

FR. THANH'S MAILBOX

GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

** DECEMBER 15, 2023 UPDATE **

Dear parishioners and friends in Christ,

Some time ago, I came across Sir Winston Churchill's inspirational quote: "You make a living by what you get, but you make a life by what you give." Needless to say, most of us are givers simply because "giving is a way of life." One way for us to do that is to give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA).



Your monetary contributions to the BAA indeed make a difference in the lives of many people in the Eastern part of North Carolina and beyond. There is an abundance of human needs surrounding us: the poor, the sick, the elderly, troubled families, the disabled, and those in crisis. **The Bishop's Annual Appeal** gives us an opportunity to respond to those in need and to show **Christ's love** by putting our **faith in action** as a diocesan family.

As most of you are aware, the 2023 BAA goal of our parish is **\$148,225**. Because of your generosity and sacrifices, we have not only reached our goal, but also exceeded it beautifully! As of December 15, 2023, **629 families** have pledged **\$209,553**, helping us to reach **141%** of goal. So far, we have fulfilled (paid) **\$209,103** of our BAA pledges.

Let us continue to give praise and thanksgiving to **God** for this great blessing!
May almighty God, through the love and mercy of the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
continue to bless all of you and your loved ones, especially during this holy Season.

God bless,
Fr. Thanh