

An update on the Annual Catholic Appeal May 15th 2016

The Stewardship Commission and I wish to give you another brief update on the Annual Catholic Appeal.

We would like to start by thanking **All** of our Witness Speakers: Father Rob Evanson, Jay & Lisa Laush, Matt Gomez, June Kamau, Warren & Maggie Eckstrom, Dave Kilker, Ron Neri & his daughters Kristen & Hailey and Robert & Doreen Ross. Each of them spoke from their **Heart of Gratitude** and **We** are most grateful. **Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Now for the news: As of Thursday evening, **239 families** have generously pledged **\$69,432.37**. As you know **our Goal is \$106,276. We can do this.**

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to remind us we are part of the **larger Church** and not just our local parish. With all parishes working together we provide more than 60 ministries and services. We **are** accomplishing what we **cannot** do alone.

If you are one of the 239 families who have already pledged, **Thank You!**

If you have not, if you've been busy, if you are a procrastinator, if you misplaced your pledge card, there are pledge cards in the pews and I'd like you all to take a moment and reflect. We've talked about **\$1** a day, or **\$365** a year. We've talked about the equivalent of **1hour** wage a week. If your circumstances do not allow a monetary gift, **Please, Please, Please**, return your pledge card marked Prayer. We need those too!

This is about being **Catholic**. We are part of the universal church.

There are **schools** to sustain and grow, **social services** to the poor and needy to be offered, **priests and deacons** to be trained, **retired nuns and priests** to support.

No individual or parish can accomplish the entire mission of the church. God intentionally made each one of us different and each one of us is **Needed**.

We as Catholics belong to the wider church. Not just our own faith community. In communion with our brother and sisters in neighboring parishes please support the **Annual Catholic Appeal** and together provide, **A Future Full of Hope**.

Thank you and may God bless you!

Fr. Francis Thumbi and the Stewardship Commission