



## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2009

### A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the Archbishop's Annual Appeal (formerly, Archbishop's Lenten Appeal) tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Do everything for the glory of God... (1 Cor 10:31-11:1).

The Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a onetime special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides an important portion of the budget of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Most dioceses in the country conduct an appeal, once a year, to help with the costs of providing services and programs to their parishes and people. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is no exception.

As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

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

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar raised until we reach our goal of \$42,156. After we reach our goal, 50% of all over goal dollars is returned to us. This year, we will commit our parish rebates once again to Belize, Tuition Assistance and Youth Ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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### *Join Us In Service*

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#### "HEARTBEAT: SHRINE HUMAN LIFE MINISTRY"

Maryland Catholic Conference Lobby Night: Join hundreds of Catholics from throughout the state on President's Day – Monday, February 16 – to be "powered by faith" at Lobby Night 2009. You will have the opportunity to speak face-to-face with your elected officials about issues including: Catholic schools, poverty, support for pregnant women in crisis, marriage, and the death penalty. For further information and to register, go to [www.mdcatcon.org/lobbysnight2009](http://www.mdcatcon.org/lobbysnight2009) or call 410-269-1155.



**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF OUR PARISH, ESPECIALLY:** *Claire Hillary, Gloria Marble, Teddy Morton and Brittany Perkey.*

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### *Join Us In Community*

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#### THIS WEEK AT THE SHRINE

**Monday, February 9**

7PM RCIA (GRIII)

7PM Corporator's Mtg (TCR)

**Tuesday, February 10**

7PM SSSH Board Mtg (SL)

7PM Communion &amp; Liberation (GRIII)

**Thursday, February 12**

9AM Staff Mtg (TCR)

5:30PM Communion &amp; Liberation Mass/Archbishop O'Brien

7PM Young Adults (GRI &amp; III)

7:15PM Choir (CR)

**Friday, February 13**

6:15PM SSSH Girl Scouts Babysitting (TH)

**Sunday, February 15**

9AM Children's Liturgy of the Word

St. Ambrose Food Pantry Collection