

**Announcement Weekend
January 28-29, 2012**

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcement

This is the weekend that Pastors/Presiders will preach about the Archbishop's Annual Appeal at each Mass. It is also the weekend when the campaign tabloid is to be inserted in your bulletins. Please prepare a pulpit announcement that asks people to read the brochure and to come to Mass prepared to make their Archbishop's Annual Appeal pledge next weekend. Note that the in-pew envelope will have a place where those that have given by mail can indicate that fact. **Please continue to use the Prayer of the Faithful.**

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2012

A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the Archbishop's Annual Appeal tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "**Entrusted with a Stewardship**" (1 Corinthians 9:17)

The Annual Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

A significant gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. The Annual Appeal provides critical funding for the many programs and ministries of the Archdiocese. As you review the work enabled by your contribution to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the Archdiocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our Archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our Archdiocese to deliver needed ministry and services. Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our Archdiocese.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Our parish receives 25% of each dollar raised until we reach our goal of \$ _____. After we reach goal, 50% of all over goal dollars are returned to us. This year, the rebates will help us to _____.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.