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Rev. George Gulash, Pastor
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Dear Father Gulash,

During the holy season of Lent, Jesus Christ our Savior reminds all of us of the need to turn our attention back to the Lord God. He reminds us that it is a good thing for us to have a single-hearted devotion to God, to put our complete trust in God. We do this during Lent through the traditional practices of prayer, penance, and almsgiving.

As we begin the 2018 Catholic Ministries Drive, please pray that it will be a success in your Parish and throughout our Diocese.

The Catholic Ministries Drive provides 100% of the funding of our 14 ministries focused on *Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families, Nurturing Our Youth, and Forming Clergy and Laity*. It is the sole supporter of pastoral, spiritual, educational and human service programs that benefit thousands of individuals throughout the eight counties we serve.

For 2018, the overall target is \$ 2,295,812. Your 2018 CMD Parish target is: **\$34,284**

As may recall, beginning with last year's campaign each parish was asked to achieve a target amount, and those that did so received all over-target receipts to use at their discretion. For 2018, this will remain the same.

Last year's drive had a 26% participation rate. Out of 33,341 households that comprise our faithful community, 8,664 parishioners participated. This year, I ask that you trust in our beloved God to guide you to evangelize not only those who have given but those who have not—"Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize," as Pope Francis has said.

As a disciple of the Lord Jesus, shout out the good news—speak from your heart—about someone you know who has benefitted from these ministries.

Today, on behalf of Bishop Mark, I am asking for your support. I know we have all been abundantly blessed by a most generous God and I am especially thankful for your support to bring life-giving and life-changing ministries to our faithful.

Yours in Christ,

(Very Rev.) Alan E. Thomas, V.G.

FORMING CLERGY AND LAITY
Adult Enrichment
Christian Initiation (RCIA)
Evangelization
Lay Ecclesial Ministry
Priests' Vocations
Ongoing Formation of Priests and Deacons

NURTURING OUR YOUTH
Campus Ministry
Educating Youth
Sacramental Preparation
Youth Ministry

**CARING FOR THE POOR
AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES**
Catholic Charities
Family Life
Fulton County Catholic Mission
Mandeville Diocese, Jamaica



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart