

***Dear People of Saint Joseph Parish,***

Every day, throughout the diocese, faith filled individuals go out into the community and “preach God’s love.” Some minister to those who are at risk of being homeless, others to those who are struggling with life’s burdens. Teachers and catechists nourish the minds and nurture the faith of our youth in schools and parish faith formation classes. Young men pursuing vocations to the priesthood and older men who are in the diaconate look forward to serving God’s people in our parishes.

What an inspiration it is for all of us to know that when we support the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal we Share the Gift of Hope in the lives of those served by our many agencies and ministries. And you, in turn, share in the joy of bringing hope into the lives of those we serve. It is why I offer my thanks to God for the prayers and support of the generous people of this parish.

Bishop McManus recently wrote to you regarding the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. It describes the need for this significant appeal. I now join our bishop in inviting your generous response.

This appeal supports the work of 25 diocesan agencies, ministries, and programs, and serves the people of all our parishes and missions (nearly 280,000 local Catholics), as well as many thousands of people in need throughout Worcester County.

The theme of the appeal this year, “Sharing the Gift of Hope,” is based on our ongoing commitment to serve the needy throughout Central Massachusetts. Once a year, we commit ourselves to this ongoing work with our Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. We reflect on God’s great generosity, and respond with generous giving of our own.

Our parish goal is \$60,700. We will need many generous donors to reach, and hopefully exceed, our goal. I know that I can count on you.

Please pray for the success of our appeal here at St. Joseph Parish, and join me in supporting Partners in Charity.

***Sincerely, Fr. Paul Bomba***



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