May Follow-Up In Pew Appeal for the Hungry and Homeless

Announcement Weekend, May 13-14, 2017

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements:

YOU DID IT FOR ME.

Next weekend, we will be participating in a follow-up In-Pew Appeal for Catholic Charities, which will benefit the Hungry and Homeless throughout our Diocese. * All of the money raised from next weekend's Appeal will provide for fundamental needs, such as food, hot meals, shower facilities, and clothing, as well as future needs through training and case management programs.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT! All new, increased and additional gifts made in the In-Pew envelopes available next weekend or donated online at **www.CatholicCommunity.org/challenge will be matched dollar for dollar up to $100,000.** All proceeds from this Appeal will be invested in services for the Hungry and Homeless, by providing for the basic needs and new beginnings for those in our Diocese who are most vulnerable.

Please give as generously as possible. From Matthew's Gospel: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for the least among us, you did it for me." For stories of inspiration, visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/2017Appeal . Questions? Contact Holly Hebebrand, 216-696-6525 ext. 1049 or hhebebrand@catholiccommunity.org.

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*Insert Optional Local Initiative

St. Elizabeth Center, Lorain:

During this weekend, parishioners will have the opportunity to designate their gifts to St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain. When it opens this fall, the Center will combine services of the St. Joseph Shelter and the 8th Street Family Center-to provide overnight shelter with meals, shower facilities, laundry, food pantry and emergency assistance.

Blessed Trinity Food Pantry, Akron:

During this weekend, parishioners will have the opportunity to designate their gifts to support a critical need in the North Hill area of Akron: Blessed Trinity Food Pantry. This pantry provides monthly food supplements and weekly hot meals to families in need.

Lake and Geauga County Food Pantry:

During this weekend, parishioners will have the opportunity to designate their gifts to support food pantries throughout Lake and Geauga Counties including local parish food pantries and Food Force programs.

Bishop Cosgrove Center, Cleveland:

During this weekend, parishioners will have the opportunity to designate their gifts to Bishop Cosgrove Center in downtown Cleveland. The Center serves as one of the largest day drop-in centers in Greater Cleveland, providing hot meals, showers, a Choice Food Pantry, and a Clothing Closet. Specialized programs for veterans, employment and training will continue to provide resources toward self-sufficiency.

May Follow-Up In Pew Appeal for the Hungry and Homeless

Commitment Weekend, May 20-21, 2017

Bulletin and Pulpit Announcements:

YOU DID IT FOR ME.

This weekend, we will participate in a follow up to the in-pew commitment for Catholic Charities which had taken place in February. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance for all Catholics to make a significant pledge, payable in installments, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the "least among us." All of the money raised from this weekend's Appeal will provide help for the *Hungry and Homeless*, through fundamental needs, such as food, hot meals, shower facilities, and clothing, as well as future needs through training and case management programs.

All new, increased and additional gifts made in the in-pew envelopes available this weekend or donated online at www.CatholicCommunity.org/challenge **will be matched dollar for dollar up to $100,000**. Donations this weekend may also be designated to any of three regional sites that are most in need of support. Please consider a generous gift that will transform the lives of the 400,000 who are served each year in Northeast Ohio. Please pray for the success of the appeal, which provides for essential programs and services in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland.

On behalf of the poor and needy of Northeast Ohio, thank you! We invite you to view the stories of inspiration and more information at *www.catholiccommunity.org/2017Appeal*.