



Catholic Diocese of Biloxi

2023 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

“You are the light of the world ... your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”
— Matthew 5:14, 16



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This weekend is Catholic Sharing Appeal commitment weekend! This is the weekend to expand our hearts to give of ourselves generously to those most in need right here in our community. Every gift you make has a tremendous impact by providing for the physical and spiritual needs of those most in need of hope, creating faith-centered communities, supporting our clergy as they support the diocese’s spiritual needs and so much more. This year we are inspired by the words of Matthew 5:14, *“You are the light of the world...your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”* These words are true now more than ever. The Lord gives each of us unique gifts and asks that we share those gifts with others to build up His kingdom on the earth. Your gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal ensures that the hope of God can reach every corner of South Mississippi. We cannot do it without you. Please share the hope of God by making a gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, either through a one-time gift or an easy monthly gift through the St. Francis Circle. If you think you can give \$100, ask yourself if \$120 is possible. If you cannot give \$120, consider giving \$105? Your gift provides necessary resources that support ministries like pro-life causes, Catholic Charities, faith formation, seminarian formation, care for retired clergy and so much more. This year it is easier than ever to make a high-impact gift. Making a monthly commitment as a member of the St. Francis Circle, no matter the amount, makes your gift go further. Your ongoing monthly gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal through the St. Francis Circle supports vital ministries, programs and services of the diocese and helps care for creation by using fewer resources like paper, ink, and postage. Commit once to becoming a member of the St. Francis Circle, and your automatic monthly gift ensures hope to those in need all year long. God gives us the grace to act generously, and together we can make a significant impact for those in need as well as support the mission of making intentional disciples of the Lord Jesus.

Thank you so much for coming together as the People of God and supporting the physical and spiritual ministries of our great diocese!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Louis F. Kihneman
Bishop of Biloxi