

**A FUTURE
FULL OF
HOPE**

*Annual
Catholic
Appeal*



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Dear Parishioners of St. Thomas Parish,

As we all know, the “social distancing” practices and suspension of gathering for Mass have created unique challenges to the way we practice our faith. Nothing is more important than all of us taking the necessary steps to protect and ensure the health and well-being of our families, friends, neighbors, as well as our parish and school communities. Although we are physically separated from the Eucharist --- our church is alive and still on mission.

One of the ways we participate in that mission is through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each year at this time, Archbishop Etienne invites us to support the essential ministries and shared services of the Archdiocese. The impact and spread of COVID-19 pandemic has created extraordinary circumstances for our parish and our regional church, the Archdiocese. Your participation is critical!

This year our parish share of the Appeal is \$37,551. If we exceed this goal, all excess payments received will come back to us and we will put that towards recovery of lost offertory donations. In addition, this year 10% of all the funds collected through the ACA (excluding our rebate) will be placed into a special Parish Solidarity Fund at the Archdiocese. In this way, your donations will help us, but will also help other parishes recover.

If you gave to the Appeal last year, I ask you to consider increasing your gift by 5% this year. If you are not sure what to give, would you consider a gift of \$365 (\$1 per day)? Because of the current situation, we have three simple ways to for you to donate:

- Mail the enclosed pledge card in the provided envelope
- Go online to www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate to make a secure pledge or gift
- Call us at 1-800-809-4921

The reality is that many of your fellow parishioners may not be able to participate this year, so your support is more important than ever. Be assured of my gratitude for your gift – whatever the amount - and of my continuing prayers for you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. James Northrop
Pastor