



Church of St. Ignatius Loyola

A Shared Responsibility

ANNUAL APPEAL

Dear Parishioners,

In proclaiming the Jubilee Year 2025 as a Year of Hope, Pope Francis called upon Catholics and all people to be *pilgrims of hope*. He wrote in his letter announcing the Jubilee Year, “We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

For the past few years, we have been on a pilgrimage of hope as we engaged in our parish planning process with an eye toward the future. We began with a clear statement of our mission: *The love of Christ impels us to welcome all, to worship joyfully and pray fervently, to walk together with those in need, and to reverence God in the wonder of Creation*. These are not empty, lifeless words to make us feel good about ourselves. Rather, our statement of mission articulates who we both profess and aspire to be as disciples of Jesus Christ. Our pilgrimage of hope began with a journey into self-discovery. The path to its destination was outlined in the *Parish Vision Statement* and a road map to it in the *Parish Vision Implementation Plan*. How providential it is that as we launch the implementation of our vision for the parish, we do so in Jubilee Year 2025.

Our mission and goals are lofty. They direct us to the future, a future filled with hope, not only for ourselves, but for everyone we will encounter during our pilgrim journey. With God’s grace, we will succeed. We will bring hope to the world by manifesting thorough our words and actions the goodness that is within each one of us. 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 on a day-to-day basis. Your donations are essential to the very life of the parish. The **Annual Appeal** is a very significant source of funding for all that we do, from turning on the lights inside the church, to providing necessary funds to all the ministries of the parish.

During Jubilee Year 2025 may we be joyful pilgrims and “fan the flame of hope” in our parish and beyond. As we traverse the course of our pilgrimage, let us recognize the needs of the parish. Your contributions are enormously important to its financial well-being, thereby allowing us to do all that we do for the greater glory of God and the salvation of all. Please be as generous as you can and contribute to this year’s **Annual Appeal**.

God bless you!

Sincerely in the Lord,