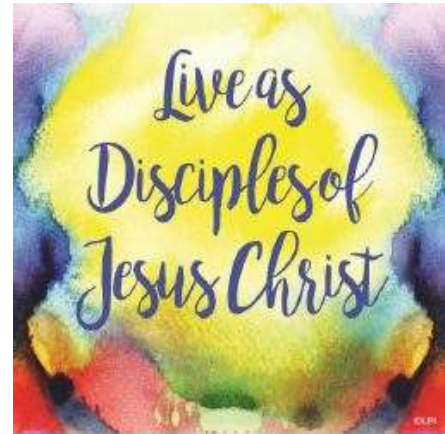




*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Do Not Forget Our Catholic Ministries Appeal*

*When we feel divided or torn, even between two good 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 all these years and I 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.*



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*This is the reason why this week I entreat all who have not contributed to the Catholic Ministries Appeal to please do so. Help us reach our goal! 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 encourage those who are able to give more, to do so. 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 faith. The questions I ask are “How much more can I let the Spirit do in my life?” “What percentage of time, talent, and treasure do I give to my church?” “How much do I give to my family?” We are all called to become disciples of Jesus and Jesus needs us to build His kingdom. Jesus needs that commitment from us to Him so that His Good News—the Gospel of life can be preached to all. If we are humble and obedient in response, we will be rewarded, according to Scripture, with deeper insights into Jesus’ mind and deeper experiences of His heart to care for one another.*

*Few of us will ever have a formal pulpit to preach from, but we can all declare the love of God by demonstrating this love through our ability to speak and share with others by our supportive action that the Church calls on us to do. Few of us will ever have an official healing ministry, but we can all minister healing love to others—through the attention we give to things we sometimes may not see in our purview. Every day we face opportunities to preach and exercise authority in the name of Jesus as His disciples. So my friends at St John the Evangelist Church, seize the opportunity and please send in your support for the Catholic Ministries Appeal to help make our goal. Remember: We are each called by Jesus. He cares for everyone! He needs each one of us to make it happen.*



*With peace and love to all,*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*