

# A Message from the Archbishop

St. Louis IX, King of France, through his life and words, invites us: "Fix your whole heart upon God and love him with all your strength." These words challenge us to live rooted in love of God that overflows in service to others.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we give thanks for the generations of faithful who have built up our local Church with their prayers and sacrificial giving of self.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is one of the most impactful ways we do this together.

Each year, we proclaim the love of Jesus Christ by sustaining the life-giving ministries and services that our local Church carries out daily in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

The theme *Grateful Hearts Serving Others* invites us to see our giving not as an obligation, but as a joyful response to the gifts we have received. We witness God's abundant goodness when we serve others with grateful hearts.



I invite you to support this year's *Appeal* with prayerful generosity. May we continue to live as one Church, serving the Lord with gladness as we build up the Kingdom of God 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 OUR PARISHES DIRECTLY

Elementary School Assistance	\$2,050,000
Stewardship and Development Support for Parishes, Schools and Agencies	\$500,000
Office of Peace and Justice	\$185,000
Parish Emergency Assistance Fund	\$180,000
Parish Food Pantries	\$125,000
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	\$50,000
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	\$50,000
<b>\$3,140,000</b>	

### SERVING OUR YOUTH

Archdiocesan & Parochial High Schools	\$1,480,000
Archdiocesan Seminary	\$450,000
Special Education	\$350,000
Vocation Programs	\$300,000
Newman Centers on College Campuses	\$295,000
One Classroom	\$285,000
Religious Formation	\$200,000
Today and Tomorrow Educational Fund	\$150,000
High School Stewardship Essay Program	\$75,000
Office of Youth Ministry	\$50,000
<b>\$3,635,000</b>	

### SERVING THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES

Respect Life Apostolate	\$450,000
Adult Faith Formation	\$370,000
Evangelization and Discipleship	\$350,000
Natural Family Planning	\$225,000
Hispanic Ministry	\$225,000
Office of Racial Harmony & Black Catholic Ministry	\$140,000
Catholic Deaf Ministry	\$115,000
Catholic Renewal Center	\$105,000
<i>Catholic St. Louis Magazine</i>	\$80,000
Elementary Teachers' Educational Fund	\$40,000
St. Charles Lwanga Center	\$25,000
<b>\$2,125,000</b>	

**2026 Appeal Goal:  
\$16,500,000**

Approximately 93 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.

## Give with a Grateful Heart!

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.**



### MAKE A CONTRIBUTION ONLINE OR AT YOUR PARISH

Online giving is secure and easy. Please visit [aca.archstl.org](http://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.

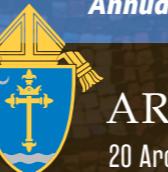


### IRA QCD

If you are over 70 1/2 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*.

## Support the ACA Today!

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# Grateful Hearts Serving Others



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Mosaic on display at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Photo courtesy Sam Fentress.

# Grateful Hearts Serving Others

The Annual Catholic Appeal allows us to come together with a wide range of programs and initiatives that bring the love of Christ to so many throughout our communities and in our parishes.



## Shaping Young Hearts in Christ

**S**t. Vincent Catholic Schools have deeply transformed our children—strengthening their faith through daily prayer and spiritual guidance, enriching their minds with academic excellence, and inspiring a genuine heart for service. They've learned not just to succeed, but to lead with compassion and purpose, both locally and globally."

**– Don and Jennifer Fulford, Parents, St. Vincent Catholic Schools**

St. Vincent Catholic Schools, operated by St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Perryville, provide a Catholic education that fosters lifelong learners in mind, body, and spirit. Offering pre-K through grade 12, the schools strive to form students in the spirit of St. Vincent de Paul and his mission of service to the poor.

Your stewardship of the Annual Catholic Appeal supports parish and archdiocesan schools, teaching students about Christ's great love for them, accompanying them on their faith journey, and forming them for their active roles in the Church and the world. The witness of faith within these schools has led a number of students and their families to convert to Catholicism.



## Building Strong Foundations for a Brighter Future

**T**he Care Service has been a huge blessing for our family. I don't know where I would be right now without them, and I'm so grateful that I had that helping hand because we have a home now."

**– Micah, Client, The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann**

The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann is dedicated to preventing homelessness and hunger in the tri-county area of St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren. Through programs like Housing Assistance, Food Pantry, Street Outreach, and Adopt-A-Family, The Care Service offers individuals and families the resources, guidance, and support they need to work toward stability and self-sufficiency.

Your generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal enables organizations like The Care Service to assist struggling families in finding safe, secure, and affordable homes. Together, we are making a difference, increasing housing inventory and expanding their capacity and outreach to create a lasting impact, one home, one family at a time.



## Bringing Love and Dignity to Those in Need

**W**e want people to have enough food for their children, we want people to have warm clothes and be able to live comfortably. We do not want people to feel less than. We work hard to ensure that people have what they need and feel comfortable walking through our doors."

**– Ann Marie Schutzius, Volunteer, The Wellston Center**

The Wellston Center serves one of St. Louis' most under-resourced communities, extending vital support to individuals and families facing hunger and poverty to restore dignity. The center's staff and volunteers provide essential food through its pantry, make gently used clothes, furniture, and household items accessible through its thrift store, and offer access to nurses and legal assistance.

Your sacrificial giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal empowers life-giving ministries that uplift and care for the most vulnerable. Through The Wellston Center, we offer a compassionate presence that inspires gratitude and builds stronger communities.



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