



Dear Friends in Christ,

To all who are reading this insert in your Sunday bulletin we would like to say thank you for all you do to support, practice and spread our Catholic faith.

Thank you also to our wonderful shepherd, Bishop Bambera, for his leadership. This is the second time we were asked by our Bishop to be co-chairs of the Diocesan Annual Appeal in Lycoming and Tioga counties and we believe so strongly in the mission of our Diocese that we gladly said YES.

We thank you for your generous financial support to the Annual Appeal in the past which has gone to fund so many worthy ministries including Catholic Social Services, Catholic Education, Education for Seminarians and Deacons, Care and Support of Retired Priests, Parish Life and Ministry Formation, Catholic Media and Communication and Direct Parish Support through Social Justice Grants.

Your individual and Parish efforts are critical to the overall success of the Annual Appeal. Your gift to the Appeal not only ensures your Parish's success but your donation also ensures that the Diocese can continue to provide these much-needed services to our neighbors and friends. It is a wonderful feeling to come together to support those in need.

If you have not already given, would you please consider making a gift at this time? A gift of any amount is welcome. If you contribute between \$5.00 and \$100.00, you will be among 70% of Appeal donors who make a gift in this range. You may find an Appeal pledge envelope in the back of your church or you may wish to put your gift in a plain envelope marked with Annual Appeal on the front and drop it in your parish's Sunday collection.

If you have already given to this year's Annual Appeal, we thank you for your sacrifices. God bless you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

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