

## ST. Jerome Catholic Church

October 21, 2012

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the next few days you should be receiving a letter from Bishop Joe Vásquez asking you to participate in the 2012-2013 Catholic Services Appeal. Because I believe that the Catholic Services Appeal is so important for the work of the Church and our parish family, I am writing to ask for your generous response to his request.

Each year the Catholic Services Appeal provides the resources for more than twenty programs in education, formation and social services. Once again, we are blessed with a large class of seminarians. These numbers certainly provide hope for our aging priest population, but seminarian education is not free. Because of the increased costs related to educating our seminarians, I ask that you consider a generous gift to the Catholic Services Appeal.

So many programs supported by the Appeal provide services that our parish alone could not provide. By sharing a financial gift, you can touch the lives of thousands of people in Central Texas through programs that teach, heal, support, nurture and feed.

Please consider making a pledge that can be paid in ten monthly payments. This way you will be able to increase the impact of your generous gift. The Stewardship and Development Office will send you a reminder every month.

Please join me, along with our Bishop, in praying for the success of the Catholic Services Appeal. May God bless you for your support of our parish and our diocese.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Rakshaganathan Selvaraj

**Pastor**