



SAINT JOHN FISHER PARISH

MAY 15, 2018

Dear Parishioners:

Whether you use the monthly coupons for your donations to the parish or you utilize Faith Direct for online giving, you may notice that there is a monthly collection called "Obra Buena." This special collection began over 35 years ago under the leadership of Father Vincent Barrett. Its purpose is to direct some of our support to the needy. "Obra Buena" is Spanish for "Good Work." Allow me to clarify what this means.

There are a number of charitable activities in which many of our parishioners are involved that are beyond the parish itself. The Obra Buena collection provides parishioners with an opportunity to financially support many of these organizations. Any charitable organization that receives the support of St. John Fisher Parish is carefully evaluated on an annual basis by your fellow parishioners who are members of the Stewardship Council. Presently the charitable organizations receiving our support include: Sts. Peter and Paul Poverty Program, Harbor Inter-faith, Christian Outreach in Action, House of Yahweh, Family Promise, Pregnancy Help Center, Presentation Learning Center, and New Challenge Ministries.

When you contribute to the Obra Buena fund, you can be assured that every penny goes directly to help these organizations. I personally send checks to them each month and regularly receive thank you letters from grateful people. To be clear, contributions to the Obra Buena fund are separate from our annual *Together in Mission* campaign. That campaign is directed to help parishes and schools in poorer areas of the Archdiocese which cannot function on their own. As you reflect on your support to the parish, for which I am truly grateful, I hope you will consider our neediest brothers and sisters served through Obra Buena. As Jesus said, "Whatsoever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. David A. Sork
Pastor