

April 2024

Dear Parishioners of St. Margaret of Scotland:

Happy Easter and Happy Spring! During this Easter season, our parish joins the Archdiocese of St. Louis in promoting and participating in the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, whose theme this year is *For the Life of the World*. When Jesus gathered with his disciples at the Last Supper, he left us his greatest gift in the Eucharist “for the life of the world” (John 6,51). It is Christ’s sacrifice that inspires us to make sacrifices of our own to radiate Christ’s light and hope to others.

The ACA is an important way for our Catholic Church to come together and share God’s blessings with others by sustaining the ministries and outreach efforts of our Archdiocese. Your contribution will help to feed the hungry, defend the vulnerable, shelter the suffering, support religious vocations, and strengthen Catholic education in our Archdiocese of St. Louis. Learn how your gift will provide much needed help to those served by visiting **aca.archstl.org**.

I have made my own pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, and now I am asking you to prayerfully consider your own gift. You may make a one-time gift, but please consider making a pledge to be paid over a few months or the year to come. Your pledge card is enclosed; use this card to make your pledge, sign your card, and return this card to the parish office as soon as possible, either in the Sunday collection, in person, or by mail. If you cannot make a long-term pledge, even returning this card with a five-dollar bill help us achieve our parish participation and monetary goals. If you are not able to make a gift this year, I’m asking you to still please sign and return this card, so that we have an accounting of all our parish families. You may also make your gift online at **aca.archstl.org**. If you have already made your pledge this year, there is no need to return your card, and thank you for your gift!

Every gift and pledge helps toward our parish goal of \$53,228 and our challenge goal of \$60,504, which is our parish total raised last year. Let’s do even better this year! Your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal is a sign of our vitality and vibrancy, so I would be grateful for your generosity and support of the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. With your help, we can share the love of Christ with others *For the Life of the World*.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. John Rogers Vien
Pastor