

February 16-17, 2019: Announcement Weekend!

Prayers of the Faithful

For all who seek to learn more about **“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”**, the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal, may they see that through partnership and stewardship we enrich our faith. We pray to the Lord.

Bulletin and Altar Announcements

Pastors are asked to preach about the Annual Catholic Appeal at each Mass. It also is the weekend when the 2019 Appeal brochures are to be inserted in your bulletins. Please prepare an altar announcement asking people to review the brochure and be prepared to make an Annual Catholic Appeal pledge (an example is given below). The in-pew envelope will include a section where parishioners can note if they have already given by mail.

2019 Annual Catholic Appeal **“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word”**

Please spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal brochure that you received with your bulletin. The Annual Catholic Appeal is **much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledged campaign commitment** where you can make a gift payable in installments. A pledge is a promise to make a gift over a span of time.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer Jesus' call to **“Come, Follow Me...and share the Word.”**

Once we reach our parish goal of \$ _____ in paid pledges, 100% of any additional funds come back to our parish to help fund our needs.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you who did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.