

V Sunday Of Easter May 2, 2010

2010 Annual Catholic Appeal

“To Love and Serve One Another”

It's never too late. If you forgot to make a pledge on **AMEN SUNDAY** for the **2010 Annual Catholic Appeal** you can still make a gift until **December 31, 2010**.

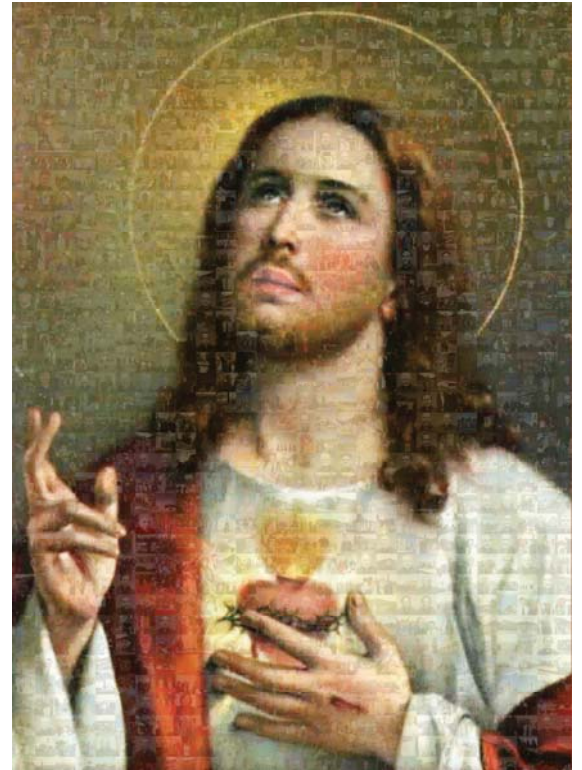
If, at anytime, during the year you wish to make your first, or an additional gift to the campaign and help your parish reach its goal, we will accept your gift with gratitude.

Gifts can be made by:

dropping a check payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal at your parish office, calling 520.838.2515; or, online at www.diocesetucson.org.

Please consider making a contribution to the
Annual Catholic Appeal.

To date we are almost six hundred thousand dollars below our diocesan goal. The diocese would have to cut some programs, including the subsidy of the \$1,200.00 to the pension of the re-tired priests if the goal is not reached.



EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED

Day of Renewal for Women, Friday – May 7, 2010, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, at St. Frances de Sales Parish on 1375 South Camino Seco, Tucson.

This day is designed to inspire and equip us to overcome fear, to experience the power of expectant prayer and will encourage us to develop an attitude of passion and purpose as we discover that “With God All Things are Possible”

Bring a sack lunch, bible and snack to share. A love offering will be requested! 8:00 a.m. Mass is optional with coffee & fellowship beginning at 8:30 am. Please register by calling Erin at 520.631.1408. Directed by Expectant Faith Ministry.
www.vineofgrace.org

CONFIRMATION MASS

This year there will be a single Confirmation Mass, which will be held on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.. The Mass will be celebrated in English, as delegated by his Excellency Bishop Gerald Kicanas, to be presided by the pastor of San Felipe de Jesus Parish and the parish vicariate.

ARIZONA PASSES LAW THAT CRIMINALIZES THE UNDOCUMENTED

The Arizona Governor passed the most severe law in the USA against illegal immigration, which aims to criminalize people without documents that reside in the State. The law has been cited as unconstitutional by human rights groups. It is expected to be stopped in court within 90 days. The Catholic Church has strongly rejected this law called SB 1070, which aims to solve emigration aggressively with the danger of violating human rights. A comprehensive immigration reform is needed! Everyone proclaims it every moment. Let us pray that this law is overturned by the courts, and mark the start of a dignified immigration reform for all.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms will be held on Saturday, May 1st at 12:00 noon and Sunday May 16th at 3:00 p.m. To register stop by the parish office.

COLLECTION



The amount collected last weekend was \$3,218.45. The parish goal is to collect \$5,000.00 a week to subsist, which equates to \$5.00 a week per family. Thank you for your generosity to the Church of Christ

MINI-RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION YOUTH

All young people who are preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation, please take note: there will be a mini-retreat on Thursday, May 6, 2010 from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. at the parish. The theme will be service to the Church through priesthood. There will be a video presentation and the opportunity to sign up for the Arcoiris Youth Group. Do Not miss this retreat, it is mandatory for all candidates.

VOCATIONAL RETREAT AT HEREFORD, ARIZONA

To be held at Hereford, AZ, on June 18, 19 and 20, 2010 at the *Purissima Retreat Center*. Age: seniors in High School and on. There is no maximum age limit. Here is a great opportunity to mingle with youth other parishes of the diocese who are interested in exploring, without a commitment to the Catholic Priesthood. Information is available at the parish or the Diocese of Tucson at: (520) 792-3410 or diocesetucson.org

RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Marriage Encounter Group of the West will hold a marriage retreat. The retreat is for couples that want to live an experience of God and to improve their conjugal life. The retreat will take place on the weekend of May 14, 15 and 16. For more information please contact to San Felipe de Jesus parish office at 761-3100, or stop by to obtain an application. All married couples that want to deepen their relationship with Christ are welcomed.

SEMINARIAN TO VISIT DURING THE SUMMER

Bishop Kicanas has assigned Wilbert Celestino, a seminarian to San Felipe de Jesus parish for the Summer (June 7-August 13) for a pastoral experience with the Hispanic community. Wilbert has entered his first year of theology at Mundelein Seminary, in Chicago. He is from the Philippines, and speaks very little Spanish, which he will learn, undoubtedly he will learn, living the faith in a Hispanic community; and put on a few pounds. We look forward to his visit.

REPORT ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Our goal: \$147,200
Pledge total: \$531,037
Funds collected to date: \$55,129
Diocese goal: \$37,308,987
Funds collected to date: \$17, 843,243

NEW VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

The Diocese of Tucson has chosen a new vocations director who shall assume responsibilities on July 1, 2010. Father Vili, served as co-director of vocations for two years, and has been chosen as Associate Director of Vocations to the Vicariate of Santa Cruz by his Excellency Bishop Gerald Kicanas.

HAVE YOU PAID THE GOVERNMENT YOUR TAXES

On April 16, 2010 all residents that form part of this country's labor force made their annual declaration of taxes to the Nations Treasury and thus fulfilled this obligation as a citizen. The funds are used by our government to provide public services, sponsoring the community support programs and other works of the national infrastructure. The Catholic Church as well as the Government rely on the contributions of their adherents. A question to reflect on might be: How much tax did we pay the Government for our 2009 revenue and how much do we give the Church? There is much difference between one and the other? Many non-Catholic churches require its followers 10% of their income. The Roman Catholic Church leaves it to the conscience of each person, assuming that it is well-formed. We must give to the Church responsibly and not to call it alms but offering. We must give to the Church in the measure we receive from God. "The Culture to give a dollar" is a culture that slows the growth of the Church, and hampers the creation of evangelism programs. If we all want changes quickly, we must be aware that this depends on our generosity and discipline to offering. When you make your offering, do it according to your means, but always with Christian responsibility.

SANCTUARY REMODELING PROJECT

We will soon begin the sanctuary remodeling project, the altar area. The main idea is to change the carpet throughout the Church and install ceramic tile. The first phase is the altar area, then the rest of the church. There is a parish Committee coordinating these jobs and is seeking donations from individuals and companies. If you wish to support this project materially, or think that your company could sponsor them, contact the parish priest. Within the following weeks, after each Mass, a sketch of this project and the estimated costs will be displayed. We ask for donations from those who are able to support this project to beautify our church.