



THE TALE OF TWO KICKOFFS

On Sunday, 5 February both *Super Bowl LI* and the *2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)* are scheduled to kick off. The half-time at *Super Bowl LI* is worth well over \$100 million for a performer. Each winning player of *Super Bowl LI* will receive \$97,000 in bonuses, and each losing player of *Super Bowl LI* will receive \$49,000 in bonuses.

How much of that half-time performer's \$100 million, the winning player's \$97,000 and the losing player's \$49,000 will be used to shelter the oppressed and the homeless, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, educate children, satisfy the afflicted, or lavishly given to the poor, I cannot tell you. I can tell you though that every penny we give to the *2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)* will do just that.



According to our Diocesan website (CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org), every paid *CMA* pledge is "used to live and share our faith, care for God's people, and build His Kingdom." A donation of \$25 may help provide gasoline for a Meals-On-Wheels van to deliver food for a day. A donation of \$50 may help provide the teaching materials for a volunteer catechist. A donation of \$100 may help care for a newborn child in the Catholic Charities Regina Residence. A donation of \$250 may help subsidize housing for a developmentally disabled adult. And a donation of \$1,000 could help support a Seminarian's education.

Please, take a moment now, before the game and complete the pledge form below. It is my hope that the *tale of two kickoffs* may help to increase Our Holy Redeemer's *CMA* participation from the 367 paid pledges that surfaced \$83,000 in 2016 to 500 paid pledges that in 2017 will surface ... enough to help our new Bishop John Oliver Barres, lavishly give ... not to a half-time performer or to the winner or loser of the Super Bowl but to the poor!



You can make a difference! Please make your check payable to: **Catholic Ministries Appeal** and either mail directly to the Diocese at the address below or deposit it in the Sunday Offertory Basket. Thank you!

Parish: _____
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City, State, Zip: _____
 Phone: _____
 Donor Signature: _____

Pledge:	\$ _____
Down Payment:	\$ _____
Balance:	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	<input type="checkbox"/> Other