



Vicar General

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

I ask for your support of the Catholic Education Collection being taken up on the weekend of September 14-15.

This annual second collection supports lifelong education and faith formation opportunities for everyone throughout our diocese. Please generously support this collection. You play an integral part in our success in nurturing growth in the minds, hearts and spirits of the faithful.

Half of the funds raised from this collection remain in your parish to support your local education and faith formation programs. The other half is used across the diocese for ministry and leadership training, technology support, creative projects in faith formation, as well as tuition assistance for families attending Catholic schools. A small portion also supports The Catholic University of America.

Thank you for your generosity. Contributions can be made directly at your parish or online at <https://www.eriescd.org/cec.html>.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Nicholas J. Rouch

The Very Reverend Nicholas J. Rouch, STD
Vicar General



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL FESTIVAL.....

Many have said this was not a good year for their gardens. Maybe you tried growing pumpkins and squash and ornamental corn for our fall festival and just haven't gotten much to show for your efforts.

Consider this. We could also use scarecrows & farm animals to decorate the stage for the festival.

Could your family make up a life-size scarecrow or a full-size cardboard or papier mâché or wood cutout farm animal for our display? Realistic or cartoonish, both are good.

All should be freestanding. We will be displaying some of these in the Gathering Space prior to the festival to get you inspired. Plan on taking your creation home with you after the festival. We will still need pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks, corn, bales of straw, etc from your gardens, so keep us in mind as you harvest. Hold on to any of these until the week of the festival. Thanks in advance for contributing to the excitement of the **FALL FESTIVAL** in this way! Remember it's the **1st SUNDAY in NOVEMBER.**

