April 30, 2023  
*Good Shepherd Sunday*

Dear People of Christ the Redeemer,

I am very thankful that you have been consistently supportive of our parish with your time, talent and treasure. We exceeded our 2022 CSA goal and reaching our 2023 *Catholic Services Appeal* target should be just as attainable. While I anticipate another success, we cannot rest until all have taken the opportunity to give, share their treasure and thereby reach our goal together. Our goal of $285,000 is computed by adding the archdiocesan target of $125,000 and our additional parish expectation of $160,000.

Unlike many parishes, we don’t have raffles, festivals or fundraisers. CSA is our one and only opportunity to provide those funds which are so important to parish life. The extra funds will allow us to install a circulating fan in the Gethsemane Chapel (thereby allowing us to use it year-round), purchase a new floor scrubber and polisher for the church, replace nine hundred florescent bulbs with energy-efficient LED tubes, install an LED message sign on the front lawn, and upgrade office technology and equipment.

As we begin the 2023 appeal, I’ll set a “benchmark” and ask our parish members for $800 per participating household as a one-time gift, or you can make monthly or quarterly payments. If everyone gives, everyone benefits. I’ll give $800 to get us started. Remember that every dollar we raise over the archdiocesan goal comes back to us for parish use free of the 7% archdiocesan tax on other income. Because the shared resources of everyone supports the Church, I encourage an equality of sacrifice. Those who can give more should give more. We are never free of our responsibility toward the Church because every income level allows for some charitable giving.

Please participate in the 2023 *Catholic Services Appeal* by responding to this mailing and delivering your $800 pledge or gift clearly marked “CSA” to the parish office, or placing it in the offering basket. Checks should be payable to “Archdiocese of Detroit-CSA.” You can also use your credit or debit card to donate when you visit ctr.aodcsa.org and follow the prompts to help meet our goal of $285,000. I pray you’ll continue to be good and generous stewards as we go forward in faith.

All the Lord’s best,

Rev. Dr. William J Promesso  
*Priest in solidum/President*