

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

Lent, 2008

Dear Parishioners:

Today I am writing to you regarding the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). This appeal was formerly called the Archdiocese Annual Fund Drive. The CMA funds six ministries: Catholic Social Services, St. Rita School for the Deaf, pastoral education (seminarians, deacons, and lay pastoral ministers), chaplains for hospitals and prisons, retired Archdiocesan priests, and college campus ministries. The Archdiocese annually spends over \$7,000,000 on these ministries and about \$3,500,000 was funded by last year's Archdiocese Annual Fund Drive. 100% of the money you contribute goes to these ministries.

Our 2008 Parish goal is \$24,500. The true goal is simply for everyone to participate and to make a contribution to the greater good of our church. Your participation is what I ask. If the guideline for giving does not fit your situation, please remember that no gift is too small. All gifts are tax deductible and will be recorded beginning this year at our parish. And new this year, if we go over our goal, 10% of those contributions are applied as payments to our parish debt.

You may return your enclosed remittance envelope in the collection at Mass or mail it to the parish along with your donation. Please follow the instructions on the back of this letter for more information to ensure your contribution is correctly processed. For the first time, you may contribute electronically directly to the CMA. Also visit our web site for more information on each of these six ministries that are funded by the CMA.

Thank you for your participation in the Lord's work by doing whatever you can. God Bless you!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. William. C. Wagner
Pastor

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTING ~ ST. THOMAS MORE PARISHIONERS

Method I – Directly through St. Thomas More Parish - Use the enclosed generic envelope:

Please complete all the information on the flap attached to the enclosed remittance envelope.

If you pay by check, please make it payable to St. Thomas More Parish. Include your check with your remittance form in the envelope provided.

If you pay by credit card and wish the parish to process your transaction, please complete all the information. St. Thomas More Parish accepts Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. **(We do not accept the Discover card.)** Include your remittance form in the envelope provided.

Insert your remittance form in the envelope and mail it to St. Thomas More, drop it off to the Finance or Parish Office, or deposit it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass.

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Method II - Directly to the Catholic Ministries Appeal :

Go to our parish web site at: <http://www.sttm.org/cma.htm> and scroll down to “**Click here to contribute electronically directly to the Catholic Ministries Appeal**”. Follow the easy steps.

Your transaction is processed by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati utilizing Pledge Connect, a secure web site for donating. Your transaction will be applied to help meet our parish goal.

Some of our parishioners will receive a letter from Buddy LaRosa, Honorary Chair, of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. The envelope referred to in his letter is the envelope enclosed in this mailing. Complete the information as noted in Method I.

If you choose to pay with a number of payments over time, there are no reminders mailed to you. Please mail each check to the parish at your convenience or your credit card will be processed each month as noted.

For matching gifts to the Athenaeum of Ohio and St. Rita School for the Deaf, please follow the instructions on the back of the donation form.

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