



The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal and the *Sharing our Faith, Shaping our Future* Capital Campaign

The Archbishop's Catholic Appeal (ACA) provides funding for archdiocesan programs and ministries such as worship, justice and peace, religious education, evangelization and seminarian education. The ACA does not provide full funding for seminarian education by itself. The capital campaign may allow for Seminary Education to have immediate funding relief as well as provide a solid and secure financial plan for the future. Although the ACA may continue to provide supplemental funding for

Seminarian Education, it is the hope of Archbishop Vlazny that once a fully funded Seminary Education Endowment is in place, it will significantly reduce the current burden placed on the ACA, allowing funding for other ministries.

Parishioners have asked, "Why not increase the ACA and avoid conducting a separate campaign?" The answer: because the funding for the needs are so great—for seminarian education, for priest retirement and for faith formation, as well as the needs of each parish—the increase to the ACA would be so great and over such an extended period, it makes more sense to conduct a capital effort/campaign to address the needs.

To help see the magnitude of the campaign:

- The ACA raises approximately \$3.3 million per year.
- The campaign has a goal of \$50 million to help address critical areas needing support.
- To address the needs via the ACA would mean an increase of almost 16 times what is currently raised on an annual basis.
- By increasing the goal of the ACA in order to raise \$50 million, the ACA would really transform into a capital campaign.
- Therefore, it makes sense to continue with the ACA for immediate operating support and to embark on a separate effort, the *Sharing our Faith, Shaping our Future* capital campaign.

Parish leadership is preparing to address and visit with fellow parishioners. Information will be mailed to every household within the next month about the campaign, the needs and how you can respond. Please look forward to communications so you at the very least are aware of the solutions the Archdiocese is promoting to address needs.