



Some reflections inspired by online copyrighted commentaries and homilies

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters of OLPH,

It is already February, which means Lent is just around the corner. This also means it is the time of year when we will ask you to make a gift to the Annual Appeal in support of the many charitable works throughout the Archdiocese of Washington.

The members of OLPH have been generous in providing for our parish needs this past year even in the midst of this pandemic. I truly appreciate your continued support to the operations of your parish. Your support of the Annual Appeal is in many ways an extension of your parish support. It is a critical source of funding for everything from seminarian formation to pro-life and family ministries to pastoral and social outreach, all of which directly or indirectly impacts our parish and local community. We do benefit from the appeal here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

At the same time that the Annual Appeal strengthens our parish life, it also unifies us as the Church of Washington, DC, in caring for the spiritual and other needs of those beyond our parish boundaries. We are able to accomplish together what we couldn't do on our own. Funding from diocesan grants and Catholic Charities help us to keep our Food Pantry operating and other programs at OLPH.

As in every year remember, 100% of your gift to the Annual Appeal will be restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and will not be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, your gift will be credited towards our parish goal. You can learn more about the 2021 Annual Appeal at appeal.adw.org.

Thank you in advance for your prayerful commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal. Your continued generosity during this time of hardship is not only a source of inspiration for me but also a force for good in a world that is Searching for Christ. We pray for the Lord to Heal our Land and keep us safe.

I pray that God will continue to bless you and your family and bring peace, joy and health.

Fr. Mike,