

THE PASTOR'S DESK

January 31, 2010 - Archbishop's Appeal



Dear Parishioners,



A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the Archbishop's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "I will give you thanks, O Lord." (Psalm 138:1)

The Archbishop's Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

While the space for my column is mostly taken up by the announcement regarding the Archbishop's Appeal, I wanted to say a few "thank yous."

First, to Mary Busche, our Pro-Life Coordinator, to Larry deLorimier the Pro-Life Director for Our Lady of Guadalupe Council Knights of Columbus, and to all the Knights of Columbus and volunteers who helped us host the young people from St. Catherine of Siena parish and St. Gwendolyn parish in Toledo who came for the March for Life. All of our guests were overwhelmed by the hospitality they received. We, in turn, are overwhelmed by the effort they made in coming to the March. Also thanks to our Youth Minister, Sue Bredehoeft and members of our Youth Group and to all who went to the March or supported it by your prayers. The March is getting bigger (and younger!) every year.

Second "Thanks" go to Mike May and all those who helped give the kitchen a thorough cleaning. The kitchen is a valuable asset to the parish and one we should keep in great shape.

Finally, let me welcome Fr. William Brailsford to the parish. We are all very happy that he is here. Give him the same warm welcome you gave me and I know he will feel right at home very soon.

**God bless,
Fr. LaHood**

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Lent

*Lent begins on Ash Wednesday (February 17).
The Mass schedules are as follows: 6:30am, 9:00am,
5:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:30pm (Spanish).*

During Lent, we will offer a daily 6:30 am Mass from Monday to Friday. On Fridays we will have confessions at 6:00 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm and then celebration of the Mass at 7:30 pm. There is a Spanish Stations of the Cross at 8:00 pm. Please mark your calendars now and we hope you will participate in our Liturgical celebrations as well as other parish Lent events.

Watch for more announcements in the coming bulletins.