



# FAITH IN ACTION

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### Frequently Asked Questions:

**1. Will my gift to the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries be used to pay legal settlements?**

No. Gifts are made to the Annual Appeal to support specific ministries and programs, and those funds will be used for those purposes only. Since 1992, your generosity has enabled over 100 life-affirming ministries to transform lives, a testament to our shared commitment to making a difference. Rest assured, your contributions to the Annual Appeal are securely managed as part of a separate, perpetual, and irrevocable trust established in 1992, exclusively used for these vital ministries and restricted from being used for any other purposes.

**1. Will the Parish Dashboards be updated with the 2024 numbers?**

Yes, parish dashboards, as well as the website progress report, will be updated shortly to reflect the 2024 goals and year-to-date results. The parish dashboards show real-time results and the progress report will be updated on a regular basis (weekly, bi-weekly).

**2. Are there Spanish materials available?**

Yes, Spanish materials are available on the Parish Resource page on the AOB website, and most Appeal materials are bilingual. (password: &Pastoral21)

[https://www.archbalt.org/\\_parishes/](https://www.archbalt.org/_parishes/)

**3. How much of the Appeal money raised goes back to the parishes?**

Approximately 23% of the dollars raised during the Appeal are returned to the parishes. Parishes that reach their goals receive rebates at a higher percentage rate for all money raised above goal. These funds may be used for any parish project, program, or need at the discretion of the pastor.

**4. Who do we contact to request a guest speaker/ambassador?**

Please contact Jimmy Hunter if you would like a speaker at your Masses. Please let us know as soon as possible so we can make arrangements. Phone 410-547-5594 or email at [james.hunter@archbalt.org](mailto:james.hunter@archbalt.org)

**5. Do Appeal dollars pay salaries?**

Funds raised from the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries support archdiocesan programs and ministries for the current year, including the salaries for staff working within those ministries.

**6. Who decides what ministries are supported?**

Each year, an Allocations Committee consisting of pastors, lay leaders, and archdiocesan employees meets and distributes the Appeal dollars to the ministries supported. Information on many of the Appeal's beneficiaries is

located on the Appeal website here: <https://www.archbalt.org/campaign-priorities/>. Financial documents with a detailed breakdown of the Archdiocese of Baltimore's budget may be reviewed here: <https://www.archbalt.org/the-archdiocese/fiscal-accountability/>.