

A Message from the Archbishop

The Lord reassures us, “For the needy will never be forgotten, nor will the hope of the afflicted ever fade” (Ps 9:19). Christ, who by His passion, death, and resurrection, has redeemed the world, remains with us always and stands with us in life’s darkness.

He is our hope and our strength. He calls us to be one in Him and sustain each other in times of need, becoming *Messengers of Hope*.

Every year, the *Annual Catholic Appeal* provides us an opportunity to come together to share the saving hope and love of Jesus Christ by funding the life-giving ministries and services that our local Church carries out daily in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



I invite you to give the gift of hope through your prayers and sacrificial giving to this year’s *Appeal*.

May the Lord help us have hearts full of compassion as we serve Him with gladness by helping others in our communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

How Your Gifts Are Used

SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISHES

Elementary School Assistance	\$2,000,000
Stewardship and Development Support for Parishes, Schools and Agencies	\$425,000
Office of Peace and Justice	\$140,000
Parish Emergency Assistance Fund	\$100,000
Parish Food Pantries	\$100,000
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	\$100,000
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	\$50,000
	\$2,915,000

SERVING THE NEEDS OF OUR YOUTH

Archdiocesan & Parochial High Schools	\$1,480,000
Archdiocesan Seminary	\$450,000
Vocation Programs	\$300,000
Newman Centers on College Campuses	\$272,000
One Classroom	\$250,000
Religious Formation	\$200,000
Special Education	\$200,000
Today and Tomorrow Educational Fund	\$150,000
High School Stewardship Essay Program	\$75,000
Office of Youth Ministry	\$60,000
	\$3,437,000

SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES

Respect Life Apostolate	\$450,000
Evangelization and Discipleship	\$400,000
Adult Faith Formation	\$370,000
Natural Family Planning	\$221,000
Hispanic Ministry	\$215,000
Office of Racial Harmony	\$130,000
Catholic Deaf Ministry	\$112,000
Catholic Renewal Center	\$85,000
Catholic St. Louis Magazine	\$80,000
Elementary Teachers Educational Fund	\$40,000
St. Charles Lwanga Center	\$25,000
	\$2,128,000

SERVING THE NEEDS OF THE POOR

Catholic Charities	\$1,650,000
Affordable Housing Fund	\$500,000
Rural Parish Clinic	\$360,000
The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann	\$165,000
Criminal Justice Ministry	\$75,000
Immigrant and Refugee Ministry	\$60,000
Bridge of Hope Lincoln County	\$60,000
The Wellston Center	\$60,000
Archbishop’s Charity Fund	\$50,000
Meals Program at Sts. Peter & Paul Church	\$30,000
Messengers of Peace Mission Work	\$25,000
	\$3,035,000

SERVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE WHO SERVE US

Care for Active and Retired Priests	\$750,000
Regina Cleri Priests Retirement Home	\$370,000
Continuing Formation for Priests	\$200,000
Permanent Diaconate	\$150,000
Support for Religious Orders	\$75,000
	\$1,545,000

OTHER

Annual Catholic Appeal Expenses	\$1,500,000
Reserve for Unpaid Pledges	\$960,000
Archdiocesan Services	\$480,000
	\$2,940,000

2025 Appeal Goal:

\$16,000,000

Approximately 91 cents of every dollar raised goes back into the community in the form of direct services.

*None of the money raised by the Annual Catholic Appeal is used to defend or settle criminal or civil lawsuits related to the clergy abuse scandal.

Share Christ’s hope through the ACA!

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* sustains ministries and services that help countless people of all faiths in situations of need and suffering. Your gift will reach thousands and give witness to the call of Jesus “to love as He does...to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ Himself” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1825).

Your sacrificial giving of any amount builds Christ’s Church and transforms lives in our parishes, our communities, and throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Please consider a gift today.

Ways to Give



MAKE A CONTRIBUTION ONLINE OR AT YOUR PARISH

Online giving is secure and easy. Please visit aca.archstl.org or scan the QR code below for quick access. You can also donate by submitting your pledge card at your parish.



STEWARDS OF THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

An easy way to give!
Stewards of the Annual Catholic Appeal are individuals and families who make a monthly commitment through an automatic, recurring transfer from their credit/debit card or bank account. Regular monthly contributions allow you to spread your giving out with 12 equal payments.



IRA QCD

If you are over 70 ½ years old, an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to give directly from your IRA to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* with potential tax benefits. Qualified Charitable Distributions are excluded from your taxable income. Contact your IRA administrator or tax advisor to discuss limits and the potential benefits you may receive from using your IRA to support the *Annual Catholic Appeal*.



SCAN HERE to learn more about the Annual Catholic Appeal or to make your gift today!



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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

BUILD MY CHURCH

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Psalm 9:19

Messengers of Hope



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Called to be Messengers of Hope

The Archdiocese of St. Louis' *Annual Catholic Appeal* allows us to come together to be *Messengers of Hope* through a wide range of programs and initiatives that bring the light of Christ to so many throughout our communities and in our parishes.



Reaching Out to Those in Need

"It drags you down, being in this situation, so surrounding yourself with positive people really helps. And people here (at Bridge of Hope), you can tell they genuinely care for you. When I got here, I felt safe. I wasn't scared anymore." – Sara

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Bridge of Hope is a new emergency shelter and crisis stabilization center near Troy, the county seat of mostly rural Lincoln County. In partnership with different faith and civic organizations, including Catholic Charities, it provides short-term housing for men, women and families in need. It also connects them with ongoing support and critical resources such as health care and access to mental health services.

Your sacrificial giving to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* serves the most vulnerable in our communities with dignity and compassion, providing hope through affordable housing and emergency shelter services combined with comprehensive case management, to help them regain self-sufficiency.

Leading Our Youth to Christ

"Unexpectedly, they (the campus ministers) became a source of healing. Some simply gave a space for me to share hurts and experiences that I did not know needed to be voiced. Others lovingly encouraged me to lean into all that I am and see my true identity as a daughter of God. The ministers formed me to be a servant leader who practices seeing Christ in others and meeting them as He would, regardless of what is required of me."

– Jenny, Washington University

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Newman Centers provide students at five local college and university campuses with a "home away from home" where they can support each other in living and growing their Catholic faith. Through opportunities to gather, study, serve, and pray together, they share the hope of Christ with other students on their campuses.

Your stewardship of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* supports the *Newman Centers* that invite young people into relationship with Jesus Christ, provide them with communities of hospitality, and form them for their active roles in the Church and the world.

Serving Our Parishes

"I learned through formation and serving as a deacon that faith in Christ and being a disciple of Christ is a call to service. Through my ministry, I am called to represent Christ the servant. This can only be done through humility, by dying to self and allowing Christ to work through me in service to His Church." – Deacon Daniel Darian

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Strengthened by the sacramental grace of Holy Orders, deacons serve in parishes, hospitals, archdiocesan agencies, and other organizations. They offer their time, talent, and energy to strengthen our Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Their loving service extends into many areas of parish life, including the proclamation of the Gospel, liturgical functions, administration, and charitable works. The *Permanent Diaconate Program* includes at least ten years of intensive formation both leading up to and following ordination.

Your generosity to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* supports the formation of these men who have answered the call to share Christ's hope as they serve the needs of the people of God.