



Catholic Services Appeal 2019

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Dear Friends in Christ,

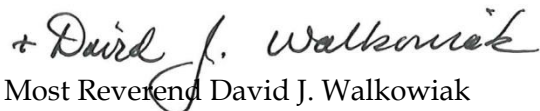
Our annual Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) is your yearly opportunity to put stewardship into practice. Each year you have supported the important programs and ministries throughout the Diocese of Grand Rapids. I am grateful for your contributions to our diocese's annual appeal which invites all Catholics to be a part of our story of faith in West Michigan.

Funds raised through the CSA and private donations are the only way that these programs and ministries at the diocesan level are funded. Your gifts help to fund over 20 programs such as the education of our seminarians and deacons, Catholic school education, cultural ministries, pastoral ministries including respect life; Catholic Charities, the formation of our youth and young adults, and communications including TV Mass and *FAITH Grand Rapids* magazine. These ministries could not be sustained by any one parish, but together we are able to fund these endeavors through which thousands experience Christ's healing love and mercy.

We all have a part to play in building up the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Be assured that all gifts given to the CSA will be used solely for the purpose of supporting these diocesan ministries and programs. None of these funds are used for any other purpose. The enclosed brochure details how CSA funds are used. Enclosed, you will find a pledge card and return envelope for your convenience in giving this year. The annual diocesan report chronicling the ministries supported by your CSA contribution was published in the October edition of *FAITH Grand Rapids* magazine, and may also be found here: <http://bit.ly/DOGRAnnualReport17-18>

Together, let us give witness to the world of Christ's mission and ministry at work, *So Faith May Flourish*.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak
Bishop of Grand Rapids