

#### **DECEMBER 2019**



"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

- Mt 5:14-16



# ATTENTION...Charitable Fund Gifts...ATTENTION

If your data file from GivingTrend has an amount listed from a charitable fund, please call the Office of Stewardship for more information.

Charitable fund gifts are processed differently than regular cash gifts. Pledges will show as unpaid from the donor if payment was received though a charitable fund. Please contact us at the Office of Stewardship 404-920-7600 to receive donor information/details from the charitable fund.

### Year End

To be included in the 2019 individual tax statements, the Internal Revenue Service requires that parishioner gifts and pledge payments to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, whether mailed directly by the individual or forwarded by the parish via UPS or FedEx, must be postmarked by December 31, 2019.

December 31 Falls on Tuesday, remember that all Appeal gifts should no longer be forwarded to Agilis. All gifts should now go directly to the new address. Gifts mailed after that date, though still applicable to the 2019 goal/rebate purposes, will NOT be reflected on 2019 individual tax statements.

To meet the IRS deadline, please encourage parishioner's to make yearendgifts to the Appeal online (donate.archatl.com) or mail their payments as they would any other year-end charitable gift by December 31, directly to:

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal PO Box 2396 Smyrna, GA 30081-2396

If you have any questions regarding gifts by mail, please contact <u>Tracy Zelczak</u> at (404) 920-7606

For Credit Card payments over the phone,

please call Julieta Sanchez at 404-920-7605.

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Parish Goals/Goal Letters

Goals for the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal have been established and letters have been mailed.

You may download a list of Parish Goals here.

If you have not received your parish goal letter, please contact Nancy Stoehr at 404-920-7614.

### Thank You Letter

Thank You letter for the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal ran in the November issue of the Georgia Bulletin.

Thank You Video for the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal will be available soon.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Your response to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal has made a tangible difference in the lives of our faithful and our central and north Georgia communities. Your generosity makes it possible to vibrantly live out the Appeal theme, "Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples," bringing the Gospel of the Lord to all in new and increasing ways.

You helped to:

- Fund ministries that help nurture the education of our children and teenagers in our Catholic faith.
- Support the comprehensive formation of our 46 seminarians on the path to priestly ordination.
- Enable the promotion of Catholic values regarding the sanctity of all life and to make our voice heard in defense of the most vulnerable.

This year, the campaign totaled over \$11,200,000 in gifts and pledges. That total represents nearly 34,000 pledges and one-time gifts – truly a blessing and a testament to the selfless giving and abundant spirit of the people of our Archdiocese. 100% of your appeal contributions are used for the growth of our local church, with over \$2,600,000 scheduled to return to parishes.

I am truly grateful to our pastors, priests, parish staff, annual appeal committee, and most especially to all who contributed so generously to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please contact the Office of Stewardship with any questions or comments you may have.

May you be blessed beyond measure for your goodness.

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Yours in Jesus and Mary,

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### 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Materials

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal orders were placed on November 15. If I received your order after, you will receive the number of materials based on last years order. All parishes should receive their kits January 8.

Please review your materials immediately. If you are missing any materials or need to order more, please contact <u>Nancy Stoehr</u> or (404) 920-7614.

In addition, please check your CD/DVD to make sure they are working properly. If not, please contact <u>Nancy Stoehr</u> at 404-920-7614.

**Important Note:** the Annual Appeal will no long be providing CDs or DVDs after the 2020 campaign. We will be sending out a digital audio and video link to all parishes. An exception will be made only to parishes that are not equipped to play the audio or video via web-link.

#### 2019 AAA Rebates - September

Holy Name of Jesus Chinese Catholic Mission Saint Clare of Assisi Christ Our King and Savior Saint Andrew Kim Good Samaritan Immaculate Heart of Mary Prince of Peace Saint James, Madison Saint Monica Sacred Heart, Hartwell Sacred Heart, Milledgeville Saint Ann Saint Anna Saint Anthony of Padua Holy Vietnamese Martyrs Saint Augustine of Hippo Saint Benedict Saint Peter, LaGrange Saint Francis of Assisi Saint George Saint Helena Saint Joseph, Athens Saint Mary, Toccoa Saint Mary Mother of God Saints Peter and Paul Saint Thomas Aquinas Transfiguration Saint Vincent de Paul Saint Francis de Sales

#### 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Training Dates and Locations

Annual Appeal Training Sessions will be held on the following dates/locations. All sessions start at 10am and lunch will be provided by the Office of Stewardship.

- January 13, 2020 Saint Matthew, Winder
- January 14, 2020 Saint Gabriel, Fayetteville
- January 15, 2020 Chancery, Smyrna
- January 16, 2020 Saint Joseph, Dalton

If you have any questions please contact:

Nancy Stoehr (404) 920-7614 nstoehr@archatl.com

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# **Important Dates**

December | Donations must be postmarked by 12/31/19. January 8, 2020 | Material kits delivered January 13 – 16, 2020 | Annual Appeal Training

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

February 8 - 9 | Announcement Weekend February 15 - 16 | Commitment Weekend February 22 - 23 | Follow Up Weekend

# **Stewardship News**

Christmas blessings on behalf of everyone at the Office of Stewardship!

The Office of Stewardship

# A Christmas Blessing

May all the days of all the years That God has still in store Be filled with every joy and grace. To bless you more and more:

 ★ May hope of heart and peace of mind Beside you ever stay, And that's the golden wish
I have for you, this Christmas Day!

# Thanks to ICSC Members! Save the Date, Save the Cost!

for the International Catholic Stewardship Council's 58th Annual Conference!

ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA | September 27-30, 2020





# Stewardship Saint of the Month: December

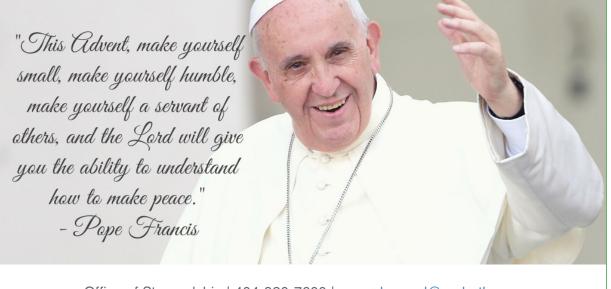


### Saint John of Kanty

John of Kanty, also known as John Cantius, was born to a wealthy family in Kanti, near Auschwitz, Poland, in 1390. He was educated at the University of Krakow and was ordained a priest soon after completing his studies. John was appointed a lecturer at the university and was known to be an effective teacher and preacher. He was assigned to a parish for a time, but after a few years was recalled to university life to hold a chair in theology.

Click here to read more

### Stewardship Quote of the month: December



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