



**Catholic Charities**  
Archdiocese of Dubuque

# FAITH INTO ACTION



## 2020 Annual Appeal



“...the measure you use will be measured back to you.”

— Archbishop Jackels

Dear friends,

One of the mission priorities for the Archdiocese of Dubuque is to teach stewardship as a way of life.

The biblical teaching on stewardship begins with the fact that we don't own anything; everything is on loan from God.

God entrusts time, talent and treasure to us, to manage according to his good pleasure.

It is God's pleasure that we provide for ourselves and our dependents, but also that we support the Church's mission and provide for the poor.

Catholic Charities is the principal way our Church provides for the poor, especially by asking people to support this important work financially.

Each of us has to decide how much of our money isn't ours to use for ourselves, but which God intends that we share.

And when we share, it is important that we do so cheerfully and freely, neither compelled by threat, nor enticed by reward.

That being said, Jesus promises that we will receive back in proportion to what we share: the measure you use will be measured back to you.

Won't you be a co-worker with Catholic Charities in providing for the poor?

Confident of your generosity, and grateful for it, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael O. Jackels  
Archbishop of Dubuque

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***Put Your Faith Into Action. Give Today.***

Please detach this form and mail to:

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave., Dubuque, IA 52003

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Give securely online at

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I would like more information on planned giving opportunities.

Visit our website to give stock or Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from IRA.

*“... if you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted;  
then light shall rise for you in the darkness ...” – Isaiah 58*



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“You’ll never change your life until you are out of your comfort zone ... my support group helped me find a better future.”

– Jessica (center) from Mason City, Iowa, with Catholic Charities’ volunteers Nancy Carpenter (left), and Laura Doerfler (right)



“Catholic Charities has our support through the years because it supports those who need it the most – families today, the poor, and immigrants. Its counseling services meets

a vital need in our daughter’s life, positively helping her deal with her disabilities.”

– Ruth Palmer, Decorah, Iowa



“I now live in a wonderful, safe place that I can afford. God has been good to me and he gives me blessings everyday. I like to pay it forward to my neighbors by helping them whenever they need it.”

– Ron Rogers, Dubuque, Iowa

“This annual appeal comprises 50% of our annual operating budget and 100% of your gift stays right here in the Archdiocese of Dubuque to help your neighbors in need.”

– Tracy Morrison, Executive Director



# The Lent List

*Lent is less than three weeks away.*

*Wondering what to do? Here are three simple suggestions.*

1

## Take the 1% Challenge

1% of your day is about 15 minutes and spending that 15 minutes in prayer can completely transform your life. This Lent, take the 1% Challenge and commit to pray 15 minutes each day of Lent. Sign up online at [www.stceciliaparish.org/lent](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/lent) or fill out a card in the narthex and you will receive twice weekly emails with tips, tricks, and motivational content to keep you going strong.

2

## Join a Small Group

Small groups are one of the most powerful means by which Christians can grow in faith. It's simply a fact of life that help from others and a shared experience encourages success in any endeavor. This Lent, join a six-week small group and jumpstart your spiritual life. Sign up online at [www.stceciliaparish.org/lent](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/lent) or fill out a card in the narthex.

3

## Attend an Evening of Recollection

Ever since Our Lord beckoned his disciples to, "Come away by yourselves and rest awhile," Christians have taken time out of their busy schedules to find a quiet reprieve and listen more closely to the voice of God. Evenings of Recollection are meant to facilitate this time of discernment and prayer. Join us on Tue, Feb. 18th or Wed, Mar. 25th from 6:30-9pm for this mini-retreat of talks, meditations, and prayer. Get more info and the full schedule at [www.stceciliaparish.org/evenings-of-recollection](http://www.stceciliaparish.org/evenings-of-recollection)