

# Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish

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Dear Parishioners of Saint Teresa of Calcutta Parish,

As we all know, the “social distancing” practices and suspension of gathering for Mass have created unique challenges to the way we practice our faith. Nothing is more important than all of us taking the necessary steps to protect and ensure the health and well-being of our families, friends, neighbors, as well as our parish and school communities. Although we are physically separated from the Eucharist --- our church is alive and still on mission.

One of the ways we participate in that mission is through the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Each year at this time, Archbishop Etienne invites us to support the essential ministries and shared services of the Archdiocese. **The impact and spread of COVID-19 pandemic has created extraordinary circumstances for our parish and our regional church, the Archdiocese. Your participation is critical!**

This year our parish share of the Appeal is \$173,642. If we exceed this goal, all excess payments received will come back to us and we will put that towards recovery of lost offertory donations. In addition, this year 10% of all the funds collected through the ACA (excluding our rebate) will be placed into a special Parish Solidarity Fund at the Archdiocese. In this way, your donations will also help us and other parishes recover, especially those who are suffering financially due to Covid 19.

If you gave to the Appeal last year, I ask you to consider increasing your gift by 5% if the Spirit moves you. If you are not sure what to give, would you consider a gift of \$500 to help us make our goal? As always, if we are blessed to do so, some of us should pray about pledging more given some of us should responsibly pledge less due to these difficult times. After you have prayerfully discerned your gift, we have three simple ways to for you to donate:

- Return your pledge card in the envelope that was provided with the recent parish mailing
- Go online to [www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate](http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate) to make a secure pledge or gift
- Call the Annual Catholic Appeal office at 1-800-809-4921

Be assured of my gratitude for your gift – whatever the amount - and of my continuing prayers for you and your loved ones!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Frank Schuster".

Fr. Frank Schuster  
Pastor

***P.S. If you have already sent in your response and this letter has crossed in the mail, please accept my sincerest thanks and appreciation for participating this year!***