



## **ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND** (April 6-7) PULPIT LETTER

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year, I come to you requesting your support for the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal which extends the love of Jesus to those in need and helps advance our mission that in Jesus Christ, all might be rescued and have abundant life, to the glory of the Father.

This year, the theme for appeal references the Eucharist and poses the question, "What can you do with Christ in You?" When we offer our lives with Jesus in the Mass and receive Holy Communion, it bears fruit. Our participation in the mission of Jesus, whether it be through prayer, service, or financial support, is always a fruit of our communion with him and our abiding in him.

Jesus makes the incredible promise, "whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father" (Jn 14:12). As we approach the start of the largest fundraiser in the Archdiocese of Denver, I encourage you to imagine the great works that Jesus wishes to accomplish through us in these times.

Your gift will benefit: the hungry and the homeless, the unborn, our seminarians, our school children, our teenagers, our college students, our young couples, and our senior citizens.

Your donation will have a tremendous impact on thousands of individuals and will help make it possible for the Archdiocese to offer evangelization workshops, youth conferences, FOCUS missionaries on our university campuses, healing retreats for individuals and couples, and many other opportunities to equip the faithful for the work of ministry.

I ask all members of our parish communities to commit to this year's appeal and I urge you to increase your hope in the Lord will do with Christ in You. Commitment cards will be available at Mass next weekend.

On behalf of the thousands who will be uplifted because of your generous response, thank you.

May our Lord bless you with his peace.

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.  
Archbishop of Denver