

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR, FATHER RON

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I would like to bring you up-to-date on a number of issues affecting both the Cathedral Basilica and our Mission Church, Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, on the Auraria Campus.

First, I want to thank all of you who are contributing your time, talent, and treasure to our Outreach Ministries. Through the Cathedral Breakfast Sandwich Line at 8am, the Saint Elizabeth Soup and Sandwich To Go at 11am, the Cathedral Pantry at 1 pm, and Snacks on the Hill at 4pm, we continue to serve between 200 and 300 people in the Downtown Denver Community each day. Your generosity touches many lives. *Thank you!*

Second, I want to thank those of you who have been able to continue your Offertory contributions at both Churches.

Now, I recognize that some of you are not financially able to contribute at this time...*and I understand*. And if you are in extreme financial need, please let our office know...perhaps our St Vincent DePaul Society can help you.

Since Shelter In Place began, the Cathedral Offertory is down \$48,000, and Saint Elizabeth is down over \$4000. Offertory covers less than 30% of the Cathedral expenses.

In addition, we have experienced over \$45,000 in Vandalism at the Cathedral in the last month.

For those of you who are able to contribute, please bring your envelopes to either of the Churches or their offices...or pop them in the mail. In addition, you can go online to the website and social media of both Churches to make a contribution or sign up for regular contributions.

Your assistance will help us continue our ministries in the Community, Sacred Liturgy, Sacred Music, and Online.

Thank you very much!

Finally, I want to encourage you to join me in supporting the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal. It has been part of my life and my family's life since the late 1980s when it began.

The ACA supports over 40 Ministries in the Archdiocese including Catholic Schools, the Black Catholic Office, Hispanic Programs, Senior Housing, Affordable Housing, Shelters, Women's Health Programs, and a variety of other services throughout the Archdiocese. If you are not a direct beneficiary of these programs, I am sure you will not have to look far to find someone in your circle who has benefitted.

The Cathedral Basilica receives \$300,000 a year from the ACA towards our \$1 Million a year deficit. *So, the money you give comes home!*

Also, the First Million Dollars that is being collected this year is going directly to those parishes in the Archdiocese that are in severe economic hardship. There are many poor parishes. And many Pastors are having trouble meeting the needs of their community. So, your contribution will touch the lives of many of our Brothers and Sisters throughout the Archdiocese. *Thank you in advance for your support!*

Thank you all for all that you do for the Cathedral Basilica and Saint Elizabeth.

You are touching lives and changing lives...

May God Bless You and Keep You,

Father Ron