

CALLED TO SERVE



Ric & Kathy Reaman
Carbon County Chairpersons

It is truly an honor for us to serve as the Carbon County Chairpersons for the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Over the past few years, so much has changed where we worship and where our children attend school. As a result, many of us may have grown distant and lost the connection we felt with the Church. Many of us may have even stopped supporting the Appeal since we didn't think it benefits the faithful in Carbon and Schuylkill counties. Well, it certainly does!

The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps Carbon County in many ways, benefiting our communities today and in the future. To support our local needs today, financial support from the Appeal helps to fund the Catholic Charities' Schuylkill/ Carbon office which provides pregnancy support, counseling services, and outreach programs for our older parishioners. The Appeal also helps take care of the needs of our retired Priests. For the future, the Appeal underwrites Bishop's Scholarship Awards for our local students attending Catholic High Schools. The appeal provides grants for our Elementary schools and supports academic programs serving our school-age children. The Bishop's Annual Appeal also funds our Seminarians on their journey. Today, we are fortunate enough to have a Seminarian from Palmerton.

These are all very worthwhile programs that benefit our parish communities both now and into the future. The size and reach of these programs would certainly be minimized without your continued, increasing support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

For many of us, there are new chapters yet to come. It is important for all of us to focus on the common thread that joins us together – our Catholic Faith. The Church is not a building, pews and stained glass. It is the good that we can accomplish when we allow our Faith to bring us together. Now is the time to rebuild, to look forward to our future, and to build a stronger church family and community together.

Please join us. Together we can build a stronger Church in Carbon County!

In support of Carbon County...

- **7 individuals** were assisted with their pregnancies, while exploring the positive options of parenting and adoption
- **9 students** were awarded Bishop's Catholic Scholarships to attend Catholic Schools
- **1 seminarian** from Carbon County currently being educated and 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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