

Awareness Weekend

January 28-29, 2012

Bulletin Notice

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal 2012

Most past contributors to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal will receive a mailing from Archbishop Vlazny within the next few days. At all Masses next weekend, additional information will be provided in the bulletin insert. The Appeal provides funds to support essential parish-based ministries that would find it difficult, if not impossible, to operate solely on parish funds.

Appeal funds are used to help fund Archdiocesan offices and agencies that assist the parishes and their people. In addition, part of the funds are used to assist retired archdiocesan priests.

The theme of the 2012 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is "*Teach, Bless, Serve.*" As you consider the amount you can pledge to help these ministries, please reflect on the following:

- Contributing to the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal is one concrete way to Imitate Christ...compassion, kindness, and self sacrifice.
- Take a moment to honestly examine all the God-given blessings in your life and then ask not yourself, but ask God: "What is just?"
- By our baptism and our confirmation in the Catholic church, each of us is called to serve as a good shepherd. We're called not only to follow Christ but to be Christ.

Please pray for the Lord's guidance as you consider the above reflections, and please give generously according to the blessings God has given you.