

Pulpit/Bulletin Announcements

Announcement #1: To be used Weekend of February 18-19

The Idaho Catholic Appeal is the one diocesan-wide appeal that provides support for over 20 ministries including seminarian formation, education and lay ministry training and formation, evangelization and worship programs, and outreach to youth, college students and to those in need. Once a year, each of us is called to make a commitment to support the work of our diocesan family, work beyond the boundary of any one parish. Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$_____. Please take some time to prayerfully discern your gift to the Idaho Catholic Appeal which will take place in the coming weeks.

Announcement #2: To be used on the First Announcement Weekend of February 25-26

The 2017 Idaho Catholic Appeal will take place the weekend of March 11-12 in every parish in Idaho which makes up the Diocese of Boise. This year's theme, **Our TRUST is in the LORD**, reminds all of us who generously promote and support the appeal of our divine nature to be people of gratitude and witnesses of faith. It reminds us to share our gifts for the benefit of over 20 diocesan ministries. A wide range of ministries depend on our generous support including Catechesis Office, Seminarian Vocations Program, and Idaho Retired Priests.

All registered parishioners will be receiving a letter from the Bishop with a brochure and pledge form inviting participation in support of this year's Idaho Catholic Appeal. Please complete the pledge form and bring it to Mass to place in the offertory basket or you may mail it directly to the diocese. Your generosity will allow our Catholic community to continue the many vital programs and services that touch the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ who need your assistance. Our parish goal for this year is \$_____.

Announcement #3: To be used on the Second Announcement Weekend of March 4-5

The Idaho Catholic Appeal will take place next weekend. The Appeal provides support for over 20 ministries of our diocese including the Clergy Special Needs, Seminarian Vocations Program, Deacon and Lay Ministries Formation Program, Catholic Charities of Idaho, and Catechesis Office. These ministries help all the parishes and missions throughout the State of Idaho that make up our diocese. The goal for this year's Appeal is \$2,675,000. Our parish share of this goal is \$_____. Once we reach 110% of our goal, we will receive back all funds collected over that amount. We invite everyone to participate in the Idaho Catholic Appeal through a commitment of prayer and a pledged gift to the Appeal. Please make your commitment today. Thank you for your support of your diocese and your parish.

Announcement #4: To be used on Appeal Commitment Weekend of March 11-12

Please accept our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all who have made their generous commitment to this year's Idaho Catholic Appeal. Catholics throughout our diocese are uniting in faith, sharing

their blessings, and giving gifts in Jesus' name. The Idaho Catholic Appeal provides support for our seminarians and priests. We see the fruits of the Appeal in our parish through trained catechists, deacons, and lay ministers and resources for our parish staff and ministers provided by the diocese. The Catechesis Office, which forms and supports parish catechetical leaders serving thousands of children and adolescents each year in parish religious education programs, is supported through the Idaho Catholic Appeal. Remember that no gift is too small. For those who have not yet responded, we urge you to consider offering your commitment at this time here at the church by filling out a pledge envelope located in the pew and dropping it in the collection basket. Please remember that you can fulfill your pledge over several months and pay by credit card, automatic debit, cash, money orders, or checks. The Diocese also accepts gifts online at www.catholicidaho.org. With every parishioner's meaningful participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of \$_____.

Announcement #5: To be used on First Follow-up Weekend of March 18-19

The Idaho Catholic Appeal is underway. Thank you to everyone who has made a commitment of financial and prayerful support to the Appeal. Each and every gift is important. Today is the Follow-up Weekend for the Appeal. If you have not yet done so, we ask that you make your commitment today in order to provide the resources needed to continue vital diocesan programs such as seminarian formation, lay ministry training, counseling services, and the campus ministries at BSU, U of I and ISU. No gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated. If you have already made your pledge, please accept our humble gratitude. If not, please make your commitment today here at the church by filling out a pledge envelope located in the pew and dropping it in the collection basket. Our parish goal is 100% participation and \$_____. We currently have _____% and \$_____ toward our goal.

Announcement #6: To be used on Second Follow-up Weekend of March 25-26

Thank you for your gift to the 2017 Idaho Catholic Appeal. Our 2017 parish goal is \$_____. So far, _____% of our generous parishioners have pledged \$_____. Your donations will help our parish as well as over 20 diocesan ministries including Prison Ministry, Catholic Schools Office, Idaho Retired Priests, and Deacon and Lay Ministries. If you have not yet made your commitment, please be generous, according to your means, when a volunteer from our parish calls on you through the telephone to follow-up. You can also make your pledge here at the church by filling out a pledge envelope located in the pew and dropping it in the collection basket. The Diocese also accepts gifts online at www.catholicidaho.org.

Announcement #7: To be used on Wrap-up Weekend of April 1-2

If you have not already offered your pledge to this year's Idaho Catholic Appeal, please do so today. We are counting on you to respond to this year's theme, **Our TRUST is in the LORD**, which reminds all of us who generously promote and support the appeal of our divine nature to be people of gratitude and witnesses of faith. It reminds us to share our gifts for the benefit of our brothers and

sisters in Christ who need your assistance. Funds provided through the Idaho Catholic Appeal help to bring Christ's comfort and support for the many pressing needs and priorities that cannot be addressed individually or by one parish alone. Effectively continuing Jesus' mission and ministry requires a united effort by every Catholic throughout our diocesan church. To date, _____% of our parishioners have contributed \$_____. Thank you to everyone who has already made a commitment. If you have not made your gift yet, it is not too late. Please use the pledge envelope in our parish pews and drop it into the collection basket. You may also make a pledge online at www.catholicidaho.org.

Announcement #8: To be used alternating with the remaining bulletin announcements below during the months of April through December

God blesses each and every one of you who have so generously responded in support of the 2017 Idaho Catholic Appeal which supports over 20 diocesan ministries including Cultural Ministries, Seminarian Vocations, Clergy Special Needs, Catechesis Office, and Deacon and Lay Ministries. Our parish goal is \$_____ and so far our church has pledged \$_____. If you have heard the call to respond and have not yet responded, please do so today. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the church and can be dropped in the collection basket or you may donate online at www.catholicidaho.org.

Announcement #9: To be used alternating with the remaining bulletin announcements below during the months of April through December

Last month, the Diocese of Boise asked for a commitment to the Idaho Catholic Appeal which is the annual invitation to all Catholic households to support the work of the ministries of our diocese. The goal for this year's Appeal is \$2,675,000. Our parish share of this goal is \$_____. To date, we have received pledged gifts totaling \$_____. We are confident that we can reach and exceed our share of the goal. Please remember that our parish will receive back all funds collected over 110% of our parish goal. If you have not yet made a gift to the appeal, then we urge you to answer the call today. Your gift can be made as a one-time cash or credit card gift, a gift of stock, or a pledge that can be fulfilled in monthly installments. If you have already made a gift to the Appeal, then please accept our sincere thanks for your support. Your gift will certainly make a difference in the lives of many. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the church and can be dropped off in the collection basket or you may donate online at www.catholicidaho.org

Announcement #10: To be used alternating with the others during the months of April through December

Thank you to all who have responded so generously to the 2017 Idaho Catholic Appeal. Each year the success of the appeal depends on you. You have once again done a wonderful thing—your gifts have helped provide assistance to the members of our diocesan family. To date our parish has received pledges of \$_____ which is _____% of our goal with _____% of our parish participating. Remember that we will receive back all funds collected over 110% of our goal.

Your prayers and support are what enable our diocesan ministries to achieve wonderful things. If you have not yet made your gift, please do so today by completing a pledge envelope in the lobby and dropping it into the collection basket. You may also make gifts online at www.catholicidaho.org

Announcement #11: To be used alternating with the others during the months of April through December

The Idaho Catholic Appeal is the one diocesan-wide campaign that serves the needs of our people beyond the boundaries of any one parish. By supporting the work of the 20 ministries funded by the 2017 Appeal, we are able to work in communion toward fulfilling our roles as faithful stewards. We are asking that everyone participate in the Appeal through both a commitment to prayer and a financial gift. Our parish goal is \$_____ and so far we have received pledges of \$_____. If you have not yet made your contribution, please do so today. Every gift is important—and necessary—if our parish and diocese are to continue to effectively serve others. Pledge envelopes are located at the back of the church.

Bulletin Announcement #12: To be used alternating with the others during the months of April through December

Thanks to the support of [Number of Donors], our parish has reached 110% of our parish goal of [Amount]. We now will receive back all funds collected over 110% of our goal which we will use for _____. Please continue to make your monthly payments. If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2017 Idaho Catholic Appeal, please do so today by completing a pledge envelope located at the back of the church and depositing it in the collection basket.