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## Scripture Reflection

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When we act alone, we are limited in what we can do. It is only when we all respond to God's call and act with Christ's love in our hearts that we can make an impact on the lives of those who seek it.

In this week's Gospel from **John 10:1-10**, Jesus said, "I am the gate for the sheep...I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jesus is our shepherd who calls out to us and leads us to verdant pastures. As Catholics, it must be our joyful duty to respond to this call and bring our brothers and sisters in need into His flock so that they, too, can receive this abundant life. Through acts of charity and love towards others, we share God's many blessings and demonstrate our devotion to the Lord.

*Beloved:*

*If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good,  
this is a grace before God.  
For to this you have been called,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps.*

**1 Peter 2:20b-21**

We are called to follow in Christ's footsteps and seek out those who need His love. And we can do this through our *Annual Catholic Appeal*. When we come together to support the *Appeal*, we can truly fill every heart with hope and serve the Lord with gladness. As one Church, let us *Reach out in Love*.

Please give to the *Appeal* <<date and place>> or visit [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) to learn more about how the *Appeal* helps our brothers and sisters in need to overcome the obstacles they face. You can also Text-to-Give by texting **"ACA" to 243725**.

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## Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement

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When we act with Christ's love in our hearts, we can do so much more to impact the lives of those who need our help. Just as Jesus is our shepherd, calling out to His flock in order to lead us to verdant pastures, we, too, must *Reach out in Love* to those in need of His grace and mercy. So many of the Lord's sheep are lost, but through the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, we can unite as one Church to bring them into God's grace and fill each of their hearts with hope. Let us do as we are instructed, going forth as stewards of God's bountiful blessings to share with those who need them so much.

If you have not yet made a gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* this year, please consider doing so today. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org) or use Text-to-Give by texting **"ACA" to 243725**.