

Next weekend is the Diocese of Biloxi's Catholic Sharing Appeal commitment weekend. In the last few years, many families and individuals have suffered great loss. There are people in desperate need of food, clothing, shelter, health essentials and so much more. After a year filled with tragedy and trial, the Church is in desperate need of hope.

Now, more than ever, we turn to God as our refuge. We trust in Him who alone gives us hope.

In response to the hope we find in God, He asks of us to share that hope throughout the world and in our own communities. Your gifts to the Catholic Sharing Appeal are hope to those in need. Your gifts—no matter how big or small—provide for the desperate need of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Before next weekend's Catholic Sharing Appeal, please take a few moments to reflect on how you can give generously of yourself to those in need of hope. Reflect on the refuge that you have found in God, and ask yourself how you can generously share that with those most in need in our community. If you think you can give \$100, ask yourself if \$120 is possible. If you can't give \$120, how about \$105? Your act of generosity, in serving the people of God most in need, is the hope needed to endure the hardships of life. Please join us as a pilgrim community of disciples following Christ, and consider stretching your gift by giving through the St. Francis Circle.

This year it is easier than ever to make a high-impact gift. Making a monthly commitment as a member of the St. Francis Circle, no matter the amount, makes your gift go further. Your ongoing monthly gift to the Catholic Sharing Appeal through the St. Francis Circle supports vital ministries, programs and services of the diocese and helps care for creation by using fewer resources like paper, ink, and postage. Commit once to becoming a member of the St. Francis Circle, and your automatic monthly gift ensures hope to those in need all year long.