

Saint Robert's Church

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Dear Parishioners,

First of all I would like to thank you for your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal last year. With your contribution we were able to reach our assessment of \$86,000. Because of that we did not have to dip into our savings just like what we did the previous year to pay off the balance of our assessment.

Once again, our Archbishop is asking us to join his efforts to provide programs and ministries to the people of the Archdiocese of San Francisco through our participation in the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. For this year's theme the Archbishop has chosen the words of Jesus to his disciples taken from Mark 6:37: "Give them some food yourselves."

Jesus said these words when he multiplied the bread and fed five thousand people. The miracle took place after Jesus asked for the cooperation of his disciples. Even now Christ is urging us to cooperate in proclaiming and witnessing the Gospel. As disciples doing our part we echo the words of Jesus: "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." When we reach out to help others, we gain the bread of life.

As a parish community we try to do our part in helping the less fortunate among us. However, we belong to the universal church; we are part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco that provides services and ministries that are beyond our capability as a parish. Enclosed is a brochure that gives more information about this important Appeal and the ministries and programs that it funds.

Our parish assessment this year is \$83,000. Any money raised in addition to this amount will be used for our own parish needs. Some of the ways we might use that money include balancing our budget and doing some maintenance and repair of our facilities. God bless you for your stewardship and for support of the efforts of our Church to share our abundance with those in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Obet A. Andrey
Pastor

P.S. I'm personally giving to the AAA and I use E-Contribution to support our parish and the Archdiocese.