

# CALLED TO SERVE



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We are humbled to serve as the Chairs of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal for the Schuylkill County Deanery. As we reflect on this responsibility, it brings to mind how truly blessed we are, and reinforces more than ever the need for us all to respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry, give drink to those who thirst, welcome those who are strangers, clothe the naked, and visit those who are ill, or in prison, as we're not here for ourselves.

James 2:14:17 My brothers, what good is it to profess faith without practicing it? Such faith has no power to save one, has

it? If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and you say to them, "Goodbye and good luck! Keep warm and well fed," but do not meet their bodily needs, what good is that? So it is with the faith that does nothing in practice. It is thoroughly lifeless.

In today's fast paced society, the pressures of our responsibilities, commitments, and the lack of time, creates a delicate balance between faith, family, and work. Therefore with so little time, but so many requests, how does one discern between the most pressing needs of our community.

For us, our faith, trust, and support lies in the programs and outreach directed by our successor of the Apostles, our Bishop, the Most Reverend Alfred Schlert. Through his Annual Appeal, we believe the neediest are served, as taught by Christ, and fulfilled through His One True Church.

Therefore we humbly request, your support to continue these efforts that provide for those less fortunate. No gift is ever too small. As Saint Paul said, "Everyone must give according to what he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." Together we can accomplish much.

### *In support of Schuylkill County...*

- 12 individuals were assisted with their pregnancies, while exploring the positive options of parenting and adoption
- 13,868 hours of service provided to support with the activities of daily living at Holy Family Adult Day Care- this is the only Adult Day Care provided by the ministries of the Diocese of Allentown
- 13,772 meals were provided by the Pottsville Soup Kitchen
- 31 students received scholarships to attend Catholic Schools
- 20 school-age students and 13 adults currently attend St. Joseph Center for Special Learning and receive educational and social programs to reach their full potential

### *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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