



It goes without saying how much our parish is a caring, responsive, generous giving community. What you do financially and otherwise for the sake of St Robert Parish is tremendous and for that, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal Committee, Father Dennis and Fr Peter Patrick thank you. However, there is another way you can help, another way to assist our brothers and sisters in faith living beyond our parish community.

DECIDE TO LEAD, the video you can watch on our website, on the archmil.org website, or after all Masses during the weekend of February 3rd and 4th, provides an intimate and inspiring look at ministries supported by the Appeal that serve more than 500,000 Catholics across the Archdiocese of Milwaukee.

Each of us is a leader in our own right. God gave us a set of gifts, not to suppress or remain idle, but be used and extended to help enrich the lives of our brothers and sisters in faith to make for a better parish, a better archdiocese, a better world. Hebrews 13:7 tells us, *“Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.”* Now it is time to put *our* faith in to action!

The Appeal is a vehicle for members of our parish community, and the faith community-at-large, to come together in gratitude to share our blessings with others. I hope something in the video touches you or causes you to pause and reflect on the occasions in your life when you felt blessed, sensed the grace of God, or the hand of the Holy Spirit.

The ministries outlined in the video are just some of the ways your Appeal gifts are at work to support and enhance Catholic life throughout southeastern Wisconsin. Our humility and our humanity is firmly rooted in the biblical concept of stewardship and in our obligation as Catholics and disciples of Jesus Christ to share what we have with others.

The Appeal is a grassroots effort that depends upon broad, parish-wide participation.

Thanks to those of you who have so faithfully given to the Appeal in past years. We ask that you please continue that generosity this year. For those who have not gifted to the Appeal before, would you please consider contributing this year?

Envelopes and pledge forms will be located in the back of Church for your convenience and **Online Giving can be accessed on the Archdiocese website.**

Please Note: *All contributions will be used solely for the restricted purposes of the 2018 Catholic stewardship Appeal and for no other purposes. The Appeal funds ministries that serve families, strengthen parishes, support schools, and form priests and parish leaders within the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The restricted purposes are identified specifically on the Appeal Web page www.catholicappeal.org.*

Thank you in advance for your generosity. May God bless you!

Catholic Stewardship Appeal Committee

