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This year's Catholic Services Appeal theme, **One Sows, Another Reaps**, reminds us that God has been generous in giving many gifts to us and that we are called upon to appreciate the benefits that have come to us from these gifts. In our present financial situation there are many who are in need of our willingness to share our monetary gifts to support the numerous ministries in the Archdiocese of Detroit; the enclosed brochure outlines the 67 main ministerial efforts and the numerous sub-categories served by our CSA donations.

The CSA is the one event in the life of our Catholic Church in the Archdiocese in which every parish participates, whether in the wealthy suburbs or the inner city; each parish gives according to its ability. Our gifts impact upon the life of the 1,000,000,000 plus Catholics in our Archdiocese. Our generous response to the CSA enables us to be part of ministries that our parish alone could not provide.

St. Regis especially benefits from the expertise of the Archdiocesan offices in the areas of Catholic Schools, Adult Faith Formation, Catechetics, Worship, Vocations, Catholic Television, the Tribunal, Hospital Chaplaincies, and several other ministries.

It is worth noting that the Archdiocese has increased our CSA assessment from \$274,129 to this year's \$326,892. In these difficult economic times, the need for funding outreach programs within the diocese is greater than ever.

While we continue our efforts to work within a tight budget as costs increase here in the parish, this year we would like to dedicate all CSA overage funds to providing a stipend for our staff, both Office Center and School, since their salaries have been frozen the last two years.

Our diocesan CSA assessment this year is \$326,892, a formidable amount, but given the abundance of God's blessings, it is also an achievable amount. To surpass this amount will be to our benefit.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a CSA brochure. I ask that you please review it, give serious consideration and prayer to the work accomplished in your name through the CSA, and consider making as generous a gift as possible.

Yours in Christ,



Rev. Norman D. Nawrocki, JCL
Pastor

Enclosures