



Catholic Services Appeal 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The First Letter of Peter addresses persecuted Christians living in Asia Minor. St. Peter writes to these early followers of Jesus to prepare them for suffering in imitation of Christ. The core message is not just about enduring trials but also “incredible joy.” St. Peter shows that the Christian life is marked by suffering and, also, by a living hope and profound joy.

The Scripture verse for this year’s Catholic Services Appeal comes from this letter: “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10). The passage in which we find this verse is about Christian Charity, a call for hospitality and service and to “let love for one another be intense.”

It is timely for us, the Church in Detroit, to reflect on these themes. In the midst of ongoing distress and tribulation as our region and the entire world emerges from a global pandemic, we are called to witness the love of Christ to a suffering world. It is in the way we serve each other and in the way we love one another that we give effective witness to Christ.

We are called to this witness immersed in the reality of Christ’s victory over death and the inexpressible joy of the new life we now have through our baptism. Joy, love, service, and hospitality are the hallmarks of Christ’s followers and the gift we offer to the people in southeast Michigan.

Each year, the Catholic Services Appeal provides us an opportunity to celebrate the ways our Church in Detroit responds to the material and spiritual needs of individuals and families. One parish alone could not meet these many needs. It is through the sharing of our gifts and our service that we, together, can be the Church Christ wants us to be.

I am deeply grateful for the ways you have contributed to this work in the past. I ask that you prayerfully consider renewing your gift this year. Your generosity makes it possible for more than 170 ministries, services, and programs to love intensely and bring the incredible joy found in Christ to our communities.

Entrusting you to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Solanus Casey, and St. Anne, our patroness, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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