

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

The Catholic Services Appeal, in addition to meeting the financial needs of the Archdiocese, calls on others to actively practice their faith. Prayer, therefore has a key role in conversion of heart that leads people to give generously to serve the needs of others.

The following are some sample **Prayers of the Faithful** that you may choose to use during your parish liturgies.

- That as we are called to support the ministries of our church through the Catholic Services Appeal, we resolve to practice our faith in this very practical, meaningful way... We pray to the Lord.
- That through our participation in the Catholic Services Appeal, we continue to be channels of the living and loving presence of Christ in our world... We pray to the Lord.
- That the Holy Spirit may continue to guide the work of the church in our Archdiocese and that Christ's message of love may be realized by all... We pray to the Lord.
- That as we make our **commitment to the Catholic Services Appeal**, we may remember God's generosity to us... We pray to the Lord.
- As we proclaim Jesus as our crucified and risen Lord and savior, **may we be inspired to share our gifts out of gratitude** with those who benefit from the Catholic Services Appeal... We pray to the Lord.
- That as we participate in the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal to help others, **we give thanks to our God for the gifts** and blessings we have received... We pray to the Lord.
- That God's blessings be upon all those in our parish family and in every parish throughout the Archdiocese for their part in supporting the many ministries and services funded through the Appeal... We pray to the Lord.
- That as we **share the benefits of our blessings** with the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal, we may better know Jesus by following his example of caring and sharing... We pray to the Lord.
- That we may respond generously to the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal as faithful **stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us**... We pray to the Lord.
- That each of us will seriously consider how we can join in reaching out to the needs of others through our support of the Catholic Services Appeal... We pray to the Lord.
- That those who have not taken the opportunity to support the Catholic Services Appeal in the past will find it in their hearts to respond to help us help those most in need in our community... We pray to the Lord.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday Prior to Announcement Weekend:

The Catholic Services Appeal supports the work of the Catholic Church by responding to the abundance of human needs in our diocese. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal provides much needed help to those most in need. Today is an opportunity to join a unified effort in our Archdiocese to advance the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church. Take a moment to consider the many blessings that God has bestowed upon you and prayerfully consider what gifts you are able to share in support of the work of the Church.

***Announcement Weekend (Video Weekend):**

The Catholic Services Appeal will be conducted in our parish next weekend. A successful appeal brings God's hope, love and comfort to many men, women and children in the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Our parish and our Archdiocese are "One Body in Christ". Next weekend you will be able to make your gift through our in-pew appeal. Our parish goal is to attain 100% Participation—a goal that can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. Remember no gift is too large or too small. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.

Commitment Weekend (In-pew Weekend):

Today is our parish's Catholic Services Appeal in-pew weekend. Christian stewards recognize Christ as the giver of all our many gifts. We are grateful for these many gifts and are eager to give back and return some of these gifts in appreciation to show our love for Christ and for one another. All of us share as Christ's disciples in the mission of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Only together can we accomplish God's work. Today as a parish family we have an opportunity to make our pledge in support of our seminarians in formation, the homeless and vulnerable, our Catholic School students and our Parishes.

Sunday After the Appeal:

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge to the Catholic Services Appeal last weekend. If you were unable to make a pledge last weekend, I urge you to please consider doing so today. You will be given an opportunity to make your gift of treasure today. Your gift to the Catholic Services Appeal makes a real difference in the lives of so many in our Archdiocese. Pledge envelopes are available in each pew. Once completed, please place them in the collection basket.

Pulpit Announcement if your parish has not reached its Goal:

We need your help to reach our parish goal. Prayerfully consider making a gift in support of the Catholic Services Appeal. A gift is gratefully received and sincerely appreciated. For your convenience, pledge envelopes are available in the vestibule of the Church and many of you have received these at home. Thank you for your generosity and support.

** The video has proven to raise interest and funds for the Church. Seek people in your parish who may have the equipment that will make this happen, or utilize the services of the AV company made available by the Archdiocese.*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Your gift to the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal reaches out to the countless people in need throughout our Archdiocese. No matter where you turn, you find someone who will benefit from your kindness. Please consider pledging your support to this worthwhile endeavor. Of course, if you do not give generously the work of the Church will be diminished.
- Have you given prayerful consideration to your gift for the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal? Have you? If you simply have made a gift with the change in your pockets, we will not be able to serve all those who need our help. We need each of you to help us be the “Hands of Christ” in supporting the people and the work of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis.
- The 2011 Catholic Services Appeal is more than just another collection. It is the way by which every Catholic shares in the work of our Archdiocese and the mission of the Church. Our work is providing Catholic Schools for our children, faith formation programs in our parishes, and with the guidance of Catholic Charities, we feed the poor.
- I would like to express my gratitude to those of you who have made a gift to the 2011 Catholic Services Appeal. If you have not already contributed, it is time. Please make your pledge today and make it as generous as you can.
- If you have never needed to use one of the countless services provided by the Catholic Services Appeal consider yourself fortunate! Each year thousands of people in need utilize services provided by the Catholic Services Appeal. Your gift is essential to continue these programs and services.
- Christ has no body now on Earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours is the body through which He is to go about doing good; yours are the hands with which He is to bless people now. The Catholic Services Appeal is a very practical means of “doing good”.