



Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

A Shared Responsibility

ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

Church of St. Ignatius Loyola: A Shared Responsibility. These eight words succinctly describe what it means to belong to this parish community. We most assuredly take inspiration from our patron saint. Everything we do as a parish is motivated by our desire to bring greater glory to God, to behold God in all creation, and to join in common purpose to proclaim God's kingdom in today's world. Formidable tasks by any means, but also exhilarating opportunities. Together and with God's grace, we have accomplished so much throughout the history of this parish. We truly stand on the shoulders of those who have preceded us, innumerable women, men, young and old, newcomers and old-timers, who established this parish as a thriving Catholic community in the heart of the Upper East Side.

With the soon-to-be-published implementation plan that is the culmination of a 5-year planning process, we are on the threshold of a new chapter in the history of our parish. We have heard the call of Pope Francis to listen to one another in order to discern the path we must take to make known the message of Jesus Christ. This historical context gives us every reason to be confident that we will accomplish this task if we work together and acknowledge it as a shared responsibility.

Our mission and goals are lofty. They direct us to the future. Our desire to succeed will be driven by our desire to work together. At the same time, we must acknowledge that we have a shared responsibility to provide the necessary resources that allow the parish to do all that it does. What fuels the engine are your donations, significantly through the **Annual Appeal**.

We can, with faith and resolve, look to the future when we recognize and embrace the needs of the parish as a shared responsibility. The past few years have been lean ones. Your support is enormously important to the financial well-being of the parish. Please be as generous as you can and contribute to this year's **Annual Appeal**.

God bless you!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor