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to give thanks in all things



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As we prepare to launch the 2011 Appeal,
whose theme is "To Give Thanks in All
Things," I pray that we take these words
to heart, and for each of us, our thanks
to God for the comfort and challenge
of God's love will inspire continued and
abundant participation in supporting our
diocesan ministries.

And I pray that the ears of your heart
will be open to the ceaseless word of
gratitude that God has for each of you...

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.

raising up vocations

By the Rev. Christopher "Zeke" Coughlin

I would not be a priest without the support of this diocese and the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Funding from the appeal has built the foundation for my entire ministry and, simply put, I would not be where I am nor do what I do without it.

Throughout my long process toward ordination, I have also participated in many ministries that have been funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. From diocesan youth events to mission trips in the mountains of Kentucky, I worked with dozens of young Christians who themselves would not have been able to afford the experiences of learning, growing in Christ, and serving God's people without the help they received from the appeal.

It is humbling to realize that much of my career, and whatever good I may be able to do through it, has been made possible by those men and women who give generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. I look forward to a lifetime of service to the Church that has been so gracious in raising me up to work within it.



Blessings in a Backpack

All of the children of Marion-Sterling Elementary School depend on their school for breakfast and lunch throughout the week. Teachers noticed that as the week progressed, children began to hoard their food. The children stuffed their pockets with the federally funded free breakfast and lunch offerings so that they and their families had something to eat over the weekend. In January 2010, Trinity Cathedral in Cleveland, a neighbor to Marion-Sterling School, launched *Blessings in a Backpack*.

Each Friday, children of families in need receive backpacks filled with healthy food (enough to feed a family of four), menus and nutritional information to promote health and wellness. On Sundays, volunteers gather at Trinity Cathedral to collect that week's donations. Oatmeal, whole wheat bread, spaghetti, chopped tomatoes, tuna and apples are some of the items on the program's shopping list. On Friday, volunteers assemble the *Blessings in a Backpack* and deliver them to the school. When school is not in session, parents pick up the backpacks at the church.

Blessings in a Backpack extends a vital partnership between this K-8 Cleveland Municipal School and Trinity Cathedral. *Blessings* is one of 23 parish programs to receive 2010 support through Episcopal Community Services. Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal and Trinity volunteers make this vital ministry possible.



The Bishop's Annual Appeal Provides Resources for:

Episcopal Community Services

Engaging individuals and churches in service to others; providing financial support for parish and community programs.

Servant Leader Development

Employment for recently ordained clergy; support for seminarians; internships for young adults; Camp and Conference Center; Campus and Youth Mission.

Ways to Give:

Annual Gifts: Make your tax deductible pledge/gift by cash, check, or credit card. Return the attached pledge card with your gift; go on line at www.dohio.org; or follow the link below:

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Planned Gifts: No longer needed life insurance, stocks, bonds, or an IRA make wonderful gifts. Consider naming the Diocese in your will or estate plan. For help or with questions, contact Lael Carter at 216-774-0463.

Memorial Gifts: Honor or memorialize loved ones by making a gift to Episcopal Community Services in their name. An appropriate card is sent as instructed by the donor.

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