
ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD

Dear Friends in Christ:

Each year during the holy season of Lent, we are asked to join together in support of our neighbors in need through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Gifts to the ACA provide critical funding for more than 40 diocesan ministries, programs and services that help thousands of people across western Massachusetts. Thank you for your past support. It is with great hope for the future that I humbly request your participation in the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal.

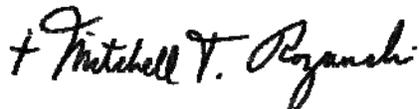
Our theme, "*One Family, Many Gifts*," describes the mission of the Annual Appeal - parishioners from across the Diocese of Springfield uniting to share God's blessings. God provides each of us with gifts and, in turn, the opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters. For many, supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal is an ideal way to help fund ministries that assist thousands of people by sheltering the homeless, promoting life at all stages, providing food to the hungry, comforting the bereaved and teaching children their Catholic faith. When your gift is multiplied with thousands of others the impact is significant. Together we can continue to build God's Kingdom here in the Diocese of Springfield.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed brochure. Inside you will find an explanation of how last year's appeal funds were allocated. After prayerful reflection I ask you to make a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Be assured that all gifts will be used for the sole purpose of supporting diocesan ministries. None of this money will be used for any other purpose.

Your gift is important to the growth and life of our church and to God's people in need of assistance. Can I count on your help this year? As you consider what you will give, please know how grateful I am for the financial sacrifice you will make to help others. I pray that you will complete the enclosed pledge card and return it in the envelope provided or donate at our on-line donation center at www.diospringfield.org/aca with a credit card.

As I celebrate Mass each day, I ask Almighty God to bless you and those who are dear to you. You are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield