**2022 Bishop’s Appeal Pastor’s Bulletin Messages**

Bishop’s Appeal Kick-Off Weekend, February 5-6, 2022

**Hearts Filled with Hope – 2022 Bishop’s Appeal**

*Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.” -Luke 5:10*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today’s Gospel, Simon Peter and his fellow fishermen have a frustrating night of fishing. Simon questions Jesus after He suggests they lower their nets and give it another shot. Why on earth would they catch anything now? Jesus put these fishermen to the test. He created a situation so the disciples would learn to trust Him, and Simon is deeply sorry for doubting Jesus who, of course, forgives him. God’s mercy is there for all who ask forgiveness and all who have faith in Him. Furthermore, Jesus is telling the fishermen they have the ability to transform the world!

Here in our Parish, we have fantastic youth ministers and faith formation educators who are catching young souls to be disciples of Christ. Youth Ministry does the very thing Jesus did with the fishermen; they bring young people into experiences where they see the face of Jesus in others, where they encounter God’s mercy and are forever changed because of these events. Here at <<Parish Name>>, we have young people who have attended <<Mission trips, March for Life, Additional youth ministry events>>. Students who attend Youth Ministry programs sponsored by the Bishop’s Appeal tend to become very connected with their Catholic faith, and they truly become the future of our Church.

Please make your gift to the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal today and help reach out to build young disciples of Christ! Contact our parish office, use the pledge card you received at home or visit the Bishop’s Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) to make a gift. Thank you for your support of the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal and <<Parish Name.>>

*This is one of four messages you may use to print in your weekly bulletins during the first four weeks of the Bishop’s Appeal. Each message is tailored to the weekly scripture reading. All four messages may be found on the CD of the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal materials and online at* [*www.catholicfoundationgb.org*](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org) *under Parish Resources for the Bishop’s Appeal.*

Bishop’s Appeal 2nd Weekend – February 12-13, 2022

**Hearts Filled with Hope – 2022 Bishop’s Appeal**

*And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.” -Luke 6:20*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today’s Gospel, Luke addresses the financial and social conditions of the human race; the rich, the poor, the hungry, the satisfied, those grieving, those laughing, the outcast, and those socially acceptable. Some people become so consumed by their troubles, they are unable to recognize God’s tremendous love for them. With our *Hearts Filled with Hope*, we are called to help those struggling most in life.

Through your support of the Bishop’s Appeal, Catholic Charities counselors are able to help people resolve their problems. Whether helping a grieving widow, a teenager with a drug addiction, or a family in extreme debt, counselors are there bringing hope.

As a <<Pastor or Pastoral Leader>>, I often witness challenging life situations. Sometimes I need more help, so I refer people who are struggling with life’s issues to the dedicated counselors at Catholic Charities. Through the Bishop’s Appeal, you help support the social service programs of Catholic Charities across our Diocese.

Join me in helping lift up those who are struggling most in life. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal. Visit the Bishop’s Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) to make your gift today! Thank you for your support of the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal and <<Parish Name.>>

Bishop’s Appeal 3rd Weekend – February 19-20, 2022

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*“Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.” -Luke 6:38*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week in the Gospel of Luke, we hear why giving is so important. Think about the last time you gave a gift; the warm, fuzzy feeling you had knowing you made someone’s day. This is the same feeling God has for you! He gifted you with life and He loves you. With *Hearts Filled with Hope*, God wants us to share our gifts and His love with others.

Jesus was constantly teaching His disciples, revealing Himself so they could carry forth His mission. Today, teachers and catechists play a critical role in inspiring our children to follow Jesus, just like the disciples. Here at <<Parish Name>>, we are blessed to have <<XX>> educators who generously share the gift of their time. These educators help our children build a friendship with Jesus through prayer and the sacraments. I am so grateful for their gift of service to our Church.

When you give to the Bishop’s Appeal, you support Catholic school and faith formation educators through training to help our children know and love Jesus. Visit the Bishop’s Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) to make your gift today! Thank you for your support of the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal and <<Parish Name.>>

Bishop’s Appeal 4th Weekend – February 26-27, 2022

**Hearts Filled with Hope – 2022 Bishop’s Appeal**

*“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit.” -Luke: 6:43-44*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches his disciples no person is perfect. We all struggle with things in our lives. We find hope in our faith and God’s love for us. With our *Hearts Filled with Hope*, we give to help those in need.

The counselors at Catholic Charities meet people where they are at in their lives. They provide mental health counseling to the person dealing with the loss of a loved one. Through adoption services, they support expecting mothers and help families who are welcoming an adopted child. Those who are in financial debt and feeling lost can go to Catholic Charities, where counselors will help them manage their resources and move forward.

People often come to me as their <<Pastor or Pastoral Leader>> with difficult life situations. When needed, I’m grateful to be able to refer people to Catholic Charities because I know they will receive help from dedicated professionals who live their faith.

Through your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal, you support the social service programs of Catholic Charities. Visit the Bishop’s Appeal website at [www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give](http://www.catholicfoundationgb.org/give) to make your gift today! Thank you for your support of the 2022 Bishop’s Appeal and <<Parish Name.>>