

Dear Holy Cross Family and Friends,

Our parish family continues to change and develop. One thing that has been unwavering through it all has been how quickly our community is to share its love, compassion and generosity within our church family and beyond. I am so grateful to serve you all at Holy Cross. Now more than ever I am optimistic about our future viability, and this is why...

Your Love: We have a vibrant and energetic group of parishioners who care and support one another. Whether it is by driving a fellow parishioner to chemo treatments, making communion calls to an elder in our community, feeding the homeless, extending a warm welcome to newcomers, or leaning in to support one another through their grief journey, Holy Cross is a community of loving supportive individuals who have found a family in the love exchanged so freely within our household. A come-as-you-are welcoming church is who we are.

Your Compassion: Caring for others, being kind to one another and lending a word of encouragement is never lacking at our church. Giving a fist-bump to a young parishioner, a that-a-boy to a young person doing the right thing, or celebrating a Home Coming or Wedding, our congregation shows up for it all. We have cried together, we have been steadfast during hard times, and we are and we will surely continue to celebrate as we rebuild and renew our parish together.

Your Generosity: 'Thank you so much for the opportunity to contribute,' is a comment I hear over and over again, but it never gets old. Whether it is donating toiletries for victims of human trafficking, collecting bottles and diapers for young mothers, or contributing a dish to the church picnic, so many of you are overwhelmingly generous.

All of this love, compassion, and generosity is important to us not only as Catholics, but also as family and friends of Holy Cross parish when planning for the future viability of our church. Now, it is time to share our treasures and to contribute to our parish **Annual Appeal** effort. With each of us committing to contribute the **suggested amount of \$200 per person or more**, we will surely meet **our goal of \$35,000 by November 18th 2018**.

How to Contribute: 1) Online through Parish Giving: visit www.parishgiving.org enter **Zip Code: 19119** and **Organization Name: Holy Cross Catholic Church**. **Contribution Type** will be **Parish Collections -- Annual Appeal**; or 2) send a check payable to Holy Cross to 154 E. Mount Airy Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19119.

Peace,



Rev. William Grogan



HOLY CROSS
Makes an Impact

- 60 hospital patients served weekly on average through our Sick-And-Shut-In (SASI) ministry
- 400+ meals served to the homeless in Philadelphia in a cross-ministry initiative
- 4 Nursing Homes (80 residents) served through Masses and Praise Services held each month
- 72 hours of Consolation Ministry training and bereavement support lead by parishioners for parishioners assisting one another on their grief journey
- Dozens of events sponsored by The Ladies Guild and Men's Catholic Association to benefit the parish and promote fellowship among parishioners
- 8 Dedicated Ministers working diligently to reestablish the Children's Liturgy of the Word, guiding our youngest parishioners to find a friend in Jesus
- 160 Runners participated in the Mt Airy Unity 5K Run to benefit Social Justice Committee efforts and Girls in Science initiative.
