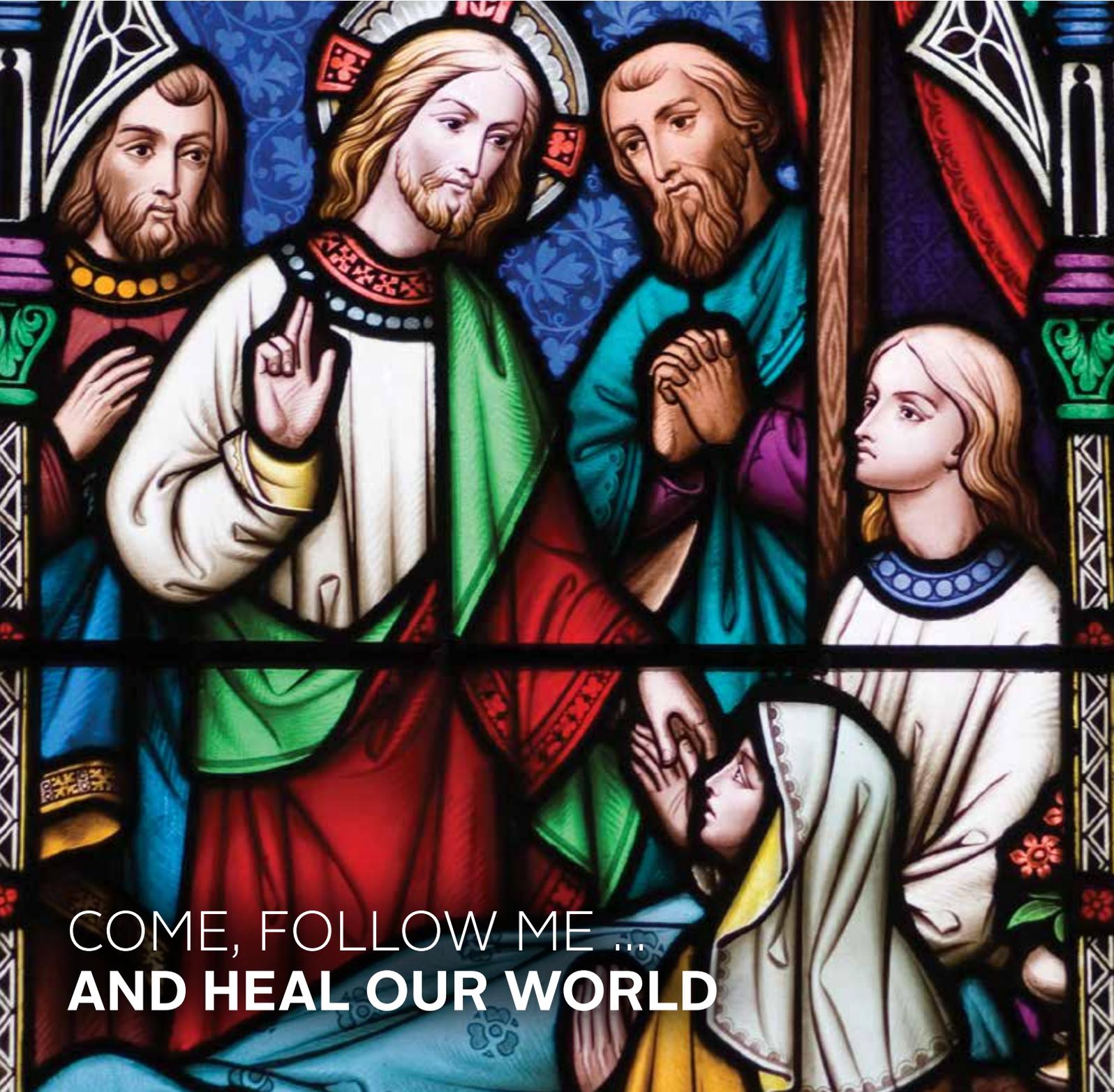


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## OUR MISSION

The Lumen Cordium Society recognizes the unique history, personality and strength of the Archdiocese of Chicago. It celebrates the inspired generosity and vision of both the laity and clergy who came before us, building hundreds of spires that reach to heaven throughout Cook and Lake counties as testimony to their faith.

In the 21st century, the Society welcomes those who, like their ancestors, know in their hearts that they have a mission from birth to leave something that will live long after them as testimony to the faith and vision of these times.

Graced by the Gospel and spirit of Jesus Christ, the Society's purpose is to establish a legacy of strengthening the faith and spiritual future of new generations of Jesus' disciples.



## 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal COME, FOLLOW ME ... AND HEAL OUR WORLD

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Just a short time ago, the disruptions and upheavals sparked by the coronavirus would have seemed unimaginable. Unfortunately, they are all too real. All of us — no matter our age, race, ethnicity, gender or economic status — find ourselves navigating new and oftentimes deeply sad realities.

Before the eruption of the virus, we had planned our Annual Catholic Appeal theme — *Come, follow me ... and heal our world*. By God's providence, our theme and direction could not have been timelier. We all stand in need of healing, and we are all summoned to be disciples who bring healing to the world. Today, in our current circumstances, we realize the work supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal is more important than ever. The Appeal provides critical support for parish and school communities that are financially impacted by the virus and the ministries that care for vulnerable individuals during this worldwide crisis. It also reaches out on a global scale to support Catholic Relief Services.

Clearly, the virus calls for a number of responses, from health measures to economic interventions. It also calls — and we must never forget this — for a spiritual response. People of faith understand every circumstance of life, including the challenging moment we now experience, as a summons to follow Jesus as His disciples. We entrust ourselves anew into God's hands. We make intercession for a troubled world. We do whatever we can to alleviate the suffering of others. And we support the Church's life and outreach by sharing our time, talent and treasure.

With this issue of *Lumen Cordium* magazine and its focus on discipleship and healing, I hope that you will have a point of reference for your prayer and reflection in this time of need.

As always, be assured of my prayers for you and all your loved ones — and my personal gratitude for your support of the Appeal.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Archbishop of Chicago



Natalie Battaglia



Tom Tennara

## ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS VOLUNTEER TO ANOINT COVID-19 PATIENTS

In an effort to accompany COVID-19 patients during the pandemic, a group of archdiocesan priests has volunteered to offer them the sacrament of anointing of the sick.

It is a way for the Church to be church, said Auxiliary Bishop Ronald Hicks, vicar general of the archdiocese.

“How do we make sure we continue to do what the church does? You provide the sacraments to people, especially at their most vulnerable moments in life,” he said.

The archdiocese sought volunteers from each of the six vicariates and has ensured that different language groups have priests available to anoint COVID-19 patients. The priests are all under 60 and have no underlying health conditions.

“We want them to be in a rotation so that the exposure to the virus is perhaps a little bit less,” Bishop Hicks said. “We don’t want the same priest to have to consistently go and do the anointings.”

The priests went through a virtual training about

how to administer the sacraments in this context and how to be as safe as possible.

For example, in normal cases, the priest dips his thumb into the oil of the sick and makes the sign of the cross on the person’s forehead and palms. In these cases, canon law permits the priest to anoint the person with oil on a cotton ball or a cotton-tipped swab. Those are to be burned later owing to the sacredness of the oil.

Part of the sacrament involves laying on of hands, but in these cases the priests will not make physical contact. They also must sanitize the items used in the sacrament before they enter the hospital or home and after they leave.

The priests were also instructed on how to put on personal protective equipment and how to return home in ways that reduce the likelihood they are carrying the virus back with them and infecting other people.

The effort was organized to make sure the church is available at a time when people are most in need, Bishop Hicks said.

“If someone has COVID-19 and it looks like they are going to pass away from it, we want to make sure we have a small army of our priests available to those people before they pass on, that they are accompanied in their last moments of life and that they receive the sacraments,” he said.

This is an extension of Christ’s ministry on earth, as are all sacraments, said Father Tom Boharic, one of the priests who volunteered and pastor of St. Simon the Apostle Parish on South California Avenue.

“From the example of the saints and church history, we see the importance of so many people who have been sick, who have been contagious, and the power of the sacraments,” Boharic said. “Christ’s incarnation continues on through the sacraments.”

He said he worries about contracting the virus and spreading it to other people during this time, but he believes in the church’s responsibility to the sick.

“Of course, I’m trying to take all of the precautions that I can so that I don’t get sick,” Boharic said. “I’m actually more worried about getting sick and spreading the contagion to someone else.”

During this pandemic, many people are doing the work of the Lord, he said.

“We as priests, yes, we’re doing something, but I also want to emphasize that Christ’s ministry of healing is happening in a very profound way through all healthcare workers and first responders,” he said. “I’m grateful to them and praying for them.” ■

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

In 1929, Paulist Father Bertrand Conway published a very popular book: *The Question Box*. He collected questions from participants in parish missions, whom he met in his travels around the country. On occasion, I will use this popular format for our Theology 101 feature in the *Lumen Cordium* magazine. Our launch begins below.

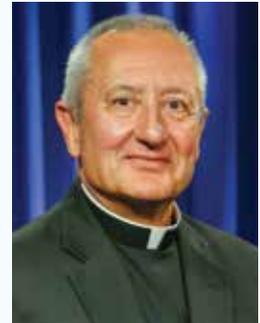
### **Q. Is hell real? Isn't God ultimately merciful? How could he punish someone forever?**

**A.** Yes, Virginia, hell is a real possibility. It has nothing to do with God punishing people for what they have done or failed to do. Hell is radically a state of separation from God that is of our own making. It is about our freedom and the horrible possibility that lies in our hands when we push away from God, who never imposes himself on us. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches: "To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him forever by our own free choice. The state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called 'Hell.'" (1033) The Church's teaching about hell, the *Catechism* adds, means taking responsibility for our freedom and embracing a continuous conversion of heart. Remember the words of St. John of the Cross: "In the evening of our lives, we will be judged by how we have loved."

### **Q. I'd like to read the Bible, but where do I start? How do I not end up getting confused and maybe missing the real message?**

**A.** Ideally, you may want to join a parish group that together reads, studies and prays with the Bible with the help of commentaries. This approach is available in many places, and it is worth checking with your parish to see if it's available. Another possibility might be to begin on your own by following the Sunday readings for the liturgy.

The texts, along with commentaries, are available at the Bishops' Conference website at [uscgb.org/bible](http://uscgb.org/bible). If you read and pray the Sunday texts during the week, you will be ready to hear the word proclaimed and preached at Mass. Over time, the cycle of readings covers a good portion of the Bible.



### **Q. How often should I go to confession? If I don't think I've committed serious sin, should I still go to confession?**

**A.** If we are conscious of serious sin and we repent of it, we should seek forgiveness through the sacrament of penance as soon as possible. If we examine our conscience and perceive that our relationship with God is broken, we ought to take all necessary steps to mend it. That includes contrition and confession. But what about less serious, or venial, sin? *The Catechism* has this to say: "Without being strictly necessary, confession of everyday faults (venial sins) is nevertheless strongly recommended by the Church. Indeed, the regular confession of our venial sins helps us form our conscience, fight against evil tendencies, let ourselves be healed by Christ and progress in the life of the Spirit. By receiving more frequently through this sacrament the gift of the Father's mercy, we are spurred to be merciful as he is merciful." (1458) There is no exact formula for determining how often we ought to approach this sacrament. I often suggest to people that they come with a frequency that enables them to stay in touch with how much they depend on the mercy of God in their lives. ■

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**Father Louis J. Cameli, S.T.D., is the Cardinal's delegate for Christian Formation and Mission for the Archdiocese of Chicago.**



Rekha Shetty-CRS

CRS in Afghanistan has reached more than 15,000 families with information on good hygiene practices and hygiene essentials.

## RESPONDING TO A WORLD HEALTH PANDEMIC

On New Year's Eve, 2019, the World Health Organization (WHO) was made aware of unusual pneumonia-like illnesses. A week later, it announced that the new virus belonged to the coronavirus family – what is now called COVID-19. As the disease continued to spread throughout the world, WHO declared it a pandemic on March 11, 2020. The virus has now spread across the globe, including to countries where CRS works such as Nigeria, Afghanistan, Burkina Faso and Senegal.

### HEALTHY PRACTICES

Throughout Afghanistan, CRS is supporting and promoting healthy practices, such as handwashing, by distributing 60,000 bars of soap and educational leaflets about the virus and how to prevent it from spreading. In vulnerable communities in Iraq, like Baghdad and Kirkuk, CRS is distributing information on how to best prevent the virus from spreading. Currently, CRS

works with these communities to promote healthy water, sanitation and hygiene practices, and is supporting Caritas Lebanon by helping train staff in healthcare centers on the best prevention and control methods.

CRS also has a presence in more than 35 African countries. It is supporting preventive measures in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Ghana and Madagascar by providing accurate information

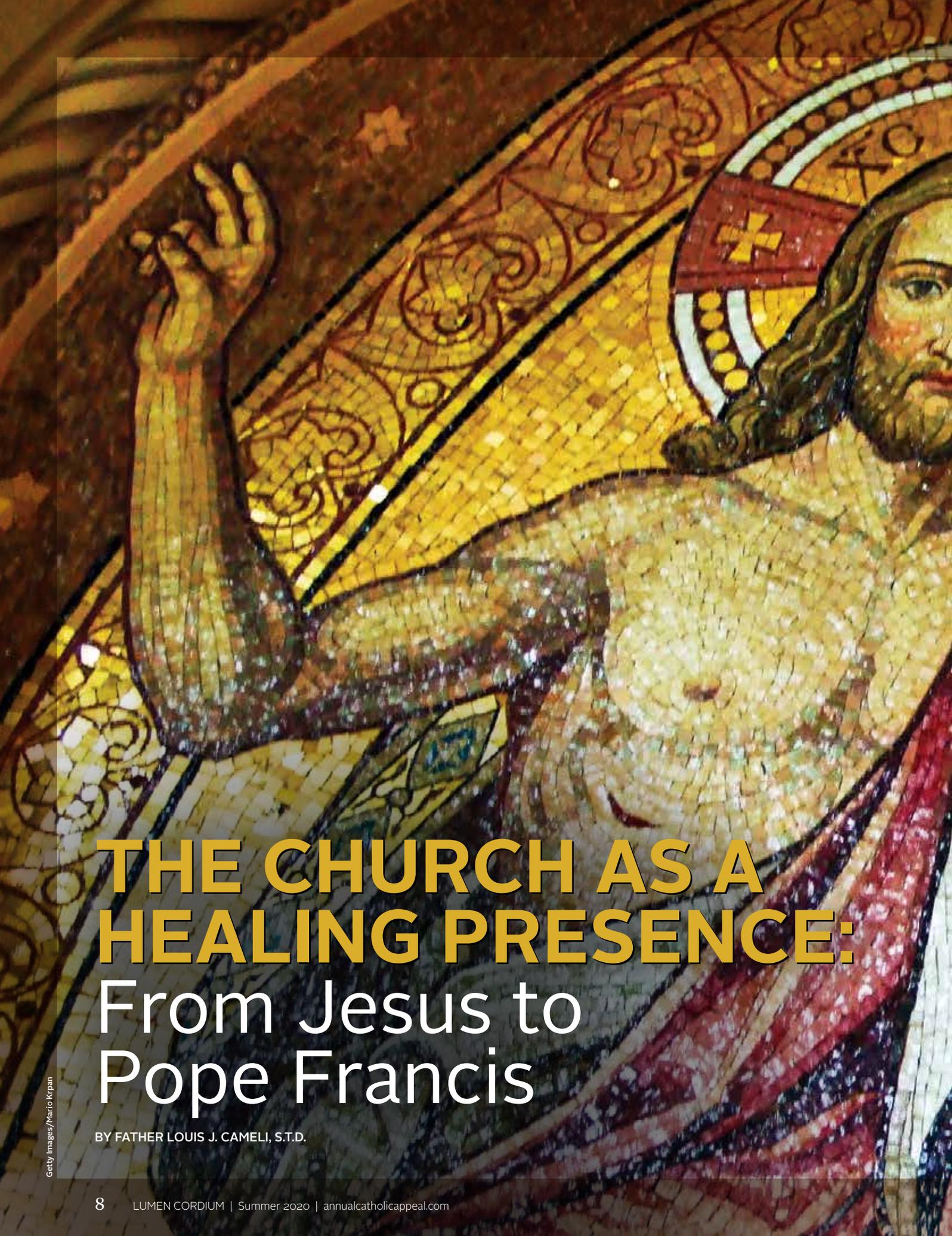
about the virus, reinforcing correct handwashing techniques, training healthcare personnel and community health volunteers and providing partner health facilities with protective gear.

### RAISING AWARENESS

In Bangladesh, CRS is supporting Caritas Bangladesh as it works to assist people in the Rohingya refugee camps and their host communities. This includes postponing any programs that require large gatherings, as well as increasing community awareness around COVID-19 prevention and promoting good hygiene practices. In Cambodia, CRS is working closely with the health ministry to provide support where needed, as well as assist with spreading accurate health information about the virus.

Bosnia and Herzegovina have declared a state of emergency, and CRS is working closely with migrants and refugees to raise their awareness of COVID-19 and best prevention practices. Staff is providing informational leaflets that are available in four languages for the diverse communities within the country. ■

**Thank you for being a member of the Lumen Cordium Society. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal provides much-needed support and is greatly appreciated. Catholic Relief Services is the official international humanitarian agency of the U.S. Catholic Church.**



# THE CHURCH AS A HEALING PRESENCE:

## From Jesus to Pope Francis

BY FATHER LOUIS J. CAMELI, S.T.D.

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The Roman hospital of Santo Spirito (Holy Spirit) in Sassia is one of the oldest continuously functioning hospitals in the world.

**T**HE THEME for this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal — *Come, follow me ... and heal our world* — invites us to consider the meaning and importance of healing in our life of faith. A good place to begin is with Peter’s discourse to the Roman centurion Cornelius. There, Peter describes the heart of the Christian message centered in Jesus Christ. Peter speaks about “... how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38) At the heart of Jesus’ earthly ministry is healing: He not only heals bodies; he also heals those broken by sin.

As the Risen Lord, Jesus commissions his followers to continue his healing mission. This, too, is evident in Acts of the Apostles when Peter heals a cripple laying at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple. “... Peter said, ‘I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, stand up and walk.’ And he took him by the right hand and raised him up; and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.” (3:6-7)

The Letter of James describes what we have come to recognize as the sacrament of the anointing of the sick: “Are any among you sick?

They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil

in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.” (5:14-15)

Across history, the Church has supported efforts of believers to bring healing

into the world. A special example of this outreach can be found in Rome not far from St. Peter’s Basilica. Along the Tiber stands the Santo Spirito Hospital. It began around the year 1000 AD as a residence for Saxon pilgrims to Rome. In 1201, Pope Innocent III established it as a hospital able to serve 300 patients and 600 indigent people. Amazingly,

that hospital still functions. It is one of the oldest continuously functioning hospitals in the world.

**“Divine power was present and working in her words, so that in a few sentences she could bring consolation to the afflicted and the anxious, calm the restless, pacify the angry, reconcile enemies and extinguish long-standing hatred and animosities.”** – from a biography of

St. Frances of Rome (d. 1440)

Our Catholic tradition can also identify many saints who dedicated themselves to healing, for example, St. John of God (d. 1550), St. Camillus (d. 1614) and, of course, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (d. 1917, in Chicago) who built two hospitals in our own city of Chicago. They were inspirational leaders who extended the Lord's healing to people in need, especially those who were physically ill.

An exceptional saint of our tradition who represents the many dimensions of healing is St. Frances of Rome (d. 1440). A biography written shortly after her death describes the way she brought healing to emotionally distraught people and healing to broken and even hostile relationships: "Divine power was present and working in her words, so that in a few sentences she could bring consolation to the afflicted and the anxious, calm the restless, pacify the angry, reconcile enemies, and extinguish long-standing hatred and animosities. Again and again, she would prevent a planned revenge from being carried out." She visited hospitals in Rome, including Santo Spirito, to care for the sick. Her care, in today's words, was holistic — body, soul, and spirit: "During epidemics ... it was difficult to find not only doctors to care for the body, but even priests to provide remedies for the soul. She herself would seek them out and bring them to those who were disposed to receive the Sacraments of Penance and the Eucharist."

Closer to our own time, the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes (begun in 1858 in France) has been a beacon of hope and healing for many people. Even if a physical healing does not take place, ailing pilgrims to the shrine uniformly report an inner strengthening of faith and hope that enables them to move forward.

And in our moment, the time of Pope Francis, the healing mission and ministry of the Church has taken on added urgency. Father Antonio Spadaro, S.J., interviewed Pope Francis near the beginning of his pontificate and asked him these probing questions: "What does the Church need most at this historic moment? Do we need reforms? What are your wishes for the Church in the coming years? What kind of Church do you dream of?"

The Holy Father answered in these words and left us an arresting image: "I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously

injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds ... And you have to start from the ground up."

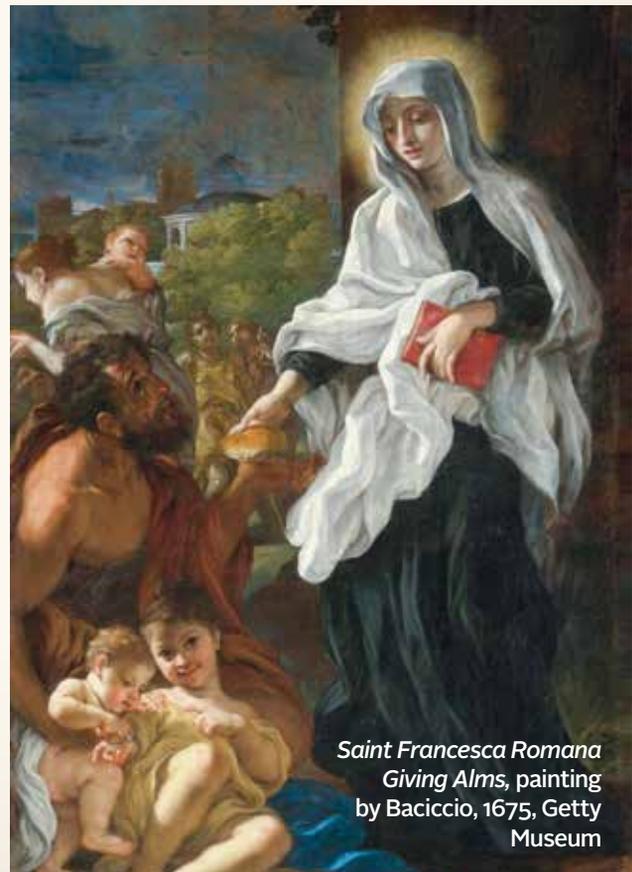
Pope Francis' image of the Church as a "field hospital after battle" can inspire and mobilize us as a community of faith. It can help us establish our priorities and know where we must invest our time, talent, and treasure. In a very real way, this year's Annual Catholic Appeal moves in this direction. The

many initiatives of the Church — from parish life to Catholic schools, from religious education and ministerial formation to working for

justice, peace and respect for life — all have a healing dimension. And that healing touches not only individuals but entire communities.

*Come, follow me ... and heal our world,* Jesus says to us. When we commit ourselves to the many paths of healing, we walk in his footsteps and we extend his mission to a world in need. This is a great responsibility. It is also a great joy to share the mission of Jesus and to make a healing difference. ■

**"At the heart of Jesus' earthly ministry is healing: He not only heals bodies; he also heals those broken by sin."**



*Saint Francesca Romana Giving Alms*, painting by Baciccio, 1675, Getty Museum



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Bishop Mark Bartosic prays with parishioners from Vicariate II as part of a Vision Day last September at St. John Brebeuf Parish in Niles, during which leaders from 35 newly formed parishes across the archdiocese came together as part of the Renew My Church journey.

# RENEW MY CHURCH

## A structural and spiritual renewal

**W**hen the Archdiocese of Chicago began the *Renew My Church* journey three years ago to strengthen the Church through structural and spiritual renewal, the idea of a pandemic wasn't on anyone's mind. Today, as the world copes with the global struggle to survive physically, the archdiocese's mission to lead people to a deeper relationship with Christ endures.

In response to the call of Jesus to constantly renew his Church, the archdiocese is transforming its structure by establishing new parish groupings to create more vibrant, life-giving faith communities. In tandem with the structural

renewal is a spiritual one, that, under the guidance of Father Peter Wojcik, director of the Department of Parish Vitality and Mission, gives pastoral teams new ways to energize the Church and bring more people into the love of God.

To be successful, the archdiocese has been working with churches across the world to understand the main factors leading to disengagement of faith and then addressing those concerns through action.

“The Renew My Church team has been using data-driven research to identify the most effective pastoral strategies to use as we reengage people in faith and introduce those with no familiarity with the Christian faith into a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ,” said Wojcik.

Pastoral teams are engaging new members by first training parishioners to become what Pope Francis calls “missionary disciples.” These missionary disciples engage in radical hospitality that places extraordinary effort and emphasis on helping people feel welcome to the Church.

According to Wojcik, this concept shifts the model of engagement from “behave-believe-belong” to “belong-believe-behave.”

“Simply put, that means we first help people *belong* to our community, so they feel a part of it. Then, by deepening their belief in Jesus, their actions will more fully reflect those beliefs,” he said.

Over the last year, archdiocesan teams have guided pastors, staffs and lay leaders as they establish their evangelization teams. In addition to using radical hospitality, the teams are finding new entry points to engage people outside the context of Mass.

One entry point, for instance, offers newcomers the free 11-week Alpha course that explores the Catholic faith. The course, which began in England in the 1990s and has been taught to more than 29 million people in 167 countries, uses witness as its focus rather than catechesis. It begins with participants sharing a meal and then watching and

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Marco Oropeza

Father Peter Wojcik

discussing a 30-minute video. The relaxed setting offers a welcoming and understanding atmosphere where participants can explore life’s big questions, such as “Is there more to life than this?” “Who is Jesus?” and “Why and how should I read the Bible?”

“As parishes dive into the process of renewal, more and more parishioners will become engaged and grow in a deeper relationship with God,” Wojcik said. “Moreover, parishioners have found new ways to invite their nonpracticing or disengaged family or friends to church, with stories of conversion or reconversion starting to flood in from parishes across the archdiocese.”

The spiritual renewal process also encourages all parishioners to provide pastoral care and service to the underserved in ways that reach outward in love.

“By building on early efforts of evangelization, each parish will be invited to continue the process of renewal by evaluating its formation offerings, liturgy, and service to others outside of the community,” Wojcik said. “It is a joy to see our research being applied by hardworking and visionary pastors and their teams that are key agents of this renewal.” ■



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Auxiliary bishops join Cardinal Cupich for the midday prayer service during the archdiocesan Vision Day last September.

## SHARING A LIFE THAT SUPPORTS THEIR CATHOLIC VALUES

Werner and Sherri Seyfried have been active and engaged members of St. James Catholic Church on South Wabash since joining it nearly 10 years ago. In addition to being Lumen Cordium Society members, both have served on its Parish Council and were eucharistic ministers – and Sherri is currently a lector. In addition, Sherri serves on the Archdiocesan Women’s Committee and is one of three representatives from Vicariate VI.

The Seyfrieds became interested in the parish after a neighbor invited them to attend a major fundraising event called Jazz ‘n’ to Feed, which benefits the church’s food pantry. “We are a small church, but mighty,” said Werner, who currently serves on the Parish Finance Committee. “Together, we feed 1,500 families a month. And Cardinal Cupich has visited us to see our vital meal service firsthand.”

Sherri added, “We are very diverse, not just ethnically, but also socioeconomically and by age. We provide Catholic service for the students at Illinois Institute of Technology, too. It’s good to see young people involved in the Church and so dedicated to their faith.”

Their parish dates to 1855 and the church was designed by architect Patrick C. Kelly, who also



Charles Rex Arbogast

designed Holy Name Cathedral and St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. By 2013, the building had served its useful life and was demolished. They now worship in the parish hall.

Sherri explained, “We no longer experience the physical beauty of the original church, so the essence of ‘church,’ in its purist form, is amplified. We are brought into closer communion and connection with our fellow parishioners and our entire community. Our dynamic music and liturgy are so welcoming that everyone feels the spirit. Some members come from as far away as LaGrange.”

The couple, who married in 1987, continue to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal through the Lumen Cordium Society because it does so many good things for so many. “It furthers our social ministries, helps care for families in need and funds our Catholic school system,” she said.

“After all, I think of the Catholic Church as the largest social work agency in the world,” Werner added. ■

### UNITING THROUGH CHRIST

Married since 1987, the couple come from very different backgrounds. Werner lived in Ebrach, Germany, and his home was down the street from the Ebrach Abbey Church (established in 1127). “When they needed an altar boy, they called me. I began serving in kindergarten and was chief altar boy by second grade! It was very prestigious,” he recalled with a smile.

Sherri grew up Baptist and converted to Catholicism when they began attending St. James. “We would go to Mass and something about the homilies really resonated with me.”

Sherri, a professor of social work and chair of Chicago State University’s Master of Social Work Program, says the teachings of the Catholic Church complement her own values. “The Church’s tenets are in rhythm with my

professional beliefs. They bear a lot of similarities with social work’s ethical values, including advocating for social justice and equality.

“We feel that we’ve been blessed and are fortunate, so we want to share with those who are less so,” she said, to which Werner added, “While the Catholic Church keeps evolving, it also gives you a foundation for self and community. It just makes me feel good to be a Catholic.”



Natalie Battaglia

Christa and Joris Soeding, along with their children, Victoria and Blake, are members of St. Tarcissus Church on Chicago's far North West Side.

## THEIR BOND GROWS WITH GOD, THEIR FAMILY AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Soon after Joris and Christa Soeding met in 2003, each knew they had met the right person with whom to share their life. "We quickly knew that our relationship was serious, so we began to talk about marriage," said Christa, whose family belongs to St. Tarcissus Catholic Parish near their home in Edgebrook. "We had a frank discussion about the importance of our Catholic faith and how that would influence the way we wanted to raise our children."

They wanted to instill in Blake, now 10, and Victoria, now 7, the values of the Catholic Church. At the same time that they were raising their children, the Soedings' niece and nephew had been diagnosed with rare genetic disorders, requiring them to be in and out of hospitals many times during their young lives.

"Knowing that we had two healthy children when their cousins and their parents were suffering made us turn to prayer," said Christa. The couple wondered why they were so blessed. They decided then to

devote much of their time to their faith and their parish.

"Through prayer, I felt that God and Jesus were asking us to focus on others."

The Soedings started teaching religious education classes at their church. Before long their pastor, Father Mike Grisolano, asked them to be on the Parish Council. Christa joined it about two years ago at the start of the "Renew My Church" initiative, helping the parish bring back to Mass those in their faith community who had strayed.

The couple then began

mentoring parents who were preparing their children for baptism, making sure they attended class and felt comfortable with all aspects of the sacrament. "It was especially nice for our family because we brought Blake and Victoria along with us, and they would help out by playing with the baptismal baby's siblings."

In addition to actively supporting their parish through volunteer work, the couple also are Lumen Cordium Society members who give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

"We are fortunate to be able to afford a nice life, so why shouldn't we give back to our parish and the archdiocese? And no matter how much we'd like to be hands-on in everything we do, we only have so much time to devote to church service and programs. Since the archdiocese has a well-functioning infrastructure, we feel confident that our money is going to where it's needed most.

"Through our actions, we are followers of Jesus, God and the Catholic Church," Christa added. "Our faith in and support of the archdiocese helps spread the word of Jesus and, ideally, makes the world a better place. We are on the path that God wants us to be on." ■

### St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish

**On July 1, 2020, St. Tarcissus will unite with St. Cornelius and St. Thecla parishes. The new parish name will be St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish.**

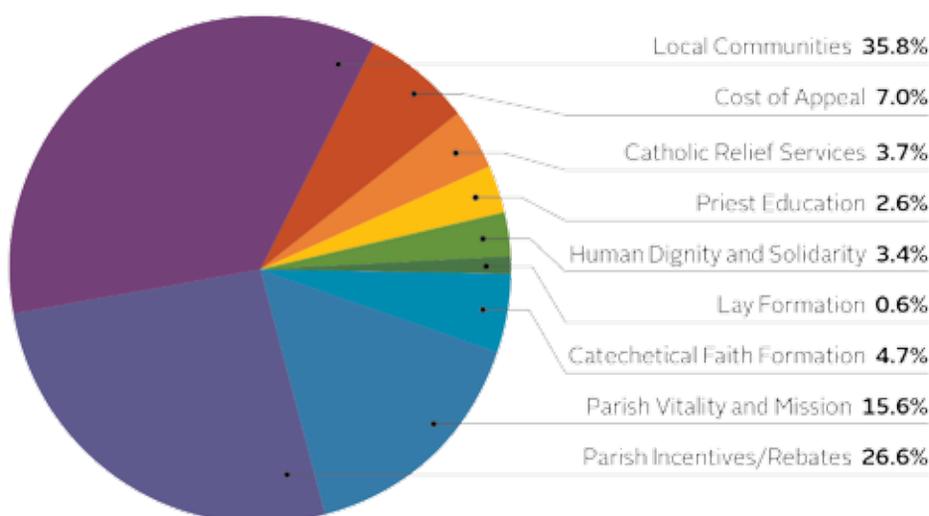
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\$ 2,319,455	<b>Parish Vitality and Mission</b>	Programs to support parish vitality—evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$ 703,537	<b>Catechetical Faith Formation</b>	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$ 92,515	<b>Lay Formation</b>	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$ 502,044	<b>Human Dignity and Solidarity</b>	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace and Justice initiatives
\$ 381,716	<b>Priest Education</b>	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$ 545,000	<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
<b>\$ 13,815,032</b>	<b>MINISTRIES TOTAL</b>	
\$ 1,039,841	<b>Cost of Appeal</b>	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors who implement the Annual Catholic Appeal
<b>\$ 14,854,873</b>	<b>APPEAL TOTAL</b>	

THIS CHART SHOWS HOW YOUR ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FUNDS WERE USED IN 2019 TO SUPPORT THESE MANY INITIATIVES AND PROGRAMS.



The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been, or will be, used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

## WHAT IS THE LUMEN CORDIUM SOCIETY?

THE LUMEN CORDIUM SOCIETY is a special alliance of Catholic men and women who take a leadership role in the work of the Church. As a member, your generosity will set an example of good stewardship as you reach out with love to people and ministries in need of your assistance. While the satisfaction derived from advancing the mission of the Church in Chicago is the greatest reward, the benefits described below are intended to convey Cardinal Cupich's gratitude for your support.

### PATRONS

#### Those donating at the \$1,500 to \$4,999 level will:

- ◆ Be recognized in the annual *Lumen Cordium* magazine
- ◆ Be included in our Prayer Intention Book of Society members
- ◆ Be invited to our annual Mass and Reception with the Cardinal

### BENEFACTORS

#### Those donating at the \$5,000 to \$9,999 level will:

- ◆ Receive the above Patron benefits
- ◆ Be invited to an annual reception at The Residence with the Cardinal

### CARDINAL'S CIRCLE

#### Those donating at the \$10,000 to \$24,999 level will:

- ◆ Receive the above Benefactor benefits
- ◆ Be invited to a Christmas Reception with the Cardinal

### CARDINAL'S GUILD

#### Those donating at the \$25,000 to \$99,999 level will:

- ◆ Receive the above Cardinal's Circle benefits
- ◆ Be invited to a special dinner with the Cardinal

### CARDINAL'S ROUNDTABLE

#### Those donating at the \$100,000+ level will:

- ◆ Receive the above Cardinal's Guild benefits
- ◆ Be invited to select roundtable gatherings



Natalie Battaglia

Zeny and Vic DeGuzman and Bertha Novaczyk pose during the Benefactors' Reception at The Residence last September.



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Mother and daughter Sara and Dr. Sabrina Kendrick enjoy last June's Annual Mass and Reception at Old St. Patrick's Church.



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Zenith and Ken Chua enjoy the Benefactors' Reception at The Residence in September.

### HAPPY RETIREMENT

Deborah Kozak, who has worked for the archdiocese for 16 years and has been the Lumen Cordium



Society coordinator for the past 10 years, will start her well-earned retirement on July 1, 2020. We thank her for her extraordinary devotion to the archdiocese and the Lumen Cordium Society and wish her a joyous and peaceful retirement.

## LUMEN LEADERSHIP, LEGACY AND LOYALIST SOCIETIES

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO has introduced more ways for us to recognize our generous donors who support the work of the Church. In addition to our Lumen Cordium Society, which is celebrating 23 years of recognizing leadership donors to the Annual Catholic Appeal, we have launched three new societies. Members of these societies will be invited to an annual Mass and reception with the Cardinal.

### LUMEN LEADERSHIP SOCIETY

#### **Cumulative Lifetime Giving over \$100,000**

The Lumen Leadership Society honors families and individuals who have made cumulative lifetime gifts totaling \$100,000 or more to archdiocese initiatives, including the Annual Catholic Appeal and *To Teach Who Christ Is*.

Members of the Lumen Leadership Society are among the most generous and dedicated benefactors to the Church in Cook and Lake counties. Members receive recognition and invitations to special events.

### LUMEN LEGACY SOCIETY

#### **Planned Gifts**

The Lumen Legacy Society honors individuals who have included a bequest for the archdiocese, Annual Catholic Appeal, Lumen Cordium Society, a parish, school or ministry in their estate plans. Membership is extended to individuals who set up a gift annuity or name the archdiocese as a beneficiary of retirement assets or life insurance. Members are honored with an annual Mass and lunch.

### LUMEN LOYALIST SOCIETY

#### **Loyal support to the Annual Catholic Appeal**

Every year, thousands of generous supporters make a gift to support the work of the Church through the Annual Catholic Appeal. The Lumen Loyalist Society honors those who have made gifts of \$500 or more to the Appeal every year for 10 years.

Individuals who qualify for inclusion in one or more of these giving societies will receive notification in the mail. If you have any questions about these societies, please contact Barbara Shea Collins, director of the Annual Catholic Appeal, at 312.534.7944 or [bcollins@archchicago.org](mailto:bcollins@archchicago.org).



Erika and Dietrich Gross joined Cardinal Cupich at The Residence for the Lumen Christmas reception.

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David and Lisa Brochu were guests at The Residence for the Lumen Leadership Society dinner.

John Reilly



Ed and Dorothy Wehmer attended the Lumen Christmas reception at the Cardinal's Villa.

David Loeb



Marianne and Tim Bestler enjoyed an evening at the Lumen Leadership Society Dinner at The Residence.

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## LUMEN CORDIUM SOCIETY EVENTS



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Father and son Chuck and Nicolas Gerage pose during the Christmas Reception at The Residence in December.



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Members of the Santos family — Helen, MaryJo, Anna, and Alex — are shown at last June's Annual Mass and Reception at Old St. Patrick's Church.



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Father and son David and Grant Le Clercq pose during the Christmas Reception at The Cardinal's Villa in December.



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Cynthia Levato and Diane Calderone pose during the Benefactors' Reception at The Residence in September.



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Michelle Armanentos and her aunt, Dr. Jacqueline Krump, enjoy the Christmas Reception at The Residence in December.



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Leticia, Daniel and Tomas Gomez attend last June's Annual Mass and Reception at Old St. Patrick's Church.

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To connect to the Chicago archdiocesan community and explore the full array of offerings, please visit

[archchicago.org/home](http://archchicago.org/home)

### Sunday TV Mass Schedule

English – 9:30 a.m. on ABC7  
Spanish – 10 a.m. on Univision  
Polish – 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Polvision