



ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND

(April 26-27) Pulpit Letter

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each year, I come to you asking for your support of the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal, which supports ministries that bring the love of Jesus to those in need and helps advance our mission – so that in Jesus Christ, all might be rescued and have abundant life, for the glory of the Father.

This year, our theme invites us to reflect on the profound truth that “Love Is.” Love is more than a feeling; it is an action, a sacrifice, a response to God's call. Christ tells us in Matthew's Gospel that to love God is the “first and greatest commandment” and out of that love comes the second commandment, to love one another. The love we receive from Christ compels us to love others – especially those who are most in need of His mercy.

True love – Christ's love – reaches beyond us. It feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, forms future priests, educates our children, strengthens families, and offers healing to the brokenhearted. Through your prayer, service, and financial support, you become a witness of Christ's love in action.

I ask you to consider how the Lord is calling you to love this year. Your generosity enables our local Church to offer evangelization workshops, youth conferences, campus ministry, healing retreats, and so much more – each a testament to what love is when lived out in faith.

I ask all members of our parish communities to commit to this year's appeal. Commitment envelopes will be available at Mass next weekend.

On behalf of the many thousands who will be blessed by your response, thank you. May our Lord fill your heart with his peace and love.

Sincerely and gratefully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads '+ Samuel J. Aquila'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend Samuel J. Aquila, S.T.L.
Archbishop of Denver