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As we journey on the path of faith we come to realize we are not traveling alone. We look for opportunities to encourage one another to discover meaningful expressions of faith and share God's purpose for us. At Gesu we always hope to walk this journey, side by side, with each other as we talk and learn about faith and what it means to live the Gospel message.

Our theme for Gesu's Annual Pledge Appeal, "Giving and Growing in Mission," gives each of us the opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of those we serve – ourselves and those who walk through our doors. Gesu's mission has an impact. It shapes our lives. It overflows into the lives of people we touch and see. This impact can be seen through our ministries. Following is a list of how some of our ministries have made an impact last year:

- Eucharist – 832 opportunities to go to Mass
- Reconciliation – 312 opportunities for Confession
- Religious Education – 106 children, K3 through 12th grade
- Wedding Ministry – 52 couples received the sacrament
- Baptisms – 44 children were baptized into the faith
- Meal Program – approx. 2500 meals were served to the hungry
- Organ Concerts – 12 opportunities a year to hear sacred music
- Church Renovations – honoring the past and the future

This is only possible because we did it together. Your gift of time, talent and treasure, along with our talented staff, has enabled our ministries to give people the opportunity to walk with one another on this amazing journey of faith.

Right now we are asking you to prayerfully consider making a financial pledge. The realities of life are such that money is a necessary component of our ministries. The beautiful part is "Giving and Growing in Mission" is a tangible sign of God's life within us making a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Blessings!

Fr. Jim Flaherty, S.J., Pastor