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## Scripture Reflection

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God's love is bountiful. It is endless and bottomless. As such, we must not keep it to ourselves; it is our duty to go forth share it with the entire world. **Acts 13:14, 43-52** says, "For so the Lord has commanded us, I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

In the days that Jesus, our Savior, walked the earth, he brought the Good News to rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, alike. Today, we are called to bring our communities together, uniting them in the strength of His grace and mercy. When we open our hearts to receive our Lord's blessings, we find ourselves more ready to share His love with others, seeing them as our brothers and sisters. We are united as one family, no matter where we are from, who we are or what our background is. And many people from all nations will respond to God's love.

"I, John, had a vision of a great multitude,  
which no one could count,  
from every nation, race, people, and tongue.  
They stood before the throne and before the Lamb,  
wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders said to me,  
"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress;  
they have washed their robes  
and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

### **Revelation 7:9, 14b-17**

When we let God's grace and mercy bring us together, nothing can divide us. Through our stewardship and joyful service of the Lord, those in need of God's grace and mercy can overcome any challenges they may face. The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is a unique opportunity to come together in stewardship, sharing the Lord's endless love with all. Our communities contain multitudes, but Christ's ultimate gift brings us together as one Church, uniting us as family, **Brothers and Sisters All**.

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 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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Today is our third *Annual Catholic Appeal* Sunday. In today's first reading, Paul proclaims that we are "a light to the Gentiles" and "an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth." The *Appeal* helps us to be that light to the world, helping our brothers and sisters in need and sharing Christ's love with all. We are getting ready to launch the *Appeal* follow-up efforts in our parish. Please help our volunteers by making your pledge in the back of the Church today, making a gift online at [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org), or using Text-to-Give by texting "ACA" to 243725.