

Each year at this time we have the Annual Catholic Appeal, and it coincides with this liturgical season because this is the season that the church was birthed. As I've said before, we are part of a corporate church – "corporate" from the Latin *corpus* meaning "body." **The work of the church is meant for this whole area, the whole body of Seattle.** The needs of Seattle are larger than what our parish can provide for on its own. Through our giving in the Annual Catholic Appeal, we can respond to the movements of the Holy Spirit in the larger "corporate" Seattle Church.

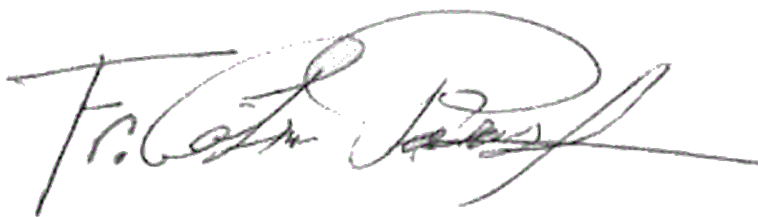
The first charism of the Holy Spirit is the Institution of the Church. The ability to congregate, to be together; these things require organization. Christ has a mission, and his mission has a Church, composed of you and me. **The Annual Catholic Appeal funds this organizing principle, which includes a broad range of initiatives, such as financial services, the formation and education of our seminarians, and works of charity.** One charity funded by your generosity is Operation Nightwatch, which is a ministry where volunteers walk the streets and accompany people experiencing addiction and homelessness. You can find out more about this organization's wonderful work on their website: WWW.SEATTLENIIGHTWATCH.ORG

ACA Funding benefits seminarians and vocations initiatives. Our parish has benefitted from the presence of 2 seminarians in recent years, one being Fred Tucker. Some of the ACA funding ensures that our churches can continue with the sacraments in the future. Your generosity makes sure that the greater needs of Seattle are being met by our Church. We are all invited to participate in the appeal because we are being invited to be who we are, part of one body.

Our parish goal this year is \$73,518. Today, I ask each of you to participate in this effort to support our larger Catholic community. If you are unsure of what to give, please consider a gift of \$365 (\$1 per day). The money we raise above our goal will come back to our parish to support our **St. Francis Garden project.** We have a little green space on the east side of the building that we wish to make a prayerful and inviting space for the entire Queen Anne neighborhood. Money will be spent on additional plants, landscaping, and other features, depending on the amount we receive back from the ACA campaign.

If you have already participated, and this email has crossed in the "mail", I sincerely thank you for your generous support and participation. Please know of my continued prayers for you and for our community.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Colin Parrish". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Fr. Colin Parrish