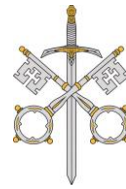


February 14, 2021



My faithful Parishioners:

I love the beginning of a new year. It brings a sense of hope as it is a time for fresh starts and big plans.

Last year, we were all given more time for pause and reflection, and I found myself continuously thinking of our Sts. Peter and Paul and St. Joseph's families. You kept our parishes moving forward and for that, **thank you**.

I know there are many things pressing for your attention. With this letter, I want to focus on the Diocesan Appeal that comes around every year at this time. You may not realize this, but we are so blessed because of the assistance possible because of the Appeal. We received almost \$31,000 this past year that has helped us to provide aid to those in need paying their rent/mortgage and utilities and food, transportation to/from the March for Life in Washington, D.C., and paying down the debt at Sts. Peter and Paul. The Appeal assists in many more areas than what is mentioned in this letter. One thing is for sure, that, with **your** support, so much more is possible.

You have likely received a letter and brochure from Bishop Knestout regarding the 2021 Appeal. I invite you to please take a moment to reflect on all the ministries the Appeal supports and prayerfully consider how you are able to help. This year, we encourage you to do so at <https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal> and you can set up a monthly gift, pledge or one-time donation.

I truly believe that we have the opportunity for a fresh start this year and the opportunity to support what we feel is most important. I know you feel our parishes and our diocese is important – thank you for reflecting that in your level of giving.

If you have any questions at all about the Appeal, or how to adjust your online giving, please reach out to Karen Davidson at 434.589.5201 or [office@saintspeterpaul.org](mailto:office@saintspeterpaul.org).

You and your family are in my prayers, and I hope that I am in yours.

Gratefully in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Father David". The signature is stylized and fluid.

Father David

Pastor