

## **ADS FOR YOUR BULLETIN/NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE.**

### **WHY MAKE A GIFT TO THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL?**

- *To demonstrate your spirit of thanks and gratitude to God for all His many gifts to you.*
- *To give thanks to God for your faith, your ability, your health and your family.*
- *To give outward proof of what your Catholic faith means to you through your example of personal sacrifice.*
- *To share the spiritual and temporal blessings that come to those who assist in developing God's work.*

**Did you know that some businesses and companies have a policy of matching their employee's charitable contributions to qualified organizations? It is called a MATCHING GIFT PROGRAM.**

**The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports many ministries, services and schools that may qualify for such matching gifts. You may be able to double your gift by simply asking your employer or HR department.**

**For more information, call the Stewardship and Development Office at 816-756-1858, ext. 516.**

***Our Lord Jesus Christ calls on each of us to be generous in thought, word, and deed. God teaches us that in the measure we give, we also receive. We need every family to make a commitment to this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal.***

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

- your BAA pledge supports our seminarians that become our parish priests
- your Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) pledge helps thousands of Catholics in Northwest Missouri
- your pledge helps many of our fellow parishioners?

### **What is the Bishop's Annual Appeal?**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) is the annual fundraising campaign that supports the work of the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph.

### **What Does the BAA Do?**

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is our way of supporting the work of the Catholic Church, both in our parish and throughout Northwest Missouri. No funds support any legal expenses.

By giving to the BAA, you help:

- Build our faith communities through ministry education and training at the parish level;

- Offer hope and encouragement to the grieving, the lonely and the elderly, and counsel and strength to families at risk;
- Create an environment for our children where they will earn fundamental life values and receive a quality education through our Religious Education programs and Catholic School system;
- Bring comfort and healing to people in need with emergency assistance.

### **DID YOU KNOW...?**

Your Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) pledge is part of your personal commitment to Christian Stewardship; giving thanks to God by returning a portion of the blessings God has given you. There are so many ways God is made visible in the world around us.

Our local Church sees God in the hundreds of thousands of people it takes care of every year by teaching, sheltering and caring for all who come to it for help.

Your Church is coming to you now for help during the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Won't you please take a moment to fill out your Appeal pledge card? This sacrifice on your part will show that you, seek to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God (Micah 6:8).

### **ARTICLES FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER OR WEBSITE**

Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal makes a difference right here at (parish). There are some who ask why they should give to the BAA when they already support our parish and see the many wonderful things going on here at (parish). You may not realize that many of these wonderful things result, in part, from BAA supported agencies that coordinate, train and provide services to us. Faith Formation classes, Youth Ministry, the Permanent Diaconate, Family Life...all these have an impact on our parish.

BAA ministries also reach beyond the boundaries of (parish). Many BAA ministries provide services that are well beyond the scope of any single parish. In combining resources, they are able to minister to the diverse ethnic populations in the diocese, provide much needed spiritual support on our college campuses, and assist with services for seniors, low income families and individuals.

Your BAA contributions will help make the education of our 25 seminarians possible. We are blessed with the presence of these dedicated young men who will one-day serve the people of our diocese as priests.

Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. As good stewards, we have a responsibility to look beyond our own parish needs to the larger church. Your gift to the BAA might just change the life of someone who desperately needs your help.