

September 10, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

I want to give you a little progress report on the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As of September 8, St. Andrew parishioners have pledged \$176,533 toward our goal of \$210,134. That is 84% of our goal. It is unusual that we are at this stage in the month of September, but this has been a very unusual year. Nevertheless, I am impressed at how quickly our parish has responded to the appeal this year in very difficult circumstances. I wish to thank all those who have already made a pledge or a contribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and I want to urge those who have not done so, and who are able, to make a pledge at this time. I believe that we will be able to reach and exceed our goal this year. I remind you that any refund we may receive from this year's appeal will be used for our video system for the live streaming of our masses. Thank you again for your amazing generosity!

I also want to bring to your attention some other causes that are asking for our help and assistance. Recently, Hurricane Laura has caused major destruction in Louisiana and other states. And at the same time, numerous severe wildfires in California and other Western states have caused much destruction and hardship. Both of these disasters have destroyed people's homes and devastated entire regions. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that a special collection be taken up to assist with the recovery from these disasters. The proceeds will be directed to Catholic Charities USA for this purpose. I am therefore designating the weekend of September 26/27 as the time for this special collection. Your donation may be placed in the special collection baskets in church or you may make a contribution via Online Giving or deliver it to the parish office. In all cases, your donation should be clearly marked for "Disaster Relief."

Finally, the annual "Good Friday" collection for the Holy Land was rescheduled for this Sunday, Sept. 13, because there were no public services on Good Friday this year. Many of you donated to this collection during Holy Week, however, we will still accept your donation for this cause through the second Sunday of October.

I thank you again for your charity and generosity and I ask God's blessing upon you all.

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney