



SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

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Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,

We have the most important mission of any organization in the world. Why does a parish exist? It exists to help people meet Jesus Christ. How do we do that? We do that through dynamic worship where we meet Jesus in the scriptures and taste Heaven in the Eucharist; through adult and youth faith formation that helps us to grow deeper in our knowledge of God and His will for our lives; and through direct and indirect service to the poor and vulnerable locally and internationally. By our service to the poor, we have the opportunity to touch the flesh of Jesus. Our Sacred Heart Cathedral community is the primary experience of Church for each of us and our stewardship of treasure and time allows us to fulfill our mission in the world. The most important mission of any organization in the world.

Fr. Arthur, Fr. Joe and I want to invite you to actively participate in this call to stewardship. Our theme is, "What Faith Can Do: Worship, Teach and Serve." This theme also sets the goals for this year's stewardship appeal. With your direct financial support of Sacred Heart Cathedral offertory giving, we will accomplish great things through the practice of our faith. Please join us in making a commitment to Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish so that together we can Worship, Teach and Serve.

Our three goals for 2017 are: 1) To strengthen our experience of worship through dynamic preaching and vibrant music 2) To increase Adult Faith Formation and strive to engage at least 25% of adult parishioners in some form of ongoing faith formation in 2017. Currently we are at about 7%. 3) To begin a parish based St. Vincent De Paul Society to serve the poor and vulnerable in our parish community and internationally, to build up our commitment to the faith, health and education of our sister parish of St. Michel in Haiti.

Scripturally, we are called to give back to God a tithe or a tenth of our financial resources as a sign our gratitude for all the gifts God has given us. We realize ourselves the challenge of this type of faith filled response to God's generosity. If your current practice is not yet at this level, we would invite you to consider increasing your giving this year by 1% or your income to move in this direction. We believe that demonstrating our faith through our finances will lead each of us to a deeper trust in God's providence. We invite you on the weekend of October 1st and 2nd to return your commitment in the offertory. You may also mail your card or set up online giving at shcathedral.org/giving.

We also want to thank the many generous parishioners who are currently supporting the mission of our parish and we know that through the stewardship of all of our families, we will see the amazing things that faith can do.

In Christ,

Fr. David

Very Rev. David A. Boettner, V.G.
Pastor

Fr. Arthur

Rev. Arthur Torres
Associate Pastor

Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe Reed
Associate Pastor