



St. Francis of Assisi Church

VICTORIAN VILLAGE

April 28, 2022

Dear Parishioners of St. Francis,

Once again, I want to thank you for your continued support to the Diocese of Columbus. As we prepare to welcome Fr. Earl Fernandes as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Columbus, the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) continues onward for 2022. The kickoff of this Appeal is this weekend of April 30 - May 1 and the theme is "Living the Joy of the Gospel", which reminds us that God calls us to be joyful in the midst of so many changes in our life, and that the needs of the Diocese and our parish remain. The direct impact of the Annual Appeal includes families receiving tuition assistance to Catholic schools, caring for infirm priests, and parish priorities through a generous refund from the Annual Appeal.

Numerous pastors attest that the BAA is a good way for parishioners to help not only the Diocese, but their individual parish as well. Any amount collected over the parish goal is returned 100% to the parish. This year, St. Francis of Assisi has been asked to raise \$24,981.

Therefore, I encourage everyone to consider joining me in making a sacrificial gift to the Appeal this year. Pledge cards and donation envelopes will be available in the pews for your contribution. You can also contribute to it online at columbuscatholicgiving.org/baa. Your generosity to this Appeal is an important witness which is key to exceeding the parish goal.

Again, I am grateful for your contribution to the charitable work of the diocese and St. Francis of Assisi throughout these past years.

Sincerely yours,

Fr. Fritzner Valcin