

CALLED TO SERVE



Irene & Michael Kolessar *Northampton County Chairpersons*

We are honored to serve as chairpersons for the Bishop's Annual Appeal in Northampton County.

Scripture teaches us that faith which does nothing in practice is thoroughly lifeless. As Catholics, we are called to reach out in love to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ... to be the heart and hands of Jesus in ministering to those in need. Through our contributions to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we are able to support the work of Catholic Charities, minister to the elderly, and help to educate our

children – including those with special needs – in faith-based settings. Also, the Bishop's Annual Appeal allows us to do more than pray for vocations; we're able not only to support the formation of seminarians, priests and deacons, but also to provide for the care of retired priests who have dedicated their lives to serving God and his people.

We wish it were possible to give time to all of these worthwhile and important efforts. But through our prayers and our support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal, we know we're making a difference in the lives of many.

In support of Northampton County...

- **21 individuals** were assisted with their pregnancies, while exploring the positive options of parenting and adoption
- **Holy Family Manor** in Bethlehem provided care for older adults
- **52 students** were awarded Bishop's Catholic Scholarships to attend Catholic Schools
- **19 school-age students** and **5 adults** currently attend Mercy School for Special Learning and receive educational and social programs to reach their full potential
- **The Aquinas Program** at Notre Dame High School provided educational support to school students with learning disabilities
- **2 seminarians** from Northampton 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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