



**ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**  
ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

**2010**

*...they left everything and followed Him.*

LUKE 5:11



Photo courtesy of David Kamba

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Saint Luke says of the earliest disciples, "...they left everything and followed Him." That haunting phrase describes a full and completely generous commitment, and it describes the theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we rededicate ourselves as Christ's disciples and a community of welcome, service and support.

Your gift extends an essential hand of help to our schools, parishes, programs of religious education, ministerial formation, efforts to respect life and initiatives to make the world more just, peaceful and loving. Through Catholic Relief Services, your gift to the Appeal serves those overseas who are devastated by natural disasters, illness, wars and famines.

The prayer of your heart, the work of your hands, and your generous offering of financial support—all this identifies you among those who followed Him.

I invite you to do whatever you can do to make the Church a welcoming home, a serving community, and a loving and supportive hand. Please join me in making a pledge to the 2010 Annual Catholic Appeal.

May God bless you and those you love. Thank you.

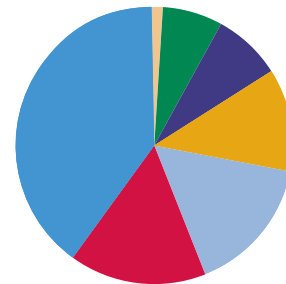
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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*The funds will be distributed as follows:*



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*Please pledge today and know that your gift helps advance our faith mission.*



- **\$3,500,000** grants and scholarships for schools serving economically disadvantaged communities
- **\$1,000,000** capital grants to parishes and schools serving economically disadvantaged communities
- **\$1,350,000** prepare volunteers to conduct parish religious education programs
- **\$640,000** Catholic Relief Services for aid to the poor in foreign lands
- **\$1,350,000** recruitment, education and formation of lay ministers and deacons, and for continuing education and on-going spiritual formation of priests
- **\$560,000** support ministries that provide comfort, care and counseling to those in need
- **\$250,000** promote the dignity of life from conception through natural death

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. *No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been or will be used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.*

When you acknowledge your God-given blessings by making a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Annual Catholic Appeal, Cardinal George welcomes you into the Lumen Cordium Society.

In addition to the spiritual benefits of God's gifts, Society membership includes:

- Invitation to annual Mass and reception celebrated by the Cardinal
- Complimentary subscription to *The Catholic New World*
- Recognition in the annual publication of the Lumen Cordium Society members
- Inclusion in the prayer intention book of Lumen Cordium Society members in the Cardinal's private chapel.

Additionally, those who make a gift of \$2,500 or more are invited to an annual reception at the Cardinal's residence. Please note that you may make installments on your Lumen Cordium Society pledge.



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## *Come follow Him and...*

The earliest disciples heard the words of Jesus, and so do we. Centered on Jesus and bonded by His word, we ourselves make up the Catholic Church—the Body of Christ—in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

We have known the gifts of God in our life, beginning with God’s call and love given generously to each one of us. God’s generosity to us prompts us to support those in need and to support the Church herself, for she connects us to Christ and has been a rich source of blessing for us and so many others.

Each year, the Archdiocese of Chicago reaches out to the Catholic Faith Community and asks for support for the schools, programs, agencies and ministries that serve the educational, physical and spiritual needs of our people. Your donation provides the much needed financial resources that help us advance the mission of the Church in Chicago.

## *...welcome, serve and support.*



“The real value of the Annual Catholic Appeal is that it provides us the opportunity to support worthwhile programs beyond our own parish concerns, and contribute to the mission of the larger church as partners in those works. God’s generosity is always abundant to those who willingly share the gifts and blessings entrusted to them!”

REVEREND PATRICK J. LEE, PASTOR  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND  
ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



“Being a disciple of Jesus means doing what Jesus would want me to do and believing in the sacraments. When I am serving at Mass, I feel like an angel.”

JAKOB, ST. ALPHONSUS

“By going to Mass every week not because of tradition but to be with God makes me a good disciple and gives me an opportunity to thank God for the gifts he has given me.”

KORNELIA, ST. FERDINAND



*We are the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Graced by the gospel and spirit of Jesus Christ, we nourish faith through Catholic schools and religious education, and support the many critical agencies and ministries of the Church in Cook and Lake Counties. We continue to follow Jesus by welcoming all who search for God.*



“Being a disciple means spreading the good news of Jesus and being faithful.”

ASHLEY, ST. BENEDICT