

RESPONSES TO FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

Especially in these tough economic times...

1. I give to my parish, why should I give to the *Partners in Charity's* Annual Appeal?

Your support of your parish is very important. There are programs and ministries, however, that we cannot do alone as a parish. Together with the diocese we can address broader support services for the poor and hungry in our community, and education for our children, especially in the faith. Together, we can do more than any one parish can do alone.

2. Why should I support the Diocese?

Each one of us is the beneficiary of blessings from God. Our time, talent and treasure are all gifts. We don't exist in isolation from other Catholic parishes and the diocese enables us to work collaboratively as we help the community in gratitude to God for the gifts he has bestowed on us.

3. This is a large request for my family to consider...

The gift request is a suggestion only. We ask you to consider a gift amount appropriate to your financial ability. Gifts can be made in the form of cash and securities, or a combination of both.

4. What if I am unable to fulfill my pledge?

A pledge is a commitment made under a particular set of circumstances. If those circumstances change, you may adjust the pledge payments and/or balance accordingly.

5. Why are pledges emphasized?

Our Appeal emphasizes gifts over a period of time because it allows individuals and families the opportunity to consider a larger commitment – and more significant impact – than when making a one-time contribution. Experience demonstrates that donors who pledge are able to consider gifts significantly larger than those who make one-time gifts. The earlier a gift is made, the more time the donor has to fulfill his/her pledge.

As importantly, when you make a pledge, you are participating in the work of these ministries each and every month that you send in a pledge payment.

6. To what extent are gifts to the *Partners in Charity* Annual Appeal tax deductible?

Gifts to the *Partners in Charity* are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Donors with specific questions regarding tax deductibility should contact their financial advisors or tax preparers.