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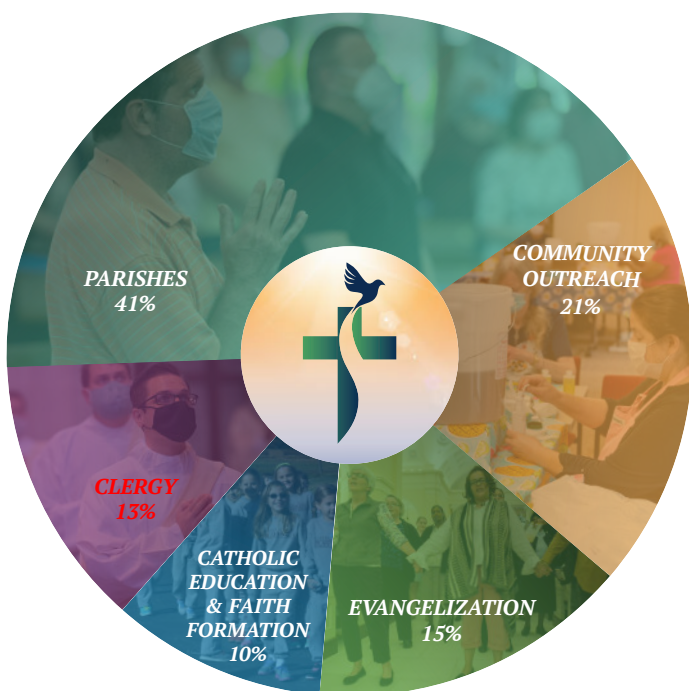
MINISTRIES *of Hope*





When you support the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, you are supporting your parish and a myriad of ministries, programs, and other Catholic institutions that strengthen our community of faith. Now, more than ever, your generous support for the Appeal is offering spiritual and material comfort and, ultimately, the blessing of HOPE to those we are called to serve, while bringing you into closer communion with the Living Christ and your archdiocesan family.

*Ministries, Programs, and Outreach Partners Supported by the Annual Appeal**



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*Percentages reflect uses of 2020 Appeal funds.



Parishes

Parish Rebates

When you give to the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, one-quarter to one-half of your gift, depending on whether your parish has reached its Appeal goal, is rebated back to your parish. Traditionally, parishes use rebates to complete long desired capital projects, to assist a poorer parish, or to enhance their celebrations of Mass, Sacraments, and other liturgical services through music ministry or technological upgrades. This past year, some parishes chose to use their rebates to offset a shortfall in Offertory giving due to the current health crisis, or to build endowment to help safeguard their future. Pastors and their leadership teams are afforded full discretion on how they choose to use their Appeal rebates.

Cathedrals

Two iconic cathedrals, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, both active parish communities, have served important roles in America's Catholic heritage. The Basilica, America's "first Cathedral," has been the site of many major historical moments in the life of the American Church; and the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen enjoys a long history of being the setting for many Catholic school graduations and other large gatherings, and as a center for numerous outreach programs for families and young people, as well as for the needy and homeless. A portion of your gifts to the Appeal helps preserve these two landmark structures, much beloved by their parishioners and by those who visit them to marvel at their architectural and historical significance.

Youth Ministry

Young people in the Church are active agents of the Gospel. Through mission, they offer up their gifts to help build God's eternal Kingdom and to realize their own callings towards justice and reconciliation. Appeal grants are available to help pay the salaries of archdiocesan youth ministers, leading to transformational adults who have a passion for empowering young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today. During the current pandemic, youth ministry has continued to inspire and empower young people to reach their friends with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As experts in social media and the online landscape, youth are coming into their own place in the Church and in many ways leading the way. More than ever, youth are essential to the mission of the Catholic Church.

Parish Planning

The Office of Pastoral Planning serves as a resource for parishes, schools, and other Archdiocesan entities as they undertake planning in support of the mission of the Church. In 2015, when he issued the call to missionary discipleship in his pastoral letter, *A Light Brightly Visible*, Archbishop Lori listed a number of obstacles to evangelization in our days – but evangelizing during a pandemic was not one of them. The Parish Planning Office has been challenged to think more creatively and to leverage technology to its greatest potential in order to continue spreading the Gospel in this context. Yet, many pastorates have seen the pandemic as a moment of clarity, an opportunity to take up the work of self-reflection, ministry assessment, and strategic planning in light of the many strengths and abundant needs that this time has revealed. Appeal grants continue to support the formation, tools, and facilitation necessary to help pastorates do this critical work and to craft locally-based, mission-driven plans aimed at shining the Light of Christ more brightly in every corner of the Archdiocese.



COMMUNITY Outreach

Apostleship of the Sea

A non-profit, all-volunteer organization, Apostleship of the Sea remains steadfast in its mission to offer a genuine welcome and safe haven to mariners, fishermen, and their families. With the coronavirus pandemic forcing seafarers to work and live on ships for months-on-end, with cautions to not go on land, the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) Catholic ministry has become more vital than ever. Ministers bring seafarers care packages, do their shopping, or run other errands for them. With many seafarer centers around the world still being closed, AOS ministers bring hope to these visitors in the Port of Baltimore, reassuring them that our local Church is here for them and that they have not been forgotten.

Baltimore Child Abuse Center

Although sheltering in place is critical to flatten the coronavirus curve and help keep our community safe, it can also put vulnerable children and adults at risk for abuse and maltreatment. With at least 20% of abuse cases being underreported because of distance learning, we need to be extra vigilant to protect our loved ones. The Baltimore Child Abuse Center, which receives Appeal funding, has developed a library of resources that will help keep children safe, both from the pandemic and from abuse.

Catholic Charities of Baltimore

Catholic Charities of Baltimore receives a substantial portion of Annual Appeal funds and uses them to help carry out its mission of providing care and services to our neighbors in need. Programs of outreach, like Our Daily Bread, Sarah's House, My Brother's Keeper, Christopher Place Employment Academy, My Sister's Place Women's Center, Anna's House, the Esperanza Center, and Head Start, among so many others, are all acutely needed now. Your generous participation in the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries helps sustain and expand over 80 programs of Catholic Charities outreach at a time when the COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented impact on the lives of so many.

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore is a leading provider of community services to people suffering from the effects of hunger, homelessness, and poverty in the Baltimore region. With 21 programs and 40 parish-based volunteer conferences across the Archdiocese, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore serves thousands of people each year with resources to help them move beyond the challenges of poverty and achieve their full potential. Over the past year, St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore has risen to meet the unprecedented challenges brought on by the pandemic, operating safely and continuously to provide: over 150,000 bed nights at its four shelters; 1.5 million nutritious meals; housing for 1,000 households; early childhood education services to over 800 children; employment and emergency financial assistance; and food assistance.



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Hospital Chaplaincy

Hospital Chaplains are ministers of comfort and solace for patients with serious, life-threatening illnesses and for their loved ones. Chaplains offer spiritual sustenance and lend an empathetic ear to those who are failing in health and those who are preparing for, or grieving, a heartbreaking loss. With deep reservoirs of compassion from which they draw through the prayers they offer, the sometimes difficult but necessary conversations they facilitate, or by simply sitting in peaceful silence with patients and their loved ones, Chaplains convey the blessing of real relief. Your Appeal gifts are helping to make it possible for archdiocesan priests to serve as Chaplains at hospitals in Anne Arundel and Howard Counties, the Johns Hopkins Hospital (Baltimore City and Bayview locations), and University of Maryland Medical Centers in Baltimore City.

Prison Ministry

Despite having abused his or her freedom and making bad decisions, a prisoner never loses human dignity. Prison Ministry is a ministry of love and healing that fosters opportunities for new beginnings for prisoners and families affected by incarceration. Prison Ministers are messengers of hope — hope in God's mercy and love, hope for restorative justice, and hope for a second chance to change one's life. They mentor inmates, serve as Eucharistic Ministers, lead Bible studies, become pen-and-prayer partners, participate in retreats, and assist however they are able in prisoners' transitions to freedom. Christ desires that in His Church the gates of forgiveness should always be open to anyone who turns away from sin. Appeal funds in support of Prison Ministry help our Archdiocese lead the incarcerated back to Him, His forgiveness and grace.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Homes are an integral part of our community and crucial to the mission of the Gospel of Life. The challenges of the pandemic are presenting Crisis Pregnancy Centers with more abortion-determined women who feel hopeless about their pregnancies, as well as women seeking a quick reversal of chemical abortions. With most volunteer staff temporarily unable to assist, as many are of post-retirement age and sensitive to the risks of COVID, Crisis Pregnancy Centers and Maternity Homes are currently relying almost entirely on the support of the Church and supportive donors to ensure resources, including qualified staff, remain available to women in need.

Other Respect Life Programs

The Respect Life Office's mission is to promote respect for life in all stages. With so many people feeling isolated and anxious due to the coronavirus, it is crucial that the Church provide meaningful opportunities for families and individuals through Respect Life Office ministries, which assist those most vulnerable. With suicide, domestic violence, and human trafficking all steadily rising since the beginning of the pandemic, defending all life at every age and through every circumstance remains more essential than ever. Among other services, Appeal funds help provide resources for pregnancy center efforts, housing and medical costs, and Gabriel Network initiatives that support new mothers after delivery. Your Appeal gifts help the Respect Life Office extend life-affirming physical, mental, and spiritual assistance in these particularly challenging times.





Evangelization

Black Catholic Ministry

The Office of Black Catholic Ministry exists to empower the laity to evangelize and spread the Good News. The office works on behalf of the Archbishop to ensure the full participation of Black Catholics in the mission of the Church. This is accomplished by fostering opportunities for Black Catholic youth to receive cultural and spiritual enrichment; by enabling Black Catholics to assume leadership roles; by assisting parishes and pastoral leaders in their ministry to Black Catholics; by celebrating the rich history of contributions Black Catholics bring to the Catholic Church; and by promoting evangelization in the Black community and encouraging vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Camp GLOW

Camp GLOW (God Loves Our World) has been an annual summer tradition, providing spiritual development and social enhancement to hundreds of persons with disabilities for over 40 years. Though circumstances required the camp to be held virtually this year, over 100 participants were able to enjoy the experience. Appeal funds helped cover the costs of each participant's gift package, which included a Camp GLOW tee shirt and lanyard, Bible lessons, arts and crafts supplies, a schedule of activities, and other materials to enhance his/her participation. The theme for this year's program was "Together While Apart" and participants reported that the experience far exceeded all expectations.

College Campus Ministry

Catholic Campus Ministry at our colleges and universities is one of the most important and fruitful ministries in the Church today, creating missionary disciples in a new generation. It is here where vocations are often discerned and where young people encourage each other in faith. Over the past year, College Campus Ministers have expanded their ministries to include new practices that reach young adults in the virtual landscape they inhabit, while still providing opportunities for in-person prayer and engagement. Reaching out to freshmen prior to the new school year, virtual rosary nights and Bible study-groups, and prayer-care-packages sent to students are but some of new innovative approaches helping students connect to one another and to Christ. Appeal funds give ministers the ability to meet the expenses of this new outreach.

Disabilities Ministry

The Office of Disabilities Ministry provides evangelization, advocacy, faith formation, catechetical training, resources, and website assistance for persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers, pastors and clergy, catechists, and parish staff in an effort to make all persons welcome and included throughout our Archdiocese. Partnering with national and local organizations, educational and vocational institutions, and with regional diocesan offices, this ministry ensures that the best practices for full inclusivity are implemented across our Archdiocese.



Evangelization through Media

Our mission as Catholics is to spread the Good News of Jesus. Our Communications department is committed to using different types of media to inform, inspire, and enlighten all on the peace that can only come from a personal relationship with Jesus. The basic message focuses on how being Catholic provides the opportunities to develop and deepen an individual's relationship with Jesus, and is communicated through both traditional and modern media. Appeal funding supports traditional media such as television, radio, and print, as well as modern social media such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram. The recent “#IAmCatholic” campaign is an example of implementing a combination of traditional and modern media to give people a chance to share how living the Catholic faith has been of benefit to them and their community.

Hispanic Ministry

Affirming the gifts and contributions of Hispanic Catholics, the Archdiocese of Baltimore's Hispanic Ministry seeks to help pastors and parishes provide more opportunities for their parishioners to engage in the life of the Church and to help shape its evangelization mission. Unfortunately, Hispanic communities in our state have been disproportionately affected by COVID-19. Working in conjunction with other local organizations, the Archdiocese and the Office of Hispanic Ministries have developed a multi-tiered approach to help arrest this trend, including a mobile information unit and a Spanish-language informational hotline. Spanish-speaking operators schedule testing and assist those impacted with referrals for follow-up care, food and cash assistance, eviction-prevention support, and access to isolation housing.



Holy Father

Although most of us belong to a local parish community and all of us are members of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we recognize that we are also invested stakeholders in the life of a worldwide Church that relies upon our support for its future health and vitality. A portion of Appeal funds is forwarded to the Holy See to serve the mission and future of the universal Church as our Holy Father envisions them.

Monsignor O'Dwyer Retreat House

More than 50 years ago, retreat house founder Monsignor Clare J. O'Dwyer dreamt that this house would serve as a "Spiritual Powerhouse for Young People," and that dream came true. But now, with the challenge and health concerns associated with the current pandemic, the O'Dwyer Retreat House has had to make significant improvements to the facility to welcome back groups in a safe manner. Multiple churches and high school groups have already used the updated video broadcasting system at O'Dwyer to Zoom their retreats between different meeting spaces on campus, while remote participants joined the retreats online. Working in collaboration with the Archdiocese, the O'Dwyer staff has implemented extensive measures that enable retreatants to safely "come apart and rest awhile" as they grow in their relationships with God. Annual Appeal dollars help the Monsignor O'Dwyer House sustain its operations.





CATHOLIC EDUCATION & *Faith Formation*

Faith Formation

The Archdiocese of Baltimore's Division of Catechetical and Pastoral Formation offers support to parish and school leaders in forming missionary disciples of all ages, on their journey to loving Jesus and His Church. Formation for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults fall within the responsibility of Catechetical Formation. The formation of catechetical leaders is the focus of Pastoral Formation. Gifts in support of the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries are instrumental in forming catechists so that they can form others through the truths revealed in Scripture, with the purpose of inviting them to a Christian life as Disciples of Christ.

Tuition Assistance

Appeal funds allocated for tuition assistance afford approximately 350 families the option of an academically excellent, Christ-centered, Catholic school education for their children. Archdiocesan Catholic schools equip young learners with the educational and moral foundations upon which to build prosperous lives of virtue and faith, leading to success in their post-academic careers and to their becoming agents of positive change in their communities. As families within our Archdiocese have recently seen a sharp decrease in their household incomes due to the coronavirus, Appeal funds in support of tuition assistance are making it possible for some of them to keep their children enrolled and to keep apace of their more advantaged peers.

Special Education and Inclusion Programs

Within the Archdiocese of Baltimore, our academic vision is to nurture and sustain the God-given gifts of every student in service to the Mission of Jesus. We recognize the need to provide support and resources to students with learning differences and disabilities. Through a concerted effort between educational and support staff, administrators, and the Department of Schools, all schools have developed innovative resources and evidence-based programs to plan for and meet the myriad of needs of the 21st century learner. The PRIDE (Pupils Receiving Inclusive Diversified Education) Program, a highly successful program for over 25 years, is in the process of being redesigned with an emphasis on inclusion, differentiation, and a multi-tiered approach to learning. All schools have developed plans for increasing academic capacity for students with learning differences, for hiring staff with special education experience, and for implementing archdiocesan inclusion guidelines with fidelity. Appeal funds will help support these efforts.





Clergy

Vocations

Fortunately, our Archdiocese is currently seeing a resurgence in men who have discerned and embraced their calling to the Priesthood, with a nearly record number now in seminarian formation. These men, who have committed themselves to Christ, His Church and people, represent a robust future for our Faith, and money from the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries aids them in their formation. Appeal funds help cover the costs of housing, health insurance, textbooks, and other educational materials. Moreover, by aiding in our seminarians' discernment through gifts to the Appeal, Appeal donors proclaim their solidarity with priestly candidates, alerting them to their sisters and brothers in Christ who are willing to invest in and accompany them on their journeys to priestly life.

Retired Priest Care

Even in retirement, our Archdiocese's priests continue to devote their lives to God and His people wherever they can, celebrating Mass and the Sacraments, and making themselves available to those in need. A priest's commitment to serving Christ's Church, breathed into existence at his discernment and fortified by his life-long ministry, perseveres long after his last official assignment ends. Appeal gifts help cover the costs of retired priests' assisted-living communities, medical expenses, eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care, lessening their financial burdens during their advancing years.

Clergy Special Assignments

The Annual Appeal assists with funding for priest wellness – helping to cover the costs of a priest's medical leave or his educational leave to pursue advanced studies. Thus, your gifts in support of the Appeal help to ensure that our Clergy serving at parishes, schools, and other beloved Catholic institutions, can most effectively minister to the faithful, even in times of uncertainty.

WAYS to Give

This year, we have made joining your neighbors in supporting the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries easier than ever.

BY Mail

Return your completed giving form, with your donation or pledge, using the enclosed reply envelope. Checks should be made payable to *Annual Appeal*. Accommodations for payment by credit card are included with the payment form.

GIVING Weekend (February 20-21, 2021)

You will be given an opportunity to make a pledge or gift of support to the Appeal (in person or virtually) during Mass at your parish on this special weekend. Envelopes and mobile/online options will be provided.

APPEAL GIVING Tuesday (February 23, 2021)

In the tradition of Giving Tuesdays, the convenience of making a gift or setting up a pledge will be communicated directly to you. Additional gifts are always appreciated!

Regardless of how or when you decide on your support, there are always the following options to accommodate your giving intentions.

PLEDGING

You may make a pledge and pay in monthly installments.

Automatic monthly credit card payments are a popular option. A monthly reminder will be sent for the duration of your pledge period unless you are fulfilling your pledge via automatic credit card deductions.

ONE-TIME Gift

An outright gift can be made by check or credit card at any time during the Appeal. Retirement Plan distributions are also a great way to give.

ONLINE Giving

To make an online gift or pledge, please visit our online donation page at <http://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give/>



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