



Dear Parishioners:

'Tis the season! No, not Christmas, which we celebrated last month. Rather, 'tis the season for us to support the annual Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive, or ABCD, and all the programs, services, and ministries that it funds throughout our Archdiocese of Miami (ADOM). As is the case every year, whatever you may be able to contribute, especially your prayers, is greatly appreciated. Remembering the gospel story of the widow's mite (Mark 12:41-44), not only is no gift too little, but a smaller amount, when given from a generous heart, may actually be worth more to God because it costs the giver more.

Our parish goal this year is \$204,650.00, which is less than last year's goal, but close to what was actually collected. Again, whatever you can contribute is greatly appreciated, especially by those who benefit from the programs, ministries, and services of the ADOM which are funded by the ABCD. As Archbishop Wenski reminds us in his letter for the ABCD:

As disciples, we are all called to look beyond our differences and unite in ways that allow us to demonstrate love in action. We must serve one another by advocating for the sick, needy, and unborn; by showing compassion and patience for one another; by sharing our blessings with those less fortunate; and by forgiving one another like God forgave us. Your support of the Archbishop's Charities and Development Drive (ABCD) is an act of love that can change your life and the lives of others.

This past year, the Archdiocese celebrated 65 years of its unwavering dedication to our faith and service in our community, but our work is not done. As we look to future, we are reminded that we need to act today to make for a better tomorrow. Together, let us unite our efforts, recognizing that the power of transformative love can influence positive change in our world.

In devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, I invite you to make a gift to the ABCD today. In so doing, you put your love into action and make a difference in the lives of those who need it the most.

If you have already made a pledge and/or contribution to the ABCD this year, I thank you. If you have not yet made a pledge or contribution, I ask you to please consider giving what you can afford via this link <http://www.adomdevelopment.org/abcd/>, in order to help us help our Archdiocese continue serving all God's people, especially the poor and vulnerable, in the many

ways that the ABCD makes possible. Together, we are the church – one in faith, one in hope, and one in charity, as generous witnesses of God’s love for all through the Sacred Heart of our Lord.

Fr Steve

### **WHY SUPPORT ABCD?**

1. **Transformative Love:** The ABCD Campaign embodies the transformative power of love. Your support directly impacts the lives of countless individuals, bringing hope, healing, and assistance when they need it most.
2. **Community Unity:** Through the ABCD, we unite as a community, transcending our differences and coming together for a common cause. It strengthens our bonds and reaffirms our commitment to love in action.
3. **65 Years of Dedication:** The Archdiocese of Miami has celebrated 65 years of unwavering dedication to faith and service in our community. Your support ensures this legacy continues, leaving a lasting impact on generations to come.
4. **Positive Change:** Your contribution to the ABCD brings hope to the hopeless and the love of Christ to others regardless of who they are or where they live.

We invite you to take an active part of the 2024 ABCD Campaign. Your support puts love into action and helps us create a world filled with compassion, unity, and positive change. Together, let us be living witnesses of love, reflecting the transformative love that flows from the Sacred Heart of our Savior.