



Dear Friends,

As we continue our journey of faith, we are reminded of the many ways we are called to support one another and build up the Body of Christ - the Church. One of the most important opportunities to live out this calling is through our participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal. This weekend, we begin the 2025 ACA campaign. This year's theme is **"Together for Good"**. This appeal is a vital part of sustaining and expanding the mission of our Diocese.

The funds support many vital ministries of the Church. Here are just some examples:

- Catholic Charities, which make the love of God visible by helping the poor regardless of their faith or background, assisting the neglected and forgotten, and promoting life from beginning to natural death.
- Discipleship and Family Life, which supports Black Catholic Ministries, Hispanic Ministries, Marriage, Persons with Disabilities, Young Adults and Youth Ministry.
- Department of Catholic Education supports our BHCS in Fremont and all other Catholic School in our Diocese
- Office of Justice Prison Ministry extends Christ's mercy through liturgies and retreats at the Correctional Facilities.
- Emergency Services helps with food, clothing, shelter and disaster relief services addressed by ministries within Catholic Charities.
- Campus Ministry provides pastoral care and evangelization at the Universities and Colleges located within the boundary of the Toledo Diocese.
- The Department of Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations addresses the full range of support for the clergy and those called to the consecrated life. The Annual Catholic Appeal pays for education and formation of our seminarians, and also for Permanent Deacons' formation.

This weekend the Diocese announces the beginning of the 2025 ACA campaign, and February 15/16 is Commitment Weekend. If you are registered with the parish, you should have received or will receive a letter from Bishop Daniel Thomas regarding this vital appeal. Our parish goal is \$40,369.27. Your contribution, no matter the size, directly impacts lives across our Diocese. As we reflect on the blessings God has given us, let us also reflect on how we can share those blessings with others. Please prayerfully consider making a gift according to your means to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Together, we can continue to build a vibrant, caring Church that serves all God's people.

May God continue to bless us,
Fr. Krzysztof Kardzis