

PASTOR'S DESK

Congratulations to our wonderful children who are receiving First Communion this weekend! We welcome all families and guests who are joining us for this sacred occasion and would like to thank all of you, especially the parents and the catechists for preparing them for this special day.

“To love God and neighbor is not something abstract, but profoundly concrete: it means seeing in every person the face of the order to be served, to serve him concretely. And you are dear brothers and sisters, the face of Jesus.” (Pope Francis addresses during visit to the Homeless Shelter “Dono Di Maria” 5/21/13)

The 60th Annual Bishop's Appeal is unique in that for the first time in thirty seven years, the appeal is directed to and by a new bishop. Still, the goals set forth are the same and for the same worthy cause: to continue the Mission of our Lord Jesus Christ in this Diocese while at the same time fulfilling our common obligations to the universal church. This year's theme is appropriately, “Teach, Protect, Heal & Sanctify” and that is clearly what we are able to do with your prayers, generosity and support. Help us realize our goal this year which is just over \$79,000.00. This figure may appear daunting but if we work and pray together, I am sure we will be proud by our results. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us fulfill our obligations to ourselves, our Church, and our Christ.

God bless you.

Father George

We have been asked by several people in the parish to offer an opportunity to remember loved ones at our Mother's Day and Father's Day weekend celebrations. We will have special cards or envelopes available this week and next to remember mothers, living or deceased, and will be placing them on the altar. You are welcome to make a donation in their name that will be placed in our Memorial Fund but that is not necessary to have your loved ones remembered. Consider including grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, etc. Please let us know how you feel about this opportunity as we will try to formalize a ritual next year. May God bless all of you, especially for those who have lost a parent, child or loved one because I know this makes the day particularly poignant.