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Bishop's Appeal update

I am pleased to announce that, with 90 percent of our parishes having reported their Lenten In-Pew results, we have also reached 90 percent of our \$7 million Bishop's Annual Appeal goal with \$6.4 million. This is a blessing!

A heartfelt thank you to all who have chosen to direct their sacrificial Lenten giving to the Appeal. Your generous response will help support the vital pastoral and educational ministries listed in the Appeal materials and also contribute to our \$1.7 million contribution to Catholic Charities. None of the money collected from this appeal is used for administrative costs, but it all directly supports these much needed ministries.

Special thanks to our pastors and parish team leaders who are working tirelessly to encourage and invite participation. Through parish-hosted receptions, pulpit endorsements, individual meetings and the In-Pew campaign, you are sharing the personal impact stories that are inspiring new and increased giving. I am grateful for your efforts.

If you have not yet given to the Appeal, please prayerfully consider making a gift today. Just as important as our financial goal is our non-monetary goal of 100 percent participation; everyone giving sacrificially as able. The Appeal is more than just a request for financial contributions; it is an invitation to witness to our faith and share concretely in the mission of our Diocesan Church in ways that go beyond what an individual parish is able to do. Imagine the powerful impact we would have if every household supported this effort, and every parish achieved its goal. As Ambassadors for Christ, it would publicly witness our commitment to evangelization, vocations to the priesthood, reli-

gious formation for our youth, assisting the poor, ministering to those in hospitals and so much more.

This year our parishes will also benefit from a successful Appeal by receiving a 50 percent rebate on the amount collected over goal. It is my hope that this share will help our pastors with some local needs or ministries.

Again, I cannot thank you enough for your generous support of this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. Be assured of my prayers for you throughout Holy Week. May this Easter bring God's blessings of hope, peace and joy to you and your loved ones.

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Most Reverend James F. Checchio, JCD, MBA
Bishop of Metuchen

Notes:

1. *Diocesan Total includes gifts with no parish designation.*
2. *Blessed Sacrament Parish, Martinsville, has a guaranteed goal due to a parish capital campaign.*
3. *Parish Rebates will be 50% of the amount collected over goal.*

Parish Name	Parish City	Pastor Name	Parish Goal	Amount Pledged	% Pledged	Donors
Most Holy Name of Jesus	Perth Amboy	Monsignor Gordon	15,000	27,263.25	181.76	156
St. Joseph Church	Washington	Father Selvester	23,000	38,106.00	165.68	152
St. John the Evangelist Church	Lambertville	Father Kolakowski	109,000	142,965.96	131.16	228
St. Luke Church	North Plainfield	Father McGrath	25,000	32,295.00	129.18	114
Corpus Christi Church	South River	Father Breen	28,000	34,499.25	123.21	215
St. Charles Borromeo Church	Skillman	Monsignor Malovetz	103,000	126,617.33	122.93	303
Our Lady of Mercy Church	South Bound Brook	Monsignor Moran	25,000	29,422.83	117.69	108
St. Joseph Church	Hillsborough	Father Hilton	113,000	127,921.50	113.20	349
St. Mary of Czestochowa Church	Bound Brook	Father Aniszczuk	28,000	30,666.75	109.52	119
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church	New Brunswick	Father Nacarino	37,000	39,815.50	107.61	295
Queenship of Mary Church	Plainsboro	Monsignor Medley	138,000	147,699.57	107.03	232
St. Joseph Church	Raritan	Father Kolibas	24,000	25,490.00	106.21	101
St. James Church	Woodbridge	Monsignor Cicerale	58,000	61,076.75	105.30	330
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church	Three Bridges	Father Serafin	130,000	135,249.95	104.04	361
St. Thomas the Apostle Church	Old Bridge	Father Sloan	76,000	79,037.95	104.00	417
St. James Church	Basking Ridge	Monsignor Cronin	308,000	318,756.08	103.49	494
Our Lady of Victories Church	Baptistown	Father Kaczynski	25,000	25,860.00	103.44	80
St. Matthias Church	Somerset	Father Haefner	159,000	159,922.42	100.58	445
Immaculate Conception Church	Annandale	Monsignor Vashon	144,000	144,364.48	100.25	410
Blessed Sacrament Church	Martinsville	Father Rusk	182,000	182,000.00	100.00	21
Sacred Heart Church	South Plainfield	Father Alvarado	89,000	85,874.46	96.49	350
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Whitehouse Station	Father Rusay	102,000	98,308.75	96.38	371
St. Ann Church	Hampton	Father Saharic	33,000	31,516.75	95.51	176
St. Mary Church-Stony Hill	Watchung	Father Nolan	241,000	228,745.43	94.91	191
Our Lady of Victories Church	Sayreville	Father Ryan	86,000	80,588.72	93.71	330
St. Mary Church	Alpha	Monsignor Lawler	59,000	54,828.98	92.93	239
Good Shepherd	Perth Amboy	Father Krull	22,000	20,317.25	92.35	144
St. Matthew the Apostle Church	Edison	Father Targonski	57,000	52,495.00	92.10	321
St. Bernard Church	Bridgewater	Monsignor Celano	135,000	124,321.99	92.09	380
Our Lady of the Mount Church	Warren	Father Kenney	429,000	386,959.69	90.20	235
St. Magdalen de Pazzi Church	Flemington	Father Christy	206,000	184,419.43	89.52	422
St. Peter Church	New Brunswick	Father Odorizzi	50,000	44,416.87	88.83	120
Immaculate Conception Church	Somerville	Monsignor Brennan	184,000	159,899.08	86.90	428
St. Jude Church	Blairtown	Father Jandernoa	41,000	35,626.00	86.89	116
St. Bartholomew Church	East Brunswick	Father Walsh	172,000	148,374.78	86.26	531
Holy Trinity Church	Bridgewater	Father Pringle	69,000	58,820.24	85.25	213
St. Joseph Church	High Bridge	Father Carlton	36,000	30,580.00	84.94	120
Our Lady of Peace Church	North Brunswick	Father Polyak	127,000	106,906.00	84.18	182
Cathedral of St. Francis	Metuchen	Monsignor Zamorski	343,000	286,103.27	83.41	606
St. Augustine of Canterbury Church	Kendall Park	Father Lynam	133,000	110,636.89	83.19	409
St. Philip & St. James Church	Phillipsburg	Father Barbella	77,000	63,665.00	82.68	319
Our Lady of Peace Church	Fords	Monsignor Szaroleta	63,000	51,663.25	82.01	275
Church of the Annunciation	Bloomsbury	Father Coruna	11,000	8,979.98	81.64	45
St. John the Evangelist Church	Dunellen	Father Sicheloff	32,000	26,072.42	81.48	142
Divine Mercy Parish	Carteret	Father Shallow	25,000	20,201.00	80.80	127
Our Lady of Fatima Church	Piscataway	Father Da Silva	77,000	61,664.48	80.08	275
St. Joseph Church	North Plainfield	Father Farrell	33,000	26,368.00	79.90	108
Mary, Mother of God Church	Hillsborough	Father Broderick	166,000	132,298.41	79.70	439
St. Lawrence Church	Laurence Harbor	Father Toborowsky	34,000	27,065.24	79.60	148
St. Stanislaus Kostka Church	Sayreville	Father Murphy	50,000	39,725.00	79.45	189
St. Cecilia Church	Monmouth Junction	Father O'Connor	69,000	54,779.96	79.39	196
Parish of the Visitation	New Brunswick	Father Varghese	47,000	36,777.58	78.25	147
St. Theodore Church	Port Murray	Father Tomiczek	7,000	5,430.00	77.57	39
St. Ambrose Church	Old Bridge	Father Grimes	80,000	61,848.50	77.31	302
St. John Vianney Church	Colonia	Monsignor O'Neill	127,000	97,592.30	76.84	413
St. Andrew Church	Avenel	Father Kosmoski	40,000	30,645.00	76.61	218
St. Frances Cabrini Church	Piscataway	Father Considine	34,000	25,968.33	76.38	104
St. Rose of Lima Church (Oxford)	Belvidere	Father Paratore	11,000	8,335.00	75.77	39
St. Stephen Protomartyr Church	South River	Father Szczepanik	19,000	14,360.00	75.58	37
Our Lady of Lourdes Church	Milltown	Father Czarcinski	59,000	44,507.44	75.44	270
St. Helena Church	Edison	Father Sirianni	138,000	104,016.71	75.37	324
St. Joseph Church	Bound Brook	Father Condorson	29,000	21,334.50	73.57	121
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church	Bernardsville	Monsignor Fell	188,000	137,887.99	73.34	173
Sacred Heart Church	South Amboy	Father Gromadzki	55,000	40,138.75	72.98	196
St. John Neumann Church	Califon	Father Orapankal	38,000	27,662.60	72.80	97
Most Holy Redeemer Church	Matawan	Father Carina	65,000	47,094.92	72.45	232
St. Catherine of Siena Church	Pittstown	Father Zalubski	38,000	27,439.92	72.21	97
Assumption of Mary Church	Hackettstown	Father Pekola	45,000	32,375.00	71.94	147
St. Patrick Church	Belvidere	Father Paratore	29,000	20,630.00	71.14	107
St. Bernadette Church	Parlin	Father Hagerman	58,000	40,982.75	70.66	182
Transfiguration of the Lord	Highland Park	Father Lotha	53,000	37,308.75	70.39	167
St. Elizabeth-St. Brigid Church	Peapack	Monsignor Puleo	219,000	153,052.05	69.89	200
St. Cecilia Church	Iselin	Father Naduviledathu	64,000	44,602.00	69.69	276
Saint John Paul II Parish	Perth Amboy	Father Latkowski	23,000	15,951.24	69.35	128
Christ the Redeemer Parish	Manville	Father Slaby	52,000	35,924.00	69.08	281
St. Anthony of Padua Church	Port Reading	Father Smith	23,000	15,768.00	68.56	146
St. Ann Church	Raritan	Monsignor Corona	62,000	42,431.68	68.44	195
Holy Trinity Church	Helmetta	Father Wieliczko	15,000	10,183.00	67.89	61
Sts. Peter & Paul Church	Great Meadows	Father Podsiadlo	15,000	10,128.00	67.52	77
Our Lady of Mt. Virgin Church	Middlesex	Father Kuffner	74,000	49,802.46	67.30	265
St. Edward the Confessor Church	Milford	Father Kaczynski	29,000	19,446.63	67.06	85
Nativity of Our Lord Church	Monroe Township	Father Flanagan	88,000	58,453.60	66.42	330
St. Mary Church	South Amboy	Father Weezorak	49,000	31,130.25	63.53	197
St. Joseph Church	Carteret	Father McGuffey	32,000	20,260.00	63.31	143
Our Lady of Czestochowa Church	South Plainfield	Father Tran	33,000	20,786.30	62.99	93
St. Mary of Ostrabrama Church	South River	Father Gromadzki	42,000	26,071.97	62.08	159
St. James the Less Church	Jamesburg	Father Fragoso	107,000	65,995.04	61.68	237
Immaculate Conception Church	Spotswood	Monsignor Curry	91,000	51,814.75	56.94	294
Holy Family Parish	New Brunswick	Monsignor Kerrigan	14,000	7,862.00	56.16	60
Our Lady of Fatima Church	Perth Amboy	Father Ruiz	14,000	5,366.25	38.33	53
DIOCESAN TOTAL			6,399,466.19	91.42	19,936	