

CALLED TO SERVE



Matt & Sandi Lloyd *Berks County Chairpersons*

Sharing our blessings is an important part of our Catholic faith. That's why it is an honor for us to serve as 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal Chairs for Berks County.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports education for children with special needs, preparation for seminarians, care for our retired priests, Catholic Charities services, parish programs through the Office of Catholic Life and Evangelization, and more. Your gift to the Appeal will bring the light of Christ home to Berks County, and it will help

Bishop Schlert address the needs of our entire Diocesan family of faith.

At his Ordination, Bishop Schlert offered a mission statement composed when he was Pastor for St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Hellertown. In that mission statement, Bishop Schlert called us to be "a Roman Catholic family of faith, centered in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teachings, bringing the light of Christ to each other and to our community."

Through this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are all called to serve in this mission which Bishop Schlert describes as "work for a lifetime." Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal.

In support of Berks County...

- **3 individuals** were assisted with their pregnancies, while exploring the positive options of parenting and adoption
- **30 students** were awarded Bishop's Catholic Scholarships to attend Catholic Schools
- **45 school-age students** and **40 adults** currently attend the John Paul II Center for Special Learning and receive educational and social programs to reach their full potential
- **The Aquinas Program** at St. Margaret School provided educational support to elementary school students with learning disabilities
- **The Aquinas Program** at Berks Catholic High School provided educational support to school students with learning disabilities
- **5 seminarians** from Berks County are currently being educated and are preparing for the priesthood

Diocese wide...

- **324 home visits** provided through The Older Adults Program
- **46,753 meals** provided through the Soup Kitchens
- **12 infirmed priests** cared for
- **312 families** received counseling and behavioral health services
- **134 Vets** served through the Veteran's program
- **1,153 individuals** were provided immigration services including family reunification and citizenship



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