



March 31, 2017

Reverend Robert J. Reiker  
Mary, Queen of Peace Parish  
6047 Bishops Pl  
Saint Louis, MO 63109-3342

Dear Father Reiker,

SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital is the only free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital in the country, touching the lives of more than 200,000 children each year. Their faith-filled doctors, nurses and caregivers serve all children in need of exceptional pediatric health care, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

Glennon Sunday contributions from our Catholic community continue to support and sustain the hospital, keeping them at the forefront of pediatric health care. As Chairman of the SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Board of Governors, I ask you to show your support, along with the thousands across the region in the spirit of giving on **Glennon Sunday weekend June 3-4, 2017**.

Last year, generous Catholics collectively raised more than \$500,000 through Glennon Sunday donations. Each year, donations to Glennon Sunday benefit the Children's Fund to meet the immediate needs of the hospital. Proceeds from this year's Glennon Sunday appeal will support the ongoing needs of the hospital, including inpatient oncology and cardiology care.

I hope Mary, Queen of Peace Parish will be among those that allow a guest speaker to evangelize and give witness to the exceptional health care services provided by the hospital's physicians, nurses, caregivers and staff. It has been proven that parish speakers make a significant impact on parish giving to Glennon Sunday.

I have been thrilled at the increase in participation over the years, and I'd like to personally extend my thanks to the parishes that have allowed speakers on Glennon Sunday to support the Catholic mission of this amazing pediatric hospital.

I am truly grateful for your prayers and support of our Glennon Sunday appeal, "*Where Faith and Healing Unite*." I look forward to seeing the results from your parish giving in 2017.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson  
Archbishop of St. Louis  
Chairman of the Board of Governors  
SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation