



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF RICHMOND
ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL IS HERE**



Annual Diocesan Appeal

A LETTER FROM THE BISHOP.

Since the Annual Diocesan Appeal was revamped in 2010, it has provided significant funding for the local priorities of parishes and the larger ministries of the Diocese. Over the past six years, the Appeal has returned over \$7 million to our parishes in addition to providing over \$12 million to strengthening our future church, assisting our parishes, supporting our priests and clergy and building diverse communities. Normally during this time of year, we are asking for your support of the current Appeal. However, the purpose of this announcement is to make you aware that the timing of the Appeal has changed. The Appeal is moving from the fall of 2016 to the first quarter of 2017 and will coincide with Lent. This schedule will continue in subsequent years. This decision was made in order to allow more time after the completion of the *Living Our Mission* capital and endowment campaign to strategize a strong return for the Appeal. In addition, this allows more time to expand our efforts as it relates to campaign continuation, legacy giving and parish stewardship as well as the new Catholic Community Foundation. We appreciate your accommodation to this change. More information will be forthcoming later in year and I am hopeful you will join us in once again supporting the immediate needs addressed through the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

**With gratitude and warmest wishes, I remain
Sincerely yours in Our Lord,**

**Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo
Bishop of Richmond.**

2017 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: BUILDING OUR FAMILY OF FAITH

Welcome to the 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *Building Our Family of Faith*. As you may have heard, the Appeal has changed timing from the fall to the spring and all 145 parishes are once again conducting it at the same time.

This year's theme is inspired by two sources. The first source is Galatians 6:10.: "So, as we have the opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith." The second source is from Pope Pius XII. In his Encyclical *Mystici Corporis* he says that there can be no discontinuity between the inward and outward graces of the Church in all its members (Cf. DS 3808 ff.), indicating that the gifts to the Church are to radiate outward, a theme repeated in *Gaudium et Spes* regarding the wider creation.

With an overall goal of nearly **\$2.7 million**, the 2017 Appeal will provide critical funding to nineteen diverse and impactful ministries that affect the lives of thousands of people in our Diocese. We look forward to sharing with you more about the Appeal and its impact in the very near future.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIVING OUR MISSION AND THE ANNUAL APPEAL

Although there are similar ministries and programs supported by both the *Living Our Mission* campaign and the Annual Appeal, there is a distinct difference. The *Living Our Mission* campaign was a historic first-time effort to build major endowments and capital to support our parishes and larger Church leading into the future. Although many projects were realized in the short-term, the vast majority of funds raised were designed for the **future**. In contrast, the Annual Diocesan Appeal is initiated every year to meet ministry and program needs of the **present**. While the *Living Our Mission* campaign was an overwhelming success and set our Church up for a strong financial future, the Annual Appeal is still a very necessary component of meeting our goals in the short-term. That is why we are asking for your prayerful support of a pledge or gift to the 2017 Annual Appeal.

You will receive a letter from Bishop DiLorenzo, asking for your support of the 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal. It is our sincere hope that you will answer our Bishop's request and make a generous pledge to this effort.

2017 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL - OVERALL GOAL AND PARISH TARGETS**Parish Targets**

Based on the urgent needs of the Diocese, the overall goal for the 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal is **\$2,671,471**. Each parish has a target based on the percentage of overall offertory (Sunday collections) that the parish receives each week.

These are targets, not assessments!

Money raised will **not** be subject to the cathedraticum.

Total FY16 Offertory for Parish = Parish Percentage of Total Offertory X Overall Goal of Appeal = **Parish Target**

2017 PARISH TARGETS

528: Holy Comforter (Charlottesville)	\$	17,790
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Definitions:

Total FY16 Offertory for Parish: Total amount of plate collections, envelope collections and special collections from the individual parish.

Total FY16 Offertory for Diocese: Total amount of plate collections, envelope collections and special collections from all parishes together (Value currently: \$62,169,697).

Parish Percentage of Total Offertory: Percentage that the individual parish added to the overall Diocesan offertory in FY16.

Overall Goal of Appeal: \$2,671,471

Parish Target: Parish Percentage of overall Diocesan offertory applied to \$2,671,471 goal.

This is the target amount for each parish to raise. Parish sharing formulas are based upon this number.

2017 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL
Building Our Family of Faith
CASE FOR SUPPORT

CASE ELEMENT	2017 TARGET
<u>Advancing Our Parishes</u>	\$1,108,971
Parish Sharing	\$576,471
Fuel and Hunger Fund	\$250,000
Christian Formation and the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute	\$147,500
The Basilica of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception	\$100,000
ParishSoft Implementation	\$25,000
Liturgy and Worship	\$10,000
<u>Supporting Our Clergy</u>	\$750,000
Seminarian Education	\$300,000
Retired Priests	\$200,000
International Priests	\$200,000
Clergy Formation and Advanced Study	\$50,000
<u>Growing Our Faith</u>	\$612,500
Campus Ministries	\$170,000
Hispanic Ministry	\$110,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministries	\$100,000
New Evangelization	\$72,500
Segura Educational Initiative for Children	\$60,000
Center for Marriage, Family and Life	\$35,000
Migrant Ministry	\$35,000
Black Catholics, African and Asian Ministries	\$15,000
Social Ministry Discipleship	\$15,000
<u>Fees and Administration</u>	\$200,000
2017 Appeal Overall Target	\$2,671,471*

****Funds raised in excess of the 2017 Appeal overall target are shared 50% with the parishes. The remainder will be allocated among the Case for Support items with oversight from the Pastors Advisory Committee.***

2017 ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

Good and loving Father, you are the giver of all gifts. We give you thanks for the gift of faith that we share, and we give you glory for the hope of Eternal Life that welcomes us into your Kingdom.

Father, hear your Church's prayer that we may always serve you and your people with a true spirit of humility and generosity. May our Diocesan Appeal be an opportunity for us to strengthen our effort to live always in your Spirit working for your greater glory.

We ask this as your Church, as your children, and as your family, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

SAINTS TO REMEMBER

February 26 St. Porphyrius
 27 St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
 28 St. Hilary
 March 1 St. Suithbert
 2 St. Agnes of Prague
 3 St. Katharine Drexel
 4 St. Casimir

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25
8 AM Sandra Johnson (Paul Dierdorf)
5 PM † Laurie Thomas (Anna and Ed Stelow)
 Sunday, February 26
8:30 AM † Lawrence Gaffney (John Leahy)
11:00 AM Members of our Parish
1:30 PM Members of and Visitors to our Parish
 Monday, February 27
NOON Paul Dierdorf
 Tuesday, February 28
NOON Peter Savoie
 Wednesday, March 1 **ASH WEDNESDAY**
NOON † Sheila Baldt (Morgan Ashley)
7PM Members of the Parish
 Thursday, March 2
8 AM Luke Johnson (Paul Dierdorf)
 Saturday, March 4
5 PM Deceased Members of our Parish
 Sunday, March 5
8:30 AM Members of our Parish
11:00 AM Members of and Visitors to our Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading
Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Eve and Adam eat from the tree that was forbidden to them by God.
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
 A prayer for mercy
Second Reading
Romans 5:12-19
 Through the obedience of Jesus, many will be made righteous. (shorter form: Romans 5:12, 17-19)
Gospel Reading
Matthew 4:1-11
 Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert and is tempted by the devil.

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SATURDAY (2/25)

8 AM: MASS
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (2/26) EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
(Altar Flowers Provided by Anonymous Donation)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation:
Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love (Chapel)
11:00 AM: MASS
1:30 PM: Latin Mass
3:00 PM: High School Youth Ministry (*see Bulletin for details*)

MONDAY (2/27)

10:30 AM: Divine Will Prayer Group (*Chapel*)
NOON: MASS

TUESDAY (2/28)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS

WEDNESDAY (3/1) ASH WEDNESDAY

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON: MASS
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
7 PM: MASS

THURSDAY (3/2)

8 AM: MASS
NOON: Soup Kitchen

FRIDAY (3/3)

10 AM-NOON: Food Pantry
NOON-2 PM: MASS and Adoration
NOON: AA Meeting (*Lower Level*)
6:30 PM: Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY (3/4)

8 AM: MASS
11 AM-NOON: First Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
12:30 PM: Altar Server Training (*Church*)
3:30-4:30 PM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
5 PM Vigil MASS

SUNDAY (3/5) FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Altar Flowers Provided by Holy Comforter Parish)

7-7:45 AM: Reconciliation (*Chapel*)
8:30 AM: MASS
9:40-10:50 AM: RCIA (*CRE Office*)
9:45-10:45: Christian Formation (*Lower Level*)
9:45-10:45 AM: Adult Formation:
Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love (Chapel)
11:00 AM: MASS
NOON: Confirmation Class (*CRE Office*)