



Our Lady of Sorrows
CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Parishioner,

I pray you are doing well this spring – a season of renewal and new life. I'd like to share my perspective on the need and value of supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal.

The Archdiocese of Seattle provides many local ministries that care for the sick, engage youth, promote faith sharing, welcome the stranger and much more. For example, the Hospital and Healthcare Ministry provides chaplaincy for local hospitals, while the Youth and Young Adult teams provide resources and training for youth ministers across the archdiocese and host archdiocesan-wide events like the Middle School Encounter.

Your Annual Catholic Appeal donation also funds shared services that directly support our parish. We rely on these centralized services - like human resources, parish financial services, liturgy guidance, communications and more - so that we can continue to focus on our pastoral work here at the parish. In a small parish like ours, we fall short of solutions to various needs. My staff and I feel so blessed to have the help from the diocese whenever such a need arises. They are always available and provide guidance in such a thorough and professional manner. Our staff are trained and updated by the diocese every year to be better prepared in this changing world.

This year, our parish goal is **\$52,475.00**. Today, I ask each of you to participate in this effort to support our larger Catholic community. The money we raise above our goal will come back to the parish in the form of a rebate to be used to help pay for the replacement of the office windows, and seal and re-strip the parking lot.

Last year, you pledged \$54,135.00 and we thank the 112 families for their participation and generosity. If you gave to the Appeal last year, on behalf of the parish, I thank you. If you are not sure what to give or have not participated yet, would you consider a gift of \$1 per day (\$365) or any contribution you can give? Please remember, no gift is too small.

If you have already sent in your response and this letter has crossed in the mail, please accept my sincerest thanks and appreciation for participating! Please know of my continued prayers for you and for our community.

Faithfully,

Fr. Duc Nguyen

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Pastor