

WHEN I GROW UP...

A Story of Love, Hope, and a Desire to Serve

If you ever ask a five-year-old boy what he wants to be when he grows up, you expect to hear anything from a police officer to a super hero. James, however, a first grader at St. Joseph Catholic School in Shelbyville, has a much different goal in mind. "When I grow up, I want to be a Ninja Priest. I want to be two things, so I just put them together so I can do both!" he said.

James attributes his desire to being a Ninja to his favorite movie, The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. And he gives credit to Fr. Mike Keucher, Administrator at St. Joseph, for his desire to become a priest. "I learn a lot from Fr. Mike. He's cool." James said lovingly. "Once, I pretended to say Mass to my parents. I got juice for the Blood and I got peanuts to be the Body of Christ." he added. "I'm probably the holiest kid in the world!"

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I want to
be a priest."**



James, First Grader at St. Joseph Shelbyville

"It fills my heart to know that God is using me, that I am this instrument that He has put here to bring love, faith and Jesus into the hearts of these kids." said Fr. Mike. "We at St. Joseph try to fill the hallways of our parish and our school with love and faith. It's really rewarding to hear that it's working."

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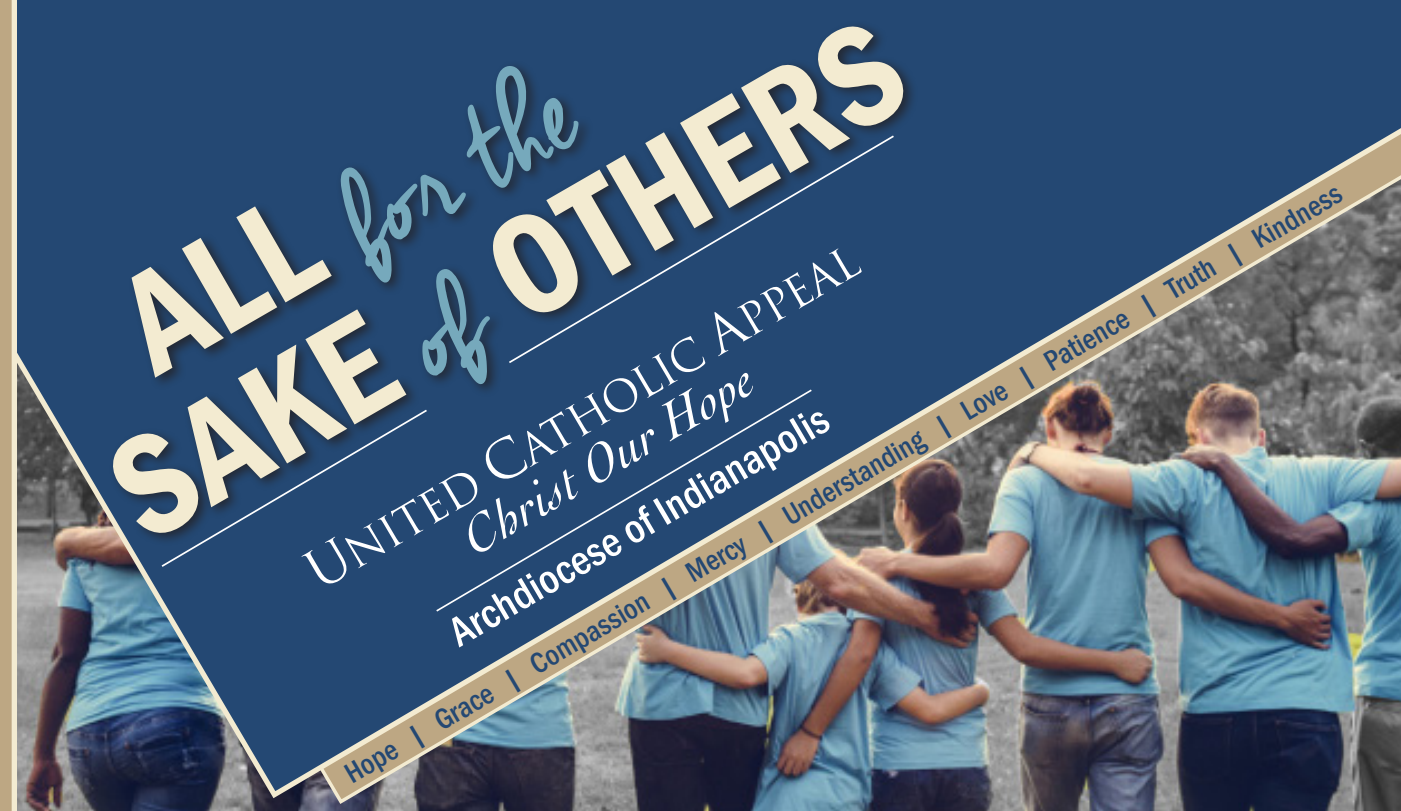
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"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40



Dear Informal Salutation,

My Dad was good at fixing cars. He especially liked brake repair, often fixing brakes for friends, family and neighbors. But he would never take money for his work. Instead, he would ask the person to just pass it on to someone else who needed it.

Today, I am asking you to do the same thing. Please pass on some of the blessings God has given you by making a gift to our United Catholic Appeal. As Archbishop, I see the tremendous need in our community. I know what it costs to make our Church vibrant and alive for future generations. I know what it costs for us to care for others. So, I greatly appreciate how donors like you can make a difference. Here are a few examples.

Seminarian Education Seminarians have no time for a part-time job. I know. I remember the hard work of my seminary years. I have been a priest for over thirty years. The ministry I have been able to do during that time would not have been possible if donors like you had not supported my education. Like many families today, my family could not have afforded it.

Charitable Outreach Each year thousands of people turn to our Catholic Church for the love and mercy Jesus calls us to give. Through your generosity, we are able to feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless and support unwed mothers in their decision to give the gift of life.

Catholic Education Our Catholic schools not only educate minds, they also form hearts and transform lives. Every student is taught to see Christ alive in themselves and in others. And in lower income areas, Catholic schools are often the key to breaking the cycle of poverty.

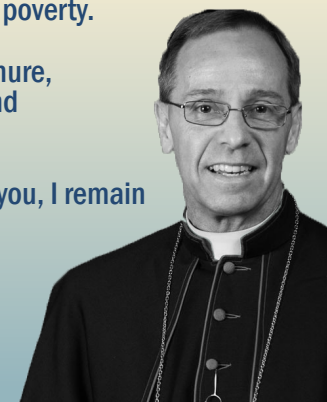
Today, please consider making a gift for the sake of others. As you look through this brochure, see how every gift will make an important difference. Join us in caring for our brothers and sisters. What we do for them, we do for Christ!

May God bless you for your generosity. With assurance of my prayers and best wishes for you, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Charles C. Thompson

Most Reverend Charles C. Thompson
Archbishop of Indianapolis



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Doing Together What None of Us Can Do Alone



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- Archbishop Charles C. Thompson



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Doing Together What None of Us Can Do Alone
ALL *for the* SAKE *of* OTHERS

16% **FOR OUR NEEDY**
CHARITY & OUTREACH | \$1.1 MILLION

- Serving warm meals to 48,474 people who are hungry
- Giving 802 homeless families a safe place to rest
- Assisting 867 veterans and 6,641 people with a disability with food, shelter & clothing
- Providing education to nearly 1,100 children in our archdiocesan Notre Dame ACE Academies center-city schools as a first step in breaking the cycle of poverty



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- Supporting 24,000 students, their principals and teachers in 68 Catholic schools
- Connecting with over 3,250 young adults in central and southern Indiana
- Helping countless young mothers to choose life instead of an abortion
- Reaching more than 30,000 people, including youth, through catechetical programs
- Planning faith-centered activities for 8,448 youth
- Welcoming more than 3,000 college students at 12 Catholic student centers



54% **FOR OUR CLERGY**
SEMINARIAN EDUCATION & CLERGY CARE | \$3.5 MILLION

- Educating seminarians attending Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary as well as St. Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology
- Supporting the formation of our future deacons
- Caring for 48 retired priests who have devoted their lives to serving others
- Offering retreats and sabbaticals for our priests



GOAL: \$6.6 MILLION

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