

February, 2009

Dear Parish Family,

I have very exciting news to share with you! Every year we are asked to participate in the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. A goal is set for us, and anything we contribute over that goal is refunded to the parish. We have for the past few years always exceeded our goal, and received generous refunds.

This year we have been chosen to receive a different benefit from the Annual Appeal. This year every dollar we collect will be applied to paying off our parish debt. Not only that, but the Archdiocese will match us dollar for dollar in our debt reduction! This is an incredible, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for us. Last year Immaculate Conception contributed over one hundred thousand dollars to the Archdiocesan Appeal. If we could match that this year, we would have over two hundred thousand dollars removed from our parish debt! If we stretched we could conceivably reduce the debt by a quarter of a million dollars! This would go a long way in helping us pay off building repairs and keeping our school program on track!

The same opportunity has been offered to St. Joseph, so our whole faith community has been blessed with a golden opportunity.

I am going to ask you to pray, and consider as generous a pledge or gift as you can for The Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. The pledge or collection days will be the weekends of Feb. 14-15, and Feb. 21-22. Some of you will also receive solicitation for the Annual Catholic Appeal by direct mail. Remember that whatever you can contribute will have double impact on our debt reduction! Just make sure that our parish name and address appears on your donation! Thank you in advance for whatever help you can give.

God bless you.

Fr. Pat