



*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*CMA Reflections*

*When we feel deprived or torn, even between two things, we usually feel pretty uncomfortable.*

*Spiritually we have our greatest sense of peace when we feel centered and together. As your pastor, I have walked with you and have seen the good that the Catholic Ministries Appeal does for the whole Diocese of Rochester. I also have seen the generosity and goodwill of many in the parish towards the well-being and upkeep of the whole church. When our inside feelings and values match our external speech and actions, we are said to have integrity—to be whole.*

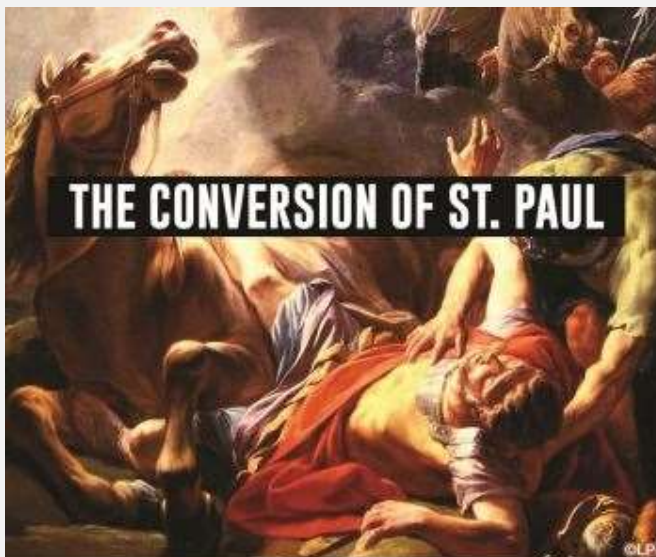


*The annual Appeal helps us work toward our desire to be disciples of Jesus by praying, advocating, encouraging, living and reaching out to our brothers and sisters in the Lord. The spirit of reconciliation and renewal that we should show our sisters and brothers in need must begin with us. I pray for those who have already given and am very grateful to those who were in a position to give an additional donation. It was my hope to reach our goal by the end of December, 2021, but this did not happen, however, we are so close now at 95.67% that I anticipate reaching our goal in this month of January, 2022.*

*If what I anticipate comes to fruition, this will be the first time during my pastorate here at St. John's that we will have made our CMA goal in the month of January—and a HOOORAY this will be for all of us! My prayer and wish are that we be able to make our goal. I do not want to sound like some other minister or preacher but if we truly believe that Jesus is Our Lord and Savior, that in*

*itself is proof that the Holy Spirit is living in us, bringing us to a deeper insights into Jesus' mind and deeper experience of his heart to care for one another.*

*May the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, convert us and make us better disciples of Christ in loving and serving one another just as Paul proclaimed to the Gentiles.*



*St. Paul, we ask your openness to conversion when we hear the Lord speak to us as He spoke to you. Assist us in responding with great faith to every invitation we receive to love the Lord more fully, to know Him more deeply, and to spread his word more broadly to those who need it.*



*Peace and Love to all,  
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*