



2018/2019 Bishop's Circle Appeal

For the Diocese of Honolulu and the Catholic Church in Hawaii

October 2018

Dear Fellow Steward,

Peace be with you!

Simple, but not always easy... While stewardship is simple to understand – *realizing that all we have is a gift from God and that we are called to be grateful and generous with our time, talent, and treasure* – it is not always easy to do. Until something happens...

After losing a loved one I spent time on retreat alone and in silence - listening to God for the first time in my life. I was broken and needed help. That's when my personal relationship with God started. I was completely overcome with this sense of gratitude for everything God had given me, especially all the wonderful people in my life. I soon realized that living a stewardship lifestyle is important to being a good disciple of Jesus. Spending time in prayer with God every day, joyfully participating in parish ministries and generously contributing to the mission of the Church helps put me on the path to holiness - and hopefully to heaven. Today, I can't stop talking about it!

Dave B. - Young Adult Leader

This tender revelation of the Spirit is but one of many ways stewardship becomes part of our faith journey. Whatever your story may be, I am grateful to all who live a stewardship lifestyle, and especially for your financial contributions to the annual **Bishop's Circle Appeal**. Please know that your support is vital and helps sustain diocesan ministries to serve our parishes -- in particular the four priority areas of our Pastoral Plan (see reverse side).

In this year's appeal, I want to emphasize the need for renewed support for **Youth and Young Adult Ministries** – a top priority that I hear about at every parish I visit. Since 2010, when this diocesan office was reestablished, it has been funded entirely by grants from the **With Grateful Hearts** capital campaign. Since those allocated funds are nearly expended, we need to find alternative sources for this important initiative. Therefore, I ask that you prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the Bishop's Circle and the future of our Church.

Your generosity is very much appreciated as we all work toward the same goal of bringing others to Christ, so that they can experience his healing love in a thousand different ways. May the Lord bless you always!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Larry Silva
Bishop of Honolulu



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All contributors to this year's appeal will be remembered in a special Mass.



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Your generous gift helps support these vital priorities at your parish and throughout the Catholic Church in Hawaii.

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