

MEETING THE CHALLENGES. AND TRANSFORMING LIVES.

A message from Father Jack.

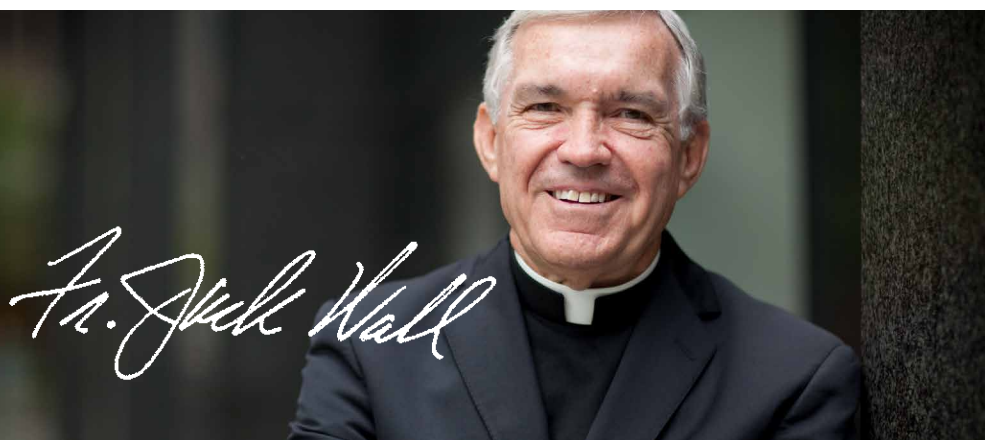
As Catholics, we identify with our parish. It's our spiritual home; in some cases, for generations. I understand the feeling. After all, I was a parish priest myself.

Yet in our hearts, we know that the church extends far beyond our congregation. We understand that Christ commands us to serve the poor, to bring hope, and to offer relief well outside the boundaries of our individual parishes.

Catholic Extension is the ideal conduit through which we can build faith, inspire hope and ignite change in disadvantaged communities throughout the United States.

Through our Parish Partnership, we can extend God's love together –and transform lives in ways that you could never imagine.

I hope you'll be inspired to join us in supporting Catholic communities across America. I know you'll find an ongoing partnership with Catholic Extension rewarding.



LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR PARISH PARTNERSHIP.

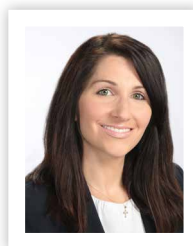
Call (312) 795-6057 today.

Pope Francis has called upon Catholic Extension to minister to “America’s peripheries:” communities that are isolated, impoverished, or all too often, overlooked. That’s been our mission for more than a century—and it has become more urgent over the years, which is why we need your support.

As our president, Father Jack Wall, has said: “These communities are the future of our Church; the places where our Church is at its most inspiring. It is our responsibility, as fellow Catholics, to nurture these places of hope. Come join us on this journey and watch what happens.”

You can learn how easy it is to connect your parish fundraising to projects that change lives at www.catholicextension.org/parish-partnerships.

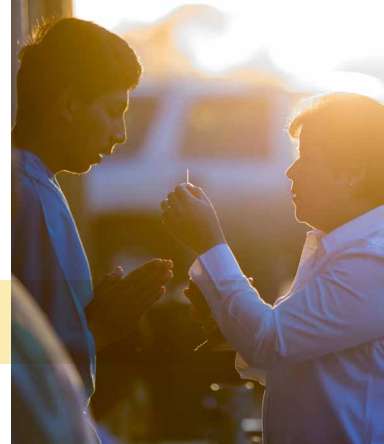
Then if you feel moved, or if you have questions, you can call me: Natalie Donatello, at **(312) 795-6057**, or e-mail me at ndonatello@catholicextension.org.



*I invite you to call today.
I believe you'll find a Parish Partnership
a deeply meaningful experience
for your entire parish.*

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PARISH
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CHOOSING THE PROJECT THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOUR PARISH.

A step-by-step guide.

FIRST, THINK ABOUT THE MISSION AREA THAT YOUR PARISH WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT.

- ❑ *Rebuilding efforts due to hurricanes*
- ❑ *Ministries and parishes in remote areas of Appalachia, Native American reservations, and along the southern U.S. border with Mexico*
- ❑ *Building or repairing churches in disadvantaged communities*

FIND THE PROJECT YOU WANT TO SUPPORT, AND WE'LL SUPPORT YOU.

Once you have a sense of where and how you'd like to help fundraise, we'll show you several projects from which to choose. Then we'll structure your program, whether it's a single Sunday, a Lenten appeal, or anything in between. Catholic Extension will provide the materials you need, such as:

- *Bulletin inserts*
- *Flyers*
- *Project templates*
- *Donation envelopes*
- *Talking points*

All materials will be printed, customized to your parish, and delivered directly to you.



YOU'LL SEE THE RESULTS.

The partnership won't end once you've made your gift. We'll share updates, stories and photos. It's a moving experience to see how much your gifts can do, and how grateful the people you help will be.

ENGAGE THE CHILDREN IN YOUR PARISH.

Schools can join a larger parish project, or take on one of their own. In fact, a number of the missions we support specifically serve children, including:

- *Summer Camps*
- *Youth Centers*
- *Sisters Ministries*

It may be most meaningful to let the students discuss several projects and choose one that they feel moved to take part in. It's up to you and your parish leadership.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q.** *Our parish already has several fundraising programs scheduled for Lent. Can we partner with you at another time?*
- A.** Absolutely! You could sponsor a second collection, support a specific project for a month, or conduct an Advent appeal. We're open to all kinds of possibilities.
- Q.** *Why should we choose Catholic Extension?*
- A.** With more than a century of mission experience, we offer a wide variety of compelling projects, so it's easy to find one that your parish will embrace. We'll provide all the printed materials you need for a successful appeal. And we'll follow through with results, so your parishioners can see how their gifts have helped transform lives.
- Q.** *Once the appeal is over, why do we send the funds directly to Catholic Extension?*
- A.** Over the years, we've set up a strong, secure system to make sure your gifts go where they're intended, and make the maximum possible impact. We also have strong connections with the dioceses where these projects take place, so we can keep you informed about the good works you've made possible.
- Q.** *Does a Parish Partnership require a long-term commitment?*
- A.** In a word, no. While we'd love to develop an ongoing relationship, there's no requirement. If you'd like to continue working with us, we can help you choose a new project each year that will engage and energize your parishioners.