

# I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD

Psalm 138:1



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## A REFLECTION FROM ARCHBISHOP DONALD WUERL



How do we give thanks to the Lord for the abundance we receive through Christ? As we make our way through life, we can express our daily gratitude for Christ's enduring presence and guidance. God so loved us that He sent His beloved Son to show us how

to live and to die that we might have salvation. This is our heritage, our faith and our calling. In the Mass we come together in faith in memory of the Lord's death and Resurrection, his greatest gift to us. One way in which we live our praise of the Lord is by our actions, by sharing our abundance with others.

Each year, the Archbishop's Appeal offers us with the opportunity to reach out to people in our community who are in great need. Brothers and sisters who are without shelter, adequate food, health care and mental health services, those without access to education, and those who are ill, imprisoned and dying depend on your generosity. The needs are enormous.

Every dollar you give through the Archbishop's Appeal reaches programs and charities that nourish God's people — physically, morally and spiritually. I urge you to make a generous, sacrificial commitment to the Appeal this year.

Our prayers, our donations and our commitment will bring the love of the risen Christ to our community. What a wonderful way to give thanks to the Lord.



Children who have been abandoned or removed from their families find a safe place to stay. Young mothers who need housing, access to education and parenting skills find a welcome here. Your Appeal donation means that these young women and vulnerable children can share in God's abundance.

Campus ministry has a new face at George Washington University. Chaplain Greg Shaffer wants to make the Newman Center a well-known gathering place for the university's nearly 3,000 Catholic students. Wherever the students are, however, Father Greg is there, too. You'll find him cheering at the games, blessing dormitory rooms and even sharing his excitement about life and faith



## Sharing God's Abundance with Others

For pregnant teens and children with nowhere else to turn, St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home is a place where care and support abound. Sr. Mary Bader, Administrator, welcomes all.

on Twitter and Facebook. Father Greg says, "Our work helps keep kids involved in their faith during these critical formative years." Your donation to the Appeal supports campus ministry and helps to pass our faith onto the next generation.



Catholic education means children receive daily exposure to the moral and spiritual values of our faith and enjoy a safe place to learn. Ask Gloria and Brian Salamanca.

This sister and brother almost had to leave Archbishop Carroll High School because of the impact of the recession on their family. Funds from the Appeal made it possible for their hardworking family to afford the tuition. "Here I feel safe," says Brian, "God blessed us to come to Carroll so I can be the best I can be."

Seminarians at Redemptoris Mater come from all over the world to prepare for a lifetime of sharing God's abundance with others. "I have searched for the meaning of my life since I was very young," says Jorge Ubau of El Salvador. When he was only a child, Jorge lost his father in a civil war. Now his studies help him know God as a loving Father. The Appeal helps dedicated

young men acquire the skills they need to serve the Church with a generous spirit.



At the Jeanne Jugan Residence, Monsignor Joseph Ranieri embraces his responsibility to care for aging and ailing priests. "The Archbishop's Appeal provides a huge help to priests in nursing homes and assisted living facilities," he says. Those who have spent their lives as our spiritual leaders



need the assurance of our care. Donations to the Appeal help put retirement funding and long-term care for our priests on solid ground.

Appeal Donor Gregory Basiliko returned to the Church at a low point in his life, and the abundance of God's love was there for him. Today he gives to the Appeal because it helps his own parish receive the support it needs to deliver that bounty to others.

**Archbishop's  
Appeal 2010 Goal:**  
**\$11,750,000**

