

Dear Friends in Christ,

April 25, 2017



The **2017 Catholic Services Appeal** has begun. Each year, Catholics from across the Archdiocese have the opportunity to join together as Christian stewards to live out the Gospel mission of our Church through this appeal. When we support the C.S.A., we support a multitude of ministries, programs and services, including permanent diaconate, Safe Environments, and school outreach to name a few.

Our mandatory target this year is **\$88,522**. This year the calculation was changed by the Archdiocese and targets are now based on the three year average of Sunday and Christmas collections and based on our offertory, is assessed at 13%. Also included with this letter is a "C.S.A. Myths and Facts Sheet" to cover some of the common questions people have about the C.S.A. and the assigned target.

How much should you consider giving? The Finance Council has reviewed the needs of the parish and is looking at doing some necessary capital improvements to the campus over the next two - five years. These projects include a new sound system in the church, Formation Wing repairs and other church enhancements. Since every dollar you contribute helps the parish 100% either by helping us reach the mandatory target or, once over the target, by coming back to the parish for our own use *without* any tax taken out of it, we are hoping to use C.S.A. to fund these capital improvements. With this in mind, if every parish household prays about this and gives **\$500-\$600** toward C.S.A., we will reach our goal. Some can give more and others can give less so please remember it is not about equal gifts, but equal sacrifice. But if most of us make some type of pledge/donation, we will exceed our mandatory target and have money set aside for future capital improvements, including the parking lot and roof replacement.

To make your participation in the 2017 C.S.A. as convenient as possible, we have included a form below along with a return envelope. List your total pledge, any amount you are paying immediately, and any balance due. Let us know how you want to pay the balance—in 4 or 9 installments. This year (after May 1st) there is an option of going to <http://ssjp.aodcsa.org> to make your pledge and payments online. We offer the option of paying the C.S.A. pledge in full or making C.S.A. payments by going to the parish website (www.ssjohnandpaul.org) or using the parish app (myparishapp.com) and following the links for online giving. If you choose the online option, please check the appropriate box in the form below and return the form without any payment.

We ask that you try to return the enclosed form along with any check/money in the Sunday collection within the next two weeks (May 6/7 or May 13/14). If you prefer to drop it off in person, you may do so at the parish office any time or see one of the C.S.A. workers in the lobby after Mass on those two weekends. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or share concerns.

Even if you are unable financially to contribute this year, just mark the card with a '0' and send it in. We then know we do not need to contact you or send you a follow-up letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fr. Festus Ejoradu
Pastor

(PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO RETURN IT)

NAME: _____ ENV. #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOTAL PLEDGE: _____

AMOUNT PAYING: _____

BALANCE DUE: _____

How would you prefer to pay any balance due (begins in July)?

Monthly: 9 Equal Payments

Quarterly: 4 Equal Payments

(Make checks payable to: "SS. John and Paul Parish/CSA")

I used the online giving option

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