



Bishop Caggiano's 2022 Bishop's Appeal Message

My dear sisters and brothers in the Lord. As we begin this new year together--a year that will be marked with both challenges and opportunities--I come to you to ask for help, specifically your help to realize the vision of hope that I outlined for you in my Christmas greetings.

It is a vision that imagines that you and I will build a bridge, a bridge home to those who have not yet found their way back in worship, and for those who had left perhaps long ago. The vision begins with the realization that you and I have been called by the Lord to teach and preach our faith with vigor; to build our communities of faith into lively, welcoming gatherings of family. And to reach out to those who are in need.

That is the perennial mission of the church, and I come to you to ask for your financial help to realize that vision, while we also continue to maintain the ministries that you are so familiar and have generously supported over the years. At the same time, I am pleased to introduce new initiatives that will allow us to build these specific bridges to those who have questions, to those who are doubting, to those who are sorrowing, to those who feel left behind.

My dear friends, we know the challenges we have faced as a result of the pandemic -- the suffering, isolation and devastating harm that many continue to experience. We also live in a time of great challenge for our church as we seek unity and renewal.

I come to you because we need to make hope real by living, preaching, witnessing, and going out in faith. One-step at a time, safely, but with confidence that the Holy Spirit will guide us. And that is why, I humbly ask for your support for the new initiatives outlined in this year's Appeal. (Please read the details in the brochure that will be mailed to you.)

Together as one family in the Lord, we can rise to the challenges before us, and build bridges of hope to anyone who is willing to walk with us.

Please give to the Appeal as generously and as sacrificially as you can. And I thank you in advance for your kindness and your support. May God bless you and your loved ones, as together we work to build a vision of hope here in Fairfield County.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport