

Dear Member of SS. John and Paul Parish:

April 21, 2011

The **2011 Catholic Services Appeal** has begun. As Catholics we share an experience of Church both on the local parish level and the larger Archdiocese of Detroit. These levels are not opposed to one another. Both are part of being Church and sharing in the mission and ministry of Jesus.

The C.S.A. is our yearly experience on the very practical, financial level of helping our Archdiocese live up to its wider responsibilities to serve youth, young adults, colleges, marriage and family ministry, handicapped, schools, religious education, worship, and so much more. As we have done in the past, we are including a "C.S.A. Myths and Facts Sheet" with this mailing to cover some common questions people have about the C.S.A. The C.S.A. target assigned to each parish is a mandatory one and needs to be reached by the parish via the C.S.A. drive or else made up out of parish funds. Our mandatory target is slightly less than last year's, approximately **\$96,900**.

To make your participation in the 2011 C.S.A. as convenient as possible, we have included a form below, along with a return envelope. Simply list your total pledge, any amount you are paying immediately, and any balance due. Let us know how you want to pay the balance—in 4 or 9 installments. Please enclose the form along with any check/money and return it in the Sunday collection within the next two weeks (April 30/May 1 or May 7/8).

If you prefer to drop it off in person, you may do so at the parish office any time or see one of the C.S.A. workers in the lobby before or after Mass on those two weekends. Please don't hesitate to ask questions or share concerns.

How much should you consider giving? I ask that every household try to give at least **\$300**, if at all possible. Some are able to give significantly more, some less. I know that financial situations vary greatly and simply ask that you do the best you can. But if most of us—including myself—make some type of pledge/donation, we can meet and exceed our mandatory target. **Every dollar you contribute is used 100% to help the parish, either by letting us reach the mandatory target or by coming back to us for our own use without any tax on it. That is why the C.S.A. is the best time to give additional gifts to the parish. Please consider making a significant gift to the parish via the CSA this year, if you find yourself in a position to do so.**

Even if you are financially unable to contribute anything this year, we would still like to hear from you. Please mark the card with a '0' and send it in. In that way, you have participated in the C.S.A. and we know we do not need to contact you or send you a follow-up letter. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Fr. David A. Buersmeyer

Pastor

(PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND USE THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE TO RETURN IT)

NAME: _____

ENV. #: _____

ADDRESS: _____

How would you prefer to pay
any balance due (begins in July)?

TOTAL PLEDGE: _____

- Monthly: 9 Equal Payments
 Quarterly: 4 Equal Payments

AMOUNT PAYING: _____

(Make checks payable to:
"SS. John and Paul Parish/CSA")

BALANCE DUE: _____