

# Your Special Intention

Dear Bishop Thomas,  
Please remember the following prayer intention at daily Mass in the St. John Paul II Chapel of the Pastoral Center: (Please write your special intention and return it with your gift.)

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No gift is too small. No gift is too great. The gift plans below are presented for your consideration.

## Gift Plans TO CONSIDER

Total Gift	Initial Payment	7 Additional Payments	Can You Sacrifice?
\$1,000.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$3.75/day
\$750.00	\$93.75	\$93.75	\$2.82/day
\$500.00	\$62.50	\$62.50	\$1.88/day
\$400.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$1.50/day
\$300.00	\$37.50	\$37.50	\$1.13/day
\$200.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.75/day
\$100.00	\$12.50	\$12.50	\$0.38/day
\$75.00	\$9.38	\$9.38	\$0.28/day
\$50.00	\$6.25	\$6.25	\$0.19/day
\$20.00	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.08/day

Thank you for your continued support.

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# Building His Church, Fulfilling His Mission



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## Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As members of the Body of Christ, we are each called to give witness to Him by putting our faith into action. Your support of the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal is one way to give such witness. This 51st annual diocesan appeal invites us to offer witness as the Church in the Diocese of Toledo by generously supporting vital diocesan ministries.

The theme this year is **“Building His Church, Fulfilling His Mission.”** It reflects Pope Francis’ vision for the Catholic Church. In his words, “The Church’s roots are in the teaching of the apostles, she looks to the future, she has the firm consciousness of being sent by Jesus to pray, proclaim and testify to Jesus, bearing the name of Jesus by her prayer, proclaiming it and testifying to it.” As we embrace this calling, we actively engage in our diocesan mission to foster Holy Disciples, Holy Families and nurture Holy Vocations.

We encourage you to offer a **gift of prayer** for the success of this year’s Appeal, even as we encourage you to **consider making a generous financial gift** according to your means. **Please join us in supporting the crucial services our diocesan wide ministries provide.** In the words of Pope Francis **“let us discover today all the beauty and responsibility of being the Church apostolic! The Church is apostolic because we pray – our first duty- and when we proclaim the Gospel by our lives and our actions.”** May the Lord bless you abundantly as together we strive to build His Church and fulfill His Mission.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend  
Daniel E. Thomas,  
Bishop of Toledo



Reverend Joseph P. Szybka  
Clergy Chair  
Pastor of St. Joseph Tiffin



“Before all else, the Gospel invites us to respond to the God of love who saves us, to see God in others and to go forth from ourselves to seek the good of others.”

– Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel: *Evangelii Gaudium*

## How Can My Gift Make a Difference?

Consider how these levels of support can make an impact.

- \$25

Provides 10 hot meals at Helping Hands of St. Louis
- \$50

Provides three days of shelter and case management for a family at La Posada
- \$75

Provides one month of groceries for a household through Helping Hands of St. Louis
- \$100

Houses a Mom and her family to stay at Miriam House for four days
- \$160

Purchases a set of Liturgy of the Hours books for a man entering the seminary
- \$600

Purchases textbooks for one seminarian for one semester
- \$4,500

Annual cost to produce materials to promote vocations in parishes and schools
- \$6,700

Average cost for room and board for one seminarian for one semester
- \$11,500

Average cost for tuition for one seminarian for one semester





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## 6 Easy Ways to Give to the Annual Catholic Appeal:

### 1. Make a gift by writing a check

Drop it off at your parish office or mail directly to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal, PO Box 917, Toledo, OH 43697-0917.

### 2. Give online at [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org)

You can create an automatic bank withdrawal, set up installment payments on your credit card or make a one-time gift. Just click on "Give" at the top of the page.

### 3. Use the QR code

Use your smartphone or tablet to capture the QR code on the brochure and make your gift online.

### 4. Transfer stock

Transferring appreciated stock also qualifies for a charitable deduction under current tax laws. Contact us for more information at 419.244.6711.

### 5. Seek matching funds

Many employers match the charitable donations of their employees or retirees. Check with your human resources office for a matching gift form.

### 6. Gift planning

Consider including the Annual Catholic Appeal in a bequest or will or as a beneficiary of your existing life insurance policy or IRA.

**Vocations** — We are blessed to have **15 seminarians** preparing for the priesthood. Deacon Tony Coci will be ordained a priest on May 27, 2017. Additionally, 20 men from across the diocese are in formation to become permanent deacons.

**Catholic Charities** continues to make a difference in the lives of people of all faiths by **serving meals to men, women, and children**. Emergency shelter is provided to individuals and families along with support services to **help families regain stability**. The new **Office for Life and Justice** encompasses the full spectrum of Catholic Social Teaching, including Respect Life, Project Rachel, Jail and Prison ministries. Additional efforts by this office are being spotlighted in our diocese: immigration and refugee resettlement, Care for Our Common Home and human trafficking.

Our **Catholic Education** team assists the Bishop in his teaching mission by serving, forming and encouraging the leaders of youth formation and education in the diocese. The staff oversees and supports the work of our parishes and schools in passing on the treasures of our Catholic Faith from pre-K through adult and provides specialized formation for the religious education leaders, teachers, and catechists of the diocese. Adult faith formation and catechetical ministry formation are provided for hundreds of participants each year.



**Discipleship and Family Life** serves the spectrum of people in our parishes by providing resources, education and formation to draw all closer to Christ through the following ministries:

The Young Adult and Campus Ministry serves and supports parishes and campus ministries in connecting young adults, college age to 20s and 30s, with Jesus Christ, the Church, the mission of the Church, and their peers. The Office also serves and assists campus ministries in bringing the Gospel to higher education by serving with and forming students, faculty, and staff in faith, leadership, and full participation in the life of the Church.

Our Diocesan Youth Ministry provides our youth ministry leaders with opportunities and resources to deepen their own faith and their relationship with Jesus Christ as well as those to whom they minister.

The Office coordinates:

- **TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)** — since 2009, Youth Ministry has organized this three-day retreat experience for high school juniors and seniors.
- The **Diocesan Youth Council**, a council of youth from parishes all over the Diocese of Toledo who are developing leadership skills as emerging disciples and taking those skills back into their parish.
- The annual "March for Life" bus trip to Washington D.C. to stand up for Life has been at capacity for the last several years.

**Marriage and Family Life** provides education, training and support for family spirituality, marriage enrichment and preparation, including help for troubled marriages. It makes possible the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass.

**Intercultural Ministries** strives to ensure respect for the ethnic diversity and inclusion at the parish, deanery and diocesan levels in the areas of African-American catechesis and Black Catholic celebrations and retreats, Hispanic pastoral ministry, and ministries for and with people with disabilities for full participation in the life of the Church.



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Questions about making a gift to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal may be directed to the Catholic Foundation at 419.244.6711 or by email to [aca@toledodiocese.org](mailto:aca@toledodiocese.org). As always, thank you for your continued support!