

October, 2018

Dear St. Robert's Family:

I am always impressed by your loyalty and generosity to our parish, and I am deeply grateful.

In the last few years we have been able to achieve a balanced yearly budget, and we have been able to do many deferred maintenance repairs to the Church, the School, and the Rectory. All of this was done without any kind of financial drive because of your generosity.

I am writing now, however, to ask your help and consideration with the Annual Archdiocesan Appeal (AAA). This is our largest bill every year. This tax is 19% of our annual income and supports the works of the Archdiocese, the Seminary, the Marriage and Family Life Office, the Bishop's Office and support for Retired Priests.

This year our tax is \$121,212. As of the end of September, we have only \$63,551.00 pledged or given to this tax. Only 130 families out of our 2,200 families have formally pledged a donation to the AAA. I am also grateful to those who have contributed anonymously in the second collection for the AAA each month. We need \$58,000 more to pay our tax in January, 2019.

May I ask your help to pay this amount? Any contribution will be greatly appreciated. We want to pay this without drawing down on our savings.

May God bless you for your consideration.

Yours gratefully,

Fr. John L. Greene
Pastor