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Annual Catholic Appeal Sanctity and Service



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

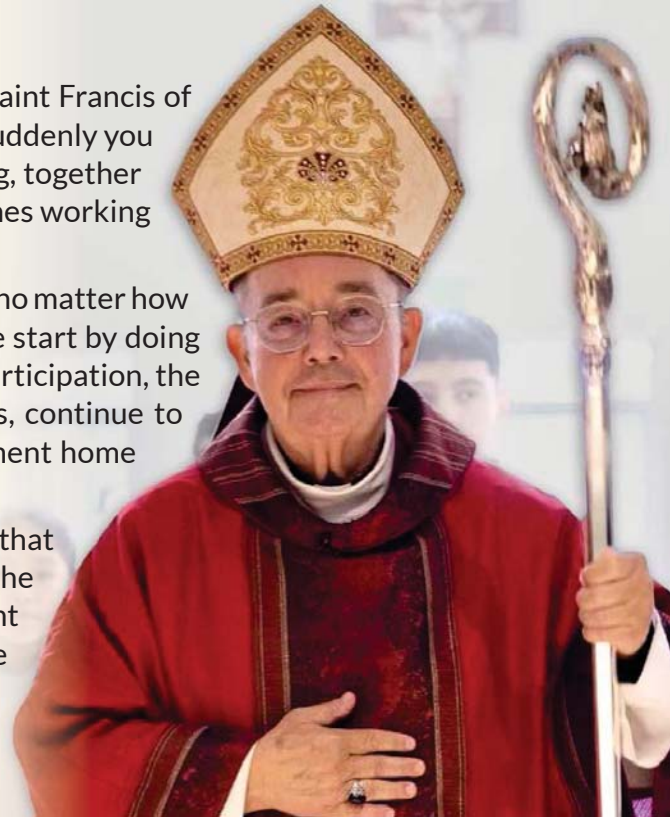
As we approach this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, let us remember the wisdom of Saint Francis of Assisi, who once said, 'Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.' As we heard from you during our Strategic Pastoral Planning, together we need look to the future with the eyes of faith and see ourselves, families, and parishes working together to build the Kingdom of God here in West Tennessee.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity for each of us to engage in acts of service, no matter how small or large, with great love and compassion. By giving generously to the Appeal, we start by doing what's necessary to support our Diocese's vital offices and ministries. Through your participation, the Diocese of Memphis can develop stronger programs for our youth and young adults, continue to support our seminarians' studies and housing, and maintain Villa Vianney, the retirement home to many of our priests.

Your contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal is an act of sanctity and service that empowers our Diocese to fulfill its mission. We believe that when God's love fills the hearts of his holy people remarkable things will happen. Let us unite in the spirit of Saint Francis, taking small steps with great love, knowing that collectively, we can achieve what might seem impossible. Thank you for your ongoing commitment and dedication to this important cause. May the peace of Christ be with you all. I am yours.

In the light and the love of the Lord,

+ David P. Talley
Most Reverend David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Memphis



Ministry Highlights



Youth Ministry

26 Youth Groups
25 World Youth Day Attendees
150 attended Search and Voyage



Seminarians

\$60,000 for the year
per seminarian
10 Seminarians
3 Ordinations in June



Catholic Schools

15 Schools
557 Teachers
4740 Students
30 Principals and Deans



Villa Vianney

8 Priests in Villa Vianney
Independent Living Residence
Personal Apartments

Ways To Give



Monthly: A monthly gift makes supporting shared Diocesan ministries simple and provides much-needed, continuous support. You can increase, decrease, or discontinue your monthly gift at any time simply by contacting our office.



Check: Checks should be made payable to the "Annual Catholic Appeal." Please make sure your parish name is clearly printed on the memo line of the check.



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