

Dear Parishioners,

As we all know, the “social distancing” practices and suspension of gathering for Mass created unique challenges to the way we practice our faith. Nothing is more important than all of us taking the necessary steps to protect and ensure the health and well-being of our families, friends, neighbors, as well as our parish and school communities. Although we have been physically separated for the better part of the spring, our church is alive and still on mission.

One of the ways we participate in that mission is through the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Each year, we are invited to support the essential ministries and shared services of the Diocese. The impact and spread of the COVID-19 pandemic has created extraordinary circumstances for our parish and our regional church, the Diocese of Columbus. Your participation is critical!

The overall goal for the Diocese this year is \$6.85 million, and our parish share of the Appeal is \$210,135. Once we exceed our parish goal, all excess payments received will come back to us and be used to install a new camera system so we may live stream our Sunday Mass. With a generous \$5,000 grant received from The Catholic Foundation we are well on our way toward funding this estimated \$30,000 project. With your help, we can make this a reality. Our response to the Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express our gratitude for all the blessings that our most loving God has bestowed on us.

Because of COVID-19 and the recent suspension of public Masses, the Appeal will begin this weekend. I know there are many obligations and concerns facing each of you and your families, but please consider supporting the ministries and programs made possible through the generosity of the people of faith. Your gift will support the religious education of our children, the programs presented by the Office of Marriage and Family Life, the education of our seminarians and deacons, the ministries facilitated by the Office of Social Concerns, and many other vital programs that help to further Christ’s work on earth.

The reality is that many of your fellow parishioners may not be able to participate this year, so your support is more important than ever. Be assured of my gratitude for your gift – whatever the amount – and of my continuing prayers for you and your loved ones! We have three simple ways for you to donate:

- Mail your completed pledge envelope directly to the address on the envelope.
- Go online to [columbuscatholicgiving.org/baa](http://columbuscatholicgiving.org/baa) to make a secure pledge or gift.
- Complete the enclosed pledge envelope and return it to the parish.

Let us pray for the success of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. I am confident that together, with everyone’s participation, our parish will exceed our goal. I thank you for the generosity that you have shown in the past as I pray for our parish family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Your Pastor,  
Msgr. Stephan Moloney