



Mother of Sorrows Church



2015 ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners of Mother of Sorrows Parish,

I am writing to ask you to generously support the 2015 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal. Each January, Bishop Lennon writes to previous donors and new parish members asking for financial support for Catholic Charities so that it might continue its care of the poor and vulnerable in Northeast Ohio.

The theme of the 2015 Appeal is "Open Your Heart to Live Joyfully and Generously!" It is the joy of our encounter with Jesus that fills our heart with love for others and changes the course of our lives. As our Holy Father "calls us to be in the streets... inviting and serving those who have been left out," I invite you to reflect on what it means to live joyfully and generously and ask you to prayerfully consider a significant pledge to the Appeal.

Here in Summit County, the funds raised through the Annual Appeal help to support our brothers and sisters in their youth and as they age. Summit Adult Day Services provides programs designed to improve physical, mental and spiritual health, with the ultimate goal of helping older adults maintain their independence. Camp Christopher is committed to the growth and development of campers through quality programming structured for traditional camping as well as Family Camp, specialty camps, serving persons with disabilities or other health impairments, Environmental Education and Leadership Training Programs.

Dignity, Hope, Concern, Justice and Generosity – these are the values of Catholic Charities. Through the grace of God and the generosity of donors, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland is a beacon of hope, helping people in need. You can help others change the course of their own lives. There is joy in serving and joy in giving. Please give generously to the 2015 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal.

If you have already received your request from Bishop Lennon, please respond today. In addition to the Bishop's mailing, our parish will conduct an in-pew process on the weekends of February 14-15 and 21- 22 in order to allow those who did not receive the mailing, or have not responded to it, to make a pledge. In an effort to make it easier to give, pledges are payable in installments. Catholic Charities gratefully accepts your donation of any amount and payments may be made with a check, on a credit or debit card, through automatic debit or bank draft and even online at www.catholiccommunity.org/2015Appeal.

I thank you for your financial support of the mission of the Church in our parish, our diocese and throughout Northeast Ohio.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend John D. Terzano