a life in Christ. Put simply, the Annual Catholic Appeal strengthens our parish and every parish. We need each other to strengthen our faith by our works in our communal mission. God has given us many blessings; let us join together as one family through acts of love as disciples of our Lord.

How can you help? You can help meet our parish assessment goal of \$110,661 by considering a gift or pledge to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal. Through your generosity, you will make a difference for both our parish and every parish of the Diocese. I am confident that we can reach this goal and possibly exceed it as we did last year. Any amount that is received over our target will be returned to our parish and dedicated to **upgrading the Church Heating and Air Conditioning System**, which is due for replacement at the approximate expense of \$350,000.

Each dollar that you contribute assists in these important ministries:

- Catholic Schools
- Faith Formation
- Clergy Formation and Support
- Catholic Charities

There are many giving options to contribute to the "Living our Faith" Appeal. Please prayerfully consider your response as a faithful steward of the gifts which God has joyfully bestowed on you. You may use the enclosed Response Card to make your pledge and return it to the weekend collection or the parish office. You may also go to <https://www.sdccatholic.org/giving/annual-catholic-appeal/> to make a secure online pledge or donation.

We are hoping that you will join the 416 families who pledged last year. Know that your support is very much appreciated! My prayer is that you will be able to offer a gift this year and help us to meet our goal. Your participation regardless of the amount makes a difference. Your generosity accomplishes something very simple yet very powerful; it touches hearts with God's love through your gift and deepens our collective faith. By contributing to the "Living our Faith" campaign, you are helping our brothers and sisters to truly know and love Jesus Christ, His grace, and His mercy. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Be assured of my heartfelt love and gratitude. May God bless you abundantly and may we never grow complacent in the awesome gifts that the Lord has entrusted to us.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Nicholas Clavin
Pastor