
Scripture Reflection

The Lord depends on His servants to act as vessels of His grace and mercy. This week's second reading from **1 Peter 2:4-9** says to "let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." Jesus taught the disciples to evangelize and reach out to others, knowing there were many who yearned for the Bread of Life and that God is waiting in the Kingdom of Heaven with room for all of us.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

If there were not,

would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

And if I go and prepare a place for you,

I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be.

Where I am going you know the way."

John 14:1-4

Answering God's call and sharing His love with others is our joyful duty as Catholics. Let us come together to support the *Annual Catholic Appeal* and help our brothers and sisters who seek the Lord's grace and mercy. As one Church, we will *Reach out in Love* and fill every heart with hope.

Please give to the *Appeal* <<date and place>> or visit 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**.

Bulletin/Pulpit Announcement

It is our joyful duty as Catholics to share God's mercy with others, and the *Annual Catholic Appeal* is an opportunity to serve the Lord with gladness. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In order to serve Him, we must put Him above all else and act as a light for His grace and mercy.

As we prepare to launch the *Appeal* follow-up efforts in our parish, please consider making a gift today. You can pick up your pledge card after Mass, make a gift online at aca.archstl.org or use Text-to-Give by texting "**ACA**" to **243725**.