



Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

A Shared Responsibility

SPRING APPEAL

April 2024

Dear Parishioners,

We will soon embark together on a journey to actualize what it means for each one of us to actively participate in what we profess and aspire to be as a Catholic Jesuit parish. The roadmap is the parish's *Vision Statement Implementation Plan*. The most exciting phase of our 5-year planning process lies before us. Our history as a parish in the Upper East Side gives us every reason to believe that we will achieve our goal. Heeding the invitation of Pope Francis to take on the task of evangelization as joyful disciples of Jesus Christ will strengthen our resolve to be the Church we are called to be in today's world.

Our goal is both ambitious and achievable. It will require a re-direction of the resources of the parish and the raising of funds that support both new initiatives and the ordinary annual operating expenses of the parish. The **Spring Appeal** continues to be an important source of revenue for the parish. We are able to do all that we do because of your generosity. The need for such financial support increases every year. This year is no exception: for example, parish ministries have expanded their programming and scope of activities; new initiatives have been created to respond to the call of Pope Francis's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*; and our commitment to accompany migrant families continues to expand as needs are identified.

Please join us on the path to a model of Church that engages the world and responds to its crying needs. Together we can create a reimagined model of Church that authentically and in tangible ways redounds to the greater glory of God. Please contribute this year to the **2024 Spring Appeal** so that the vision that we have for our parish is realized in our time.

May all the blessings of this holy season of Easter be yours, now and always!

Sincerely in the Lord,

Dennis J. Yesalonia, S.J.
Pastor