



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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2024 IMPACT REPORT



2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BY THE NUMBERS

TOTAL RAISED \$17,052,516	GOAL \$15,500,000
PERCENTAGE OF GOAL 110%	DONORS 31,716

*For the Life
of the World*

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we mark the 70th anniversary of the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, it is with profound gratitude and joy that I share the remarkable good that we have accomplished together this year.

Because of your unwavering generosity and witness of faith, this year we reached a historic milestone, exceeding our goal of \$15.5 million by raising more than \$17 million, the highest amount ever in the history of the *Appeal*.

There are so many people to thank, beginning with you, our donors, for sacrificing to make a real difference in the lives of others. I would also like to express special gratitude to our ACA Council, and the 2024 *Appeal* Chair, Mr. Mike Heck, along with his wife, Phyllis, who worked year-round for a successful appeal. I am grateful for our priests and parish volunteers, the backbone of the *Appeal*.

This year, your faithful stewardship has brought people closer to Christ. We received approximately 520 catechumens and candidates into the Church, which is a 15% increase from last year. It is with great joy that we welcome new disciples into our Catholic family.

Through our newly established *Annual Catholic Appeal Affordable Housing Fund*, we are addressing one of the most pressing unmet needs for struggling families in our communities, helping social service organizations expand their capacity to create a sustainable future that is better and brighter for families in need by increasing housing inventory and outreach to underserved communities.

Your contributions have also been an integral part of forming holy shepherds to serve the people of God. This year, we are blessed to have ordained three men to the priesthood and to have 24 seminarians in formation. These are just a few of the many ways your gifts, prayers, and support are making a tangible difference in thousands of lives throughout the city of St. Louis and our 10 surrounding counties.

I ask you to join me in giving thanks and praise to God for all He has done and continues to do in our Archdiocese of St. Louis. As we look ahead, may we continue to serve our brothers and sisters in need with gladness, confident that our united efforts will bear even greater fruit in years to come *For the Life of the World*.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Allocations of grants are designated in advance of the *Appeal*. Recipients of ACA grants must complete an application to ensure good stewardship of the resources contributed. Depending on need and timing, not all allocated funds are disbursed in the same year. Funds not yet dispersed remain on reserve with the ACA to be used in future years.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DIRECTLY • 18%

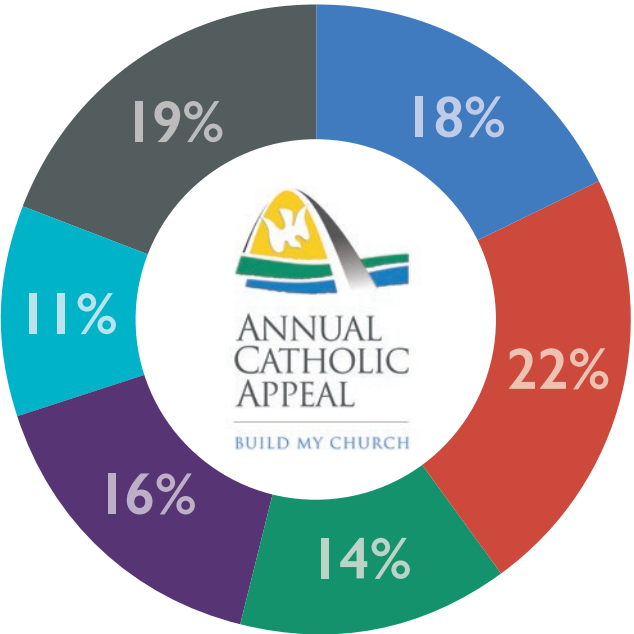
Elementary School Assistance.....	\$2,000,000
Stewardship and Development Support for Parishes, Schools and Agencies.....	\$425,000
Office of Peace and Justice.....	\$140,000
Parish Emergency Assistance Fund.....	\$100,000
Parish Food Pantries.....	\$75,000
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France.....	\$50,000
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.....	\$50,000
	\$2,840,000

SERVING OUR YOUTH • 22%

Archdiocesan & Parochial High Schools.....	\$1,416,000
Archdiocesan Seminary.....	\$500,000
Vocation Programs.....	\$380,000
Newman Centers on College Campuses.....	\$265,000
One Classroom.....	\$210,000
Religious Formation.....	\$200,000
Special Education.....	\$200,000
Today and Tomorrow Educational Fund.....	\$150,000
High School Stewardship Essay Program.....	\$55,000
Office of Youth Ministry.....	\$40,000
	\$3,416,000

SERVING THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES • 14%

Respect Life Apostolate.....	\$450,000
Evangelization and Discipleship.....	\$400,000
Adult Faith Formation.....	\$370,000
Natural Family Planning.....	\$221,000
Hispanic Ministry.....	\$200,000
Office of Racial Harmony.....	\$130,000
Catholic Deaf Ministry.....	\$112,000
Catholic St. Louis Magazine.....	\$80,000
Catholic Renewal Center.....	\$77,000
Elementary Teachers Educational Fund.....	\$75,000
St. Charles Lwanga Center.....	\$25,000
	\$2,140,000



SERVING THOSE IN NEED • 16%

Catholic Charities.....	\$1,650,000
Rural Parish Clinic.....	\$325,000
The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann.....	\$155,000
Criminal Justice Ministry.....	\$75,000
Immigrant and Refugee Ministry.....	\$60,000
Bridge of Hope Lincoln County.....	\$50,000
Rural Parish Workers.....	\$50,000
Archbishop's Charity Fund.....	\$30,000
Messengers of Peace Mission Work.....	\$25,000
Meals Program at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.....	\$15,000
	\$2,435,000

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US • 11%

Care for Active and Retired Priests.....	\$974,000
Regina Cleri Priests Retirement Home.....	\$370,000
Continuing Formation for Priests.....	\$280,000
Permanent Diaconate.....	\$100,000
Support for Religious Orders.....	\$50,000
	\$1,774,000

OTHER • 19%

Annual Catholic Appeal Expenses.....	\$1,500,000
Reserve for Unpaid Pledges.....	\$930,000
Archdiocesan Services.....	\$465,000
	\$2,895,000

TOTAL 2024 ACA GOAL: \$15,500,000



This page, and the following pages, provide detail on how some of the allocations listed on the previous page have been disbursed to parishes, schools, and ministries.

SERVING OUR PARISHES DIRECTLY

Assistance for parish needs, including parish elementary schools, stewardship and development, peace and justice issues, emergency needs, and food pantries

PARISH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRANTS

TOTAL GRANTS : \$3,215,000

All Saints Academy (Florissant) \$525,000	South City Catholic Academy \$260,000
Archdiocesan Elementary Schools \$1,625,000	South City Deanery PSR \$20,000
Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (Ferguson) \$300,000	St. Francis Cabrini Academy \$225,000
Our Lady of Guadalupe (Ferguson) \$155,000	St. Joachim (Old Mines) \$105,000

PARISH EMERGENCY GRANTS

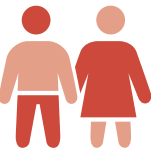
TOTAL GRANTS : \$198,249

St. Matthew the Apostle (St. Louis) \$22,876	St. Mark (Affton) \$25,000
Immaculate Conception (Union) \$25,000	St. Alphonsus (Millwood) \$13,916
St. Agatha (St. Louis) \$25,000	Holy Family (Arnold) \$27,350
St. Norbert (Florissant) \$25,000	St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist (St. Louis) \$9,107
St. Monica (Creve Coeur) \$25,000	

FOOD PANTRY GRANTS

\$2,500 EACH | TOTAL GRANTS : \$62,500

Affton Christian Food Pantry	Immaculate Conception (Park Hills) -
Cardinal Ritter Senior Services	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
CSC Cares Food Pantry at Washington University	Sacred Heart (Troy) - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul (Perryville)	St. Agnes - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Food Pantry	St. Francis Borgia - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Ozark Food Pantry	St. John (Imperial) - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Rural Parish Workers of Christ the King Food Pantry	St. Joseph (Farmington) -
St. Anthony Food Pantry	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
St. Augustine Wellston Center Food Pantry	St. Joseph (Imperial) - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
St. Patrick Center Food Pantry	St. Joseph (Manchester) -
Christ the King - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Epiphany of Our Lord - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	St. Pius V - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Holy Family - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	Ste. Genevieve - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry
Holy Rosary - St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry	The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann



SERVING OUR YOUTH

Initiatives and programs that invite and accompany young people on their faith journey and form them for their active roles in the Church and the world

HIGH SCHOOL GRANTS

\$177,000 EACH | TOTAL GRANTS : \$1,416,000

Bishop DuBourg High School	Duchesne High School	St. Pius X Catholic High School
Cardinal Ritter College	St. Dominic High School	St. Vincent High School
Preparatory High School	St. Francis Borgia High School	Valle Catholic High School

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE

SERVING OUR YOUTH, *continued* ONE CLASSROOM

One Classroom is dedicated to creating inclusive Catholic educational opportunities for children with special needs in Catholic schools. Grants are used to help 83 children with one-on-one support in the grade schools and high schools listed below. The presence of these children in our Catholic schools, along with the training the educators receive, benefits many more children and families.

HIGH SCHOOLS

De Smet Jesuit High School

St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

All Saints Academy
(St. Ferdinand Campus)
Christ the King Catholic School
Holy Cross Academy
Holy Family Parish School
Incarnate Word Parish School
John Paul II Catholic School (North)
John Paul II Catholic School (South)
Mary, Queen of Peace

Our Lady Catholic School
Our Lady of the Pillar
Sacred Heart Catholic School (Florissant)
St. Agnes Elementary Catholic School
St. Clement of Rome Catholic School
St. Francis Borgia Grade School
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School
St. Gabriel the Archangel
Catholic Elementary School

St. Joseph Catholic School (Cottleville)
St. Justin Martyr Catholic School
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque School
St. Margaret of Scotland School
St. Mary Magdalen Catholic School
St. Patrick Catholic School (Wentzville)
St. Paul Catholic School (St. Paul)

One Classroom also provides funding for behavior therapy services at no cost to the following three schools:

Holy Infant Catholic School

Sacred Heart School (Valley Park)

Sts. Joachim and Ann Catholic School

SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS

The Archdiocese of St. Louis offers early intervention and special education services. Students receive individualized attention meant to provide an appropriately challenging environment, maximizing the student's opportunity for success.

Annunziata Learning Center

South City Catholic Academy
Learning Center

St. Mary Special Services

HIGH SCHOOL VIDEO AWARDS TOTAL AWARDS : \$19,000

All Catholic High Schools are invited to participate in the High School Video contest. Each school may submit up to two videos into the competition. The winners are selected by pastors and parish chairs at the ACA Kickoff Dinner in April. All schools that participate receive a grant of at least \$1,000 for their participation.

Bishop DuBourg High School **\$1,000**
Chaminade College Preparatory School **\$1,000**
Christian Brothers College High School **\$2,500**
Cor Jesu Academy **\$1,000**
De Smet Jesuit High School **\$2,500**
Duchesne High School **\$5,000**
Nerinx Hall High School **\$1,000**
Notre Dame High School **\$1,000**
St. Dominic High School **\$1,000**
St. Francis Borgia High School **\$1,000**
St. Louis Priory School **\$1,000**
St. Pius X Catholic High School **\$1,000**

HIGH SCHOOL ESSAY WINNERS TOTAL AWARDS : \$39,000

All Catholic High Schools are invited to participate in the High School Essay Contest. Each school may nominate up to three students to receive the award based on their essays.

ARCHDIOCESAN/PARISH SCHOOLS : \$18,000

Bishop DuBourg High School **\$2,250**
Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School **\$2,250**
Duchesne High School **\$2,250**
St. Dominic High School **\$2,250**
St. Francis Borgia High School **\$2,250**
St. Pius X Catholic High School **\$2,250**
St. Vincent High School **\$2,250**
Valle Catholic High School **\$2,250**

PRIVATE SCHOOLS : \$21,000

Cor Jesu Academy **\$2,250**
De Smet Jesuit High School **\$1,750**
Incarnate Word Academy **\$2,250**
Nerinx Hall High School **\$1,750**
Notre Dame High School **\$2,250**
Rosati-Kain Academy **\$2,250**
St. John Vianney High School **\$1,750**
St. Louis University High School **\$2,250**
St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School **\$2,250**
Visitation Academy **\$2,250**



SERVING THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES

Programs and services that evangelize, form disciples, and enrich parish life

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS EDUCATIONAL FUND TOTAL GRANTS : \$36,865

Ascension (Chesterfield) **\$1,350**
Assumption (Mattese) **\$1,500**
Holy Cross Academy **\$5,242**
Holy Rosary **\$266**
Holy Spirit **\$450**
Immaculate Conception (Dardenne) **\$2,640**
Immaculate Conception (Union) **\$558**
Incarnate Word **\$962**
Little Flower **\$1,500**
Our Lady of Lourdes (University City) **\$1,251**
Sacred Heart (Troy) **\$2,450**
St. Alban Roe **\$810**
St. Cecilia School and Academy **\$1,500**

St. Charles Borromeo **\$152**
St. Gertrude **\$1,500**
St. Joseph (Zell) **\$1,500**
St. Louis Catholic Academy **\$3,000**
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque **\$540**
St. Margaret of Scotland **\$1,500**
St. Patrick (Wentzville) **\$661**
St. Paul (St. Paul) **\$2,805**
St. Peter (Kirkwood) **\$1,500**
St. Simon School **\$1,500**
St. Vincent Elementary / Jr. High (Perryville) **\$228**
St. Vincent High School **\$1,500**

OFFICE OF EVANGELIZATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

The Office of Evangelization and Discipleship offers the following workshops to parishes across the Archdiocese.

Evangelization 101 – *What is Evangelization?*
Evangelization 201 – *Proclaiming the Gospel*
Evangelization 301 – *Defending the Faith*
Intentional Accompaniment Conference/Workshops
EQUIP – Small group training
Topical evangelization trainings/workshops

Catholic Men for Christ
Catholic Women for Christ
Parish Council Workshops
Stewardship Lay Speaker Training
Parish Stewardship Committee Training



SERVING THOSE IN NEED

Services and outreach to the poor, marginalized and vulnerable with dignity and compassion

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GRANT ALLOCATION TOTAL GRANTS : \$1,650,000

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services **\$200,000**
St. Louis Counseling **\$135,000**
Good Shepherd Children and
Family Services **\$60,000**
Marygrove **\$200,000**

Queen of Peace Center **\$178,000**
St. Francis Community Services **\$305,000**
St. Martha's **\$12,000**
St. Patrick Center **\$60,000**
Catholic Charities Ministry Office **\$500,000**

ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITY FUND

The Archbishop's Charity Fund helps individuals and families in unique and difficult situations. For privacy reasons, we cannot share the individual grants awarded. In 2024, these grants totaled **\$112,052.79** and included:

Converting the basement of a Catholic chapel into a homeless shelter
Assisting a family who lost everything to a home fire
Providing transportation assistance for workers
Building a handicap accessible ramp for a mobile home

Assisting workers in need who lost wages due to serious illness
Helping an organization that works with teenagers suffering from addiction
Sponsoring a patient in need at a nursing home run by a religious community

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK
ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE

SERVING THOSE IN NEED, *Continued*

AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANTS

TOTAL GRANTS : **\$1,000,000**

Assisi House..... \$100,000 <i>Purchase and renovation of the seventh property for Assisi House, serving as a community living space for clients</i>	St. Joseph Housing Initiative (SJHI)..... \$100,000 <i>Renovation of single-family homes which will be available for purchase by an SJHI client</i>
Troy Housing Project..... \$175,000 <i>Construction of a new 60-unit housing complex in Troy, MO, by Catholic Charities of St. Louis</i>	The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann..... \$175,000 <i>Hiring additional staff to increase the number of individuals and families The Care Service can help</i>
Peter & Paul Community Services \$150,000 <i>Renovation of 15 new apartments to be used for permanent supportive housing</i>	St. Patrick Center \$100,000 <i>Renovation of a 10-unit housing complex for clients of St. Patrick Center's long-term housing program</i>
Room at the Inn..... \$150,000 <i>Renovation and expansion of the current facility, increasing capacity to serve more individuals and families</i>	Hearts Hands and Homes..... \$50,000 <i>Fulfill the balance of the archdiocese's commitment to raise \$1 million for this ecumenical housing collaborative</i>



SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

Care and support for active and retired priests, the permanent diaconate, and religious orders

RELIGIOUS ASSISTANCE GRANTS

TOTAL GRANTS : **\$95,000**

Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus/St. Agnes Home.....	Replace HVAC system in the Chapel	\$55,000
Missionaries of Charity	For sisters to attend the Eucharistic Congress	\$5,000
Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (Pink Sisters).....	Install new elevator	\$35,000

PARISH INCENTIVE PROGRAM 2024

\$5,000 EACH | TOTAL AWARDS : \$50,000

Parish Incentive Grants are awarded to parishes at the *Annual Catholic Appeal* Kickoff Dinner. Parishes increase their chances of receiving these grants based on achieving certain goals, such as improving participation in the *ACA*, reaching their *ACA* Goal, and showing the *ACA* video.

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	St. Clare of Assisi (Ellisville)
Holy Spirit (Maryland Heights)	St. Clement of Rome (Des Peres)
Most Sacred Heart (Eureka)	St. Gerard Majella (Kirkwood)
Our Lady (Festus)	St. Josephine Bakhita (St. Louis)
Sacred Heart (Valley Park)	St. Matthew the Apostle (St. Louis)

OTHER GRANTS

TOTAL GRANTS : **\$175,000**

Other Grants are made possible by the *Annual Catholic Appeal's* success in prior years. Funds received over goal are allocated to ministries and agencies at the direction of the Archbishop and under the oversight of the *ACA* Council.

Marygrove, A Ministry of Catholic Charities of St. Louis	Repairs to gas lines	\$100,000
Caring Hearts	Funding for pregnancy resource center in Washington County	\$25,000
Life's River.....	Funding for new homeless shelter in Franklin County	\$50,000

ENSURING PARISH VIABILITY GRANTS

TOTAL GRANTS : **\$1,185,200**

Ensuring Parish Viability Grants are funded by endowments created from the “Returning God’s Gifts Campaign” and not the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. However, the Office of Stewardship and the *ACA* facilitates this grant process.

All Saints (St. Peters) \$30,000	St. Cecilia (St. Louis) \$30,000
Assumption (O’Fallon) \$75,000	St. Ferdinand (Florissant) \$75,000
Holy Rosary (Warrenton) \$50,000	St. Ignatius (Concord Hill) \$30,000
Immaculate Conception (Dardenne Prairie) \$50,000	St. Joseph (Imperial) \$75,000
Immaculate Conception (Union) \$15,000	St. Joseph (Manchester) \$50,000
Immaculate Conception / St. David (now known as Holy Family, Arnold) \$75,000	St. Josephine Bakhita \$30,000
Immaculate Heart of Mary (New Melle) \$75,000	St. Juan Diego Parish \$4,200
Incarnate Word (Chesterfield) \$75,000	St. Margaret of Scotland (St. Louis) \$30,000
Mary, Mother of the Church (Mattese) \$25,000	St. Monica (Creve Coeur) \$20,000
Mary, Queen of Peace (Webster Groves) \$40,000	St. Norbert (Florissant) \$15,000
Our Lady (Festus) \$65,000	St. Peter (Kirkwood) \$40,000
Our Lady of the Holy Cross / St. Augustine / St. Matthew / St. Elizabeth (now known as St. Peter Claver) \$30,000	St. Simon (Green Park) \$11,000
St. Agatha (St. Louis) \$15,000	St. Theodore (Flint Hill) \$75,000
St. Catherine Laboure (Sappington) \$40,000	Ste. Genevieve (Ste. Genevieve) \$25,000
	Sts. Peter and Paul Church (St. Louis) \$15,000

#IGIVECATHOLIC 2023

TOTAL GIVERS : **1,761** | TOTAL GIVEN : **\$883,915** | PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATIONS : **65**

#iGiveCatholic is sponsored by the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, and all Catholic organizations within the boundaries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis are welcome to participate.

PARTICIPANTS	\$ RAISED	DONORS	PARTICIPANTS	\$ RAISED	DONORS	PARTICIPANTS	\$ RAISED	DONORS
All Saints Catholic Church	\$3,025	15	Hearts Hands & Homes	\$174,070	81	Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis	\$5,993	46
All Saints Catholic School	\$2,745	26	Holy Infant Parish	\$4,455	47	St. Cecilia Parish	\$4,660	23
Annunciation Catholic Church	\$600	5	Institute for Theological Encounter with Science & Technology ITEST	\$270	5	St. Patrick Catholic Church	\$23,515	120
Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Adoption Fund	\$4,110	23	James J Slama Scholarship Foundation	\$2,505	20	St. Cecilia School & Academy	\$12,310	40
Archdiocese of St. Louis Peace & Justice Commission	\$125	2	Kenrick-Glennon Seminary	\$18,450	32	St. Charles Lwanga Center - The Archdiocesan Office of Black Catholic Ministries	\$150	3
Association of Hebrew Catholics	\$125	2	Knights of Columbus 3586	\$21,195	55	St. Dominic High School	\$165	3
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (O’Fallon)	\$6,716	42	Lay Formation	\$3,550	18	St. Frances Cabrini Academy	\$1,430	15
Bishop DuBourg High School	\$990	9	Marianist Retreat and Conference Center	\$10	1	St. Gerard Majella Catholic School	\$1,950	23
Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus, Kirkwood, MO	\$42,480	68	Marygrove	\$300	5	St. Joseph Manchester	\$5,710	50
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	\$650	4	Office of Racial Harmony	\$945	11	St. Justin the Martyr Catholic Church	\$95,822	14
Catholic Charities of St. Louis	\$8,215	58	Office of Youth Ministry	\$215	6	St. Margaret of Scotland	\$8,505	61
Catholic Renewal Center	\$7,745	23	One Classroom	\$3,240	17	St. Mary of Victories	\$200	2
Christ the King Catholic School	\$50	1	Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine	\$31,210	95	St. Mary's Special Services	\$1,950	8
Christian Brothers College High School	\$150	2	Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church	\$25	1	St. Monica Catholic Church and School	\$8,735	35
Daughters of St. Paul	\$820	11	Regina Cleri Community for Retired Priests	\$495	5	St. Norbert Catholic Church	\$16,922	96
Diaconate Office	\$50	1	Respect Life Apostolate - Rachel's Healing Garden - Abortion Healing Ministry	\$2,145	28	St. Stephen Protomartyr Catholic School	\$2,325	17
Duchesne High School	\$263,350	197	Roman Catholic Foundation	\$300	2	St. Theodore	\$16,005	44
EnergyCare	\$5,644	8	Rural Parish Clinic of the Archdiocese of St. Louis	\$2,205	26	Sts. Joachim & Ann School	\$475	10
Evangelization & Discipleship	\$500	1	Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Florissant)	\$50	1	The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann	\$525	6
Franciscan Connection	\$75	2	St. Louis Catholic Academy	\$11,625	40	Sts. Peter and Paul Church	\$5,000	17
Gabriel's Retreat Ministries	\$1,350	16	School Sisters of Notre Dame Central Pacific Province	\$7,218	44	Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation	\$20,941	13
			Society for the Propagation of the Faith	\$420	5	Vincentian Marian Youth Southeast Missouri	\$16,015	54

IMPACT OF THE ASSOCIATES OF THE ARCHBISHOP



The *Associates of the Archbishop* are individuals and families who have made a leadership commitment of \$1,000 or more to the 2024 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Their generous support enlivens the mission and ministries of the archdiocese and directly impacts the lives of those served.



Dollars raised by the Associates in 2024
\$11,892,917



Number of 2024 Associates
4,075



Percentage of the ACA raised by the Associates in 2024
70%

GIVING LEVELS

CENTURION \$100,000+	BRONZE GUARANTOR \$15,000 - \$19,999
DIAMOND GUARANTOR \$50,000 - \$99,999	GUARANTOR \$10,000 - \$14,999
PLATINUM GUARANTOR \$35,000 - \$49,999	ENDORSER \$5,000 - \$9,999
GOLDEN GUARANTOR \$25,000 - \$34,999	AMBASSADOR \$2,500 - \$4,999
SILVER GUARANTOR \$20,000 - \$24,999	SPONSOR \$1,000 - \$2,499



The *Perpetual Light Society* is a group of dedicated Catholics who support the *Annual Catholic Appeal* through a bequest or planned gift, extending their giving in perpetuity.

Established with the goal of securing the long-term financial future of the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, this fund ensures that our mission can be carried on for generations through perpetual annual distributions.

Our permanent fund is invested in accordance with the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Endowment Fund **\$8,839,568**
2024 Disbursements to the ACA **\$336,701**



Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* has partnered with the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri to assist our donors with their charitable gift planning.

PARISH ENGAGEMENT

HIGHEST PERFORMING PARISHES BY DEANERY

NORTHERN VICARIATE - DEANERY 1 *Very Reverend William J. Kempf, VF*

MOST DOLLARS RAISED	HIGHEST % OVER GOAL	INCREASED PARTICIPATION %
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	St. Monica	Sacred Heart (Florissant)
St. Monica	Pro-Cathedral of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist	St. Ann (Normandy)
Sacred Heart (Florissant)	St. Ann (Normandy)	Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Ferdinand	Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	St. Joseph (Clayton)
Holy Spirit	Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	Christ the King

NORTHERN VICARIATE - DEANERY 2 *Very Reverend Craig T. Holway, VF*

MOST DOLLARS RAISED	HIGHEST % OVER GOAL	INCREASED PARTICIPATION %
St. Clement of Rome	St. Stephen Protomartyr	Resurrection of Our Lord
St. Gerard Majella	Immacolata	St. Stephen Protomartyr
St. Genevieve du Bois	Sts. Peter and Paul	St. Joan of Arc/St. Mary Magdalen
Immacolata	Seven Holy Founders	St. Cronan
Mary, Queen of Peace	St. Genevieve du Bois	Our Lady of Providence

SOUTHERN VICARIATE - DEANERY 3 *Very Reverend Michael P. Boehm, VF*

MOST DOLLARS RAISED	HIGHEST % OVER GOAL	INCREASED PARTICIPATION %
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	St. Paul (Fenton)	Good Shepherd
St. Paul (Fenton)	Mary, Mother of the Church	Sacred Heart (Crystal City)
Queen of All Saints	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	Sacred Heart (Valley Park)
Assumption (Mattese)	Assumption (Mattese)	Queen of All Saints
Sacred Heart (Valley Park)	St. Joseph (Imperial)	Our Lady (Festus)

SOUTHERN VICARIATE - DEANERY 4 *Very Reverend William C. Thess, VF*

MOST DOLLARS RAISED	HIGHEST % OVER GOAL	INCREASED PARTICIPATION %
St. Genevieve	St. Anne (French Village)	St. Vincent de Paul (Perryville)
St. Vincent de Paul (Perryville)	St. Rose of Lima (Silver Lake)	St. Anne (French Village)
St. Joseph (Farmington)	St. Genevieve	Our Lady Help of Christians
St. Rose of Lima (DeSoto)	St. Joachim	St. Joseph (Apple Creek)
St. Maurus	St. Joseph (Apple Creek)	St. Joseph (Highland)

WESTERN VICARIATE - DEANERY 5 *Very Reverend Monsignor Patrick K. Hambrough, VF*

MOST DOLLARS RAISED	HIGHEST % OVER GOAL	INCREASED PARTICIPATION %
Ascension	Ascension	St. Bridget of Kildare
St. Anselm	St. Anselm	St. Joseph (Neier)
Incarnate Word	Incarnate Word	Assumption (New Haven)
St. Clare of Assisi	St. Clare of Assisi	St. Ann (Clover Bottom)
St. Alban Roe	Christ, Prince of Peace	St. James (Catawissa)

WESTERN VICARIATE - DEANERY 6 *Very Reverend Nicholas E. Kastenholz, VF*

MOST DOLLARS RAISED	HIGHEST % OVER GOAL	INCREASED PARTICIPATION %
St. Joseph (Cottleville)	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Sacred Heart (Elsberry)
Immaculate Conception (Dardenne Prairie)	St. Cletus	St. Mary
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	Sacred Heart (Elsberry)	Sts. Joachim and Ann
St. Cletus	St. Peter (St. Charles)	St. Theodore
Assumption (O'Fallon)	Immaculate Conception (Dardenne Prairie)	St. Joseph (Josephville)

The intentional support and leadership of our clergy, parish chairs, lay witness speakers and volunteers is vital to the success of the *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

PARISH CHAIRS
195

WITNESS SPEAKERS
72



Ascension Parish in Chesterfield raised over \$1 million for the ACA!

“I am inspired by the people of Ascension Parish. Thankful to have been blessed by God, they are eager to respond to Christ’s command to love one another and to be servants to all in need. The *Annual Catholic Appeal* provides



an opportunity for that response and our parishioners gladly take it.”

- Very Reverend Monsignor Patrick K. Hambrough, V.F.
Western Deanery 5

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2024 APPEAL

85 PARISHES surpassed financial goal
77 PARISHES achieved new donor goal
59 PARISHES improved participation
50 PARISHES reached challenge goal
31,716 HOUSEHOLDS participated

THE IMPACT OF THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

THE CARE SERVICE AT STS. JOACHIM AND ANN

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness

Affordable housing is one of the most pressing unmet needs for struggling families in our region. Through the newly established Affordable Housing Fund, the *Annual Catholic Appeal* has awarded \$1 million to help organizations expand their capacity to serve those needing safe, stable and affordable homes by increasing housing inventory and, when necessary, expanding outreach to families at risk. An additional \$1 million has been reserved from the 2024 *Appeal* to award grants in 2025.

A grant of \$175,000 to *The Care Service at Sts. Joachim and Ann*, from the *Annual Catholic Appeal* Affordable Housing Fund, helps increase the number of individuals and families they can support, preventing them from becoming homeless. Clients of *The Care Service* receive substantial housing assistance for rent, mortgage, and utilities. Pam Struckhoff, *The Care Service's* Executive Director, notes how this grant is, “an investment in the future of families. This money is life-changing for these families and breaks the life cycle of homelessness while providing hope and a brighter future.”



TODAY AND TOMORROW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Empowering Youth

Education is a powerful pathway out of poverty. A grant of \$150,000 to the *Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation* provides need-based scholarships to economically disadvantaged families in St. Louis and surrounding counties to give more children access to quality, affordable and accessible educational opportunities.

Thomas graduated from St. John Vianney High School in May 2024. He credits his faith and leadership skills to his family and his Catholic education: “I’ve been raised in a house and attended schools that have focused on educating the whole person grounded in faith. I’ve tried my best to serve God in any small way I can. This all started at my Catholic grade school because you believed in me through your support of the *Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation*. It is because of your generosity that I have been able to develop a deeper love for Christ. The *Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation* has helped so many kids and helped to create so many stories just like mine. Through Catholic education, I have been set on a path of life: one of love for others in all that I do.”



RURAL PARISH CLINIC

Providing Compassionate Care

Many in our communities cannot afford health insurance premiums or are not offered healthcare through their work. Rural areas have significantly fewer options for providing health care to the poor, and present specific challenges, such as distance and transportation. A grant of \$325,000 to the *Rural Parish Clinic* seeks to meet the medical, dental, social, emotional, and spiritual needs of uninsured residents regardless of faith.

Lori is a patient at the newest *Rural Parish Clinic* site, the Peace Pantry in Cedar Hill, MO. When she first came to the clinic, her blood pressure and glucose readings were dangerously high, but she could not afford health care. Lori reports the clinic has given her a second chance at life and a way to control her health issues. She has more energy and can spend more quality time with her children. She shared about her experience by saying, “The doctors and staff have been kind, loving, and caring. They make themselves available and really care about the lives of their patients. I love everything about the clinic. I can come here and know that they will listen and sit with me through my tears, all in a confidential setting.”



PARISH IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Supporting Our Shepherds

Each of us has unique God-given gifts that we offer to the Church. The Lord called Fr. Michael Esswein to the priesthood since he was a young boy, but a terrible accident left him physically disabled. A grant of \$60,000 for ADA accommodations at *Our Lady of Providence Catholic Church* makes it possible for Fr. Michael Esswein to do the Lord’s work.

Fr. Esswein is deeply grateful for the generosity of the faithful: “I was in the seminary when an automobile accident left me quadriplegic. At that moment, I thought the priesthood would no longer be possible for me. This was more terrifying to me than not being able to walk again. By the grace of God, I was ordained in 1998 and have since served at four different parishes. When I was assigned as pastor of *Our Lady of Providence*, the ACA grant provided for altar, tabernacle, and ambo lift equipment, flooring modifications, power assist doors, and restroom renovations so the parish could be accessible for me to get around. I became a priest to be a conduit between God and His people, in the good times and the bad. I love what I’m doing and can’t imagine not being a priest. As St. Paul reminds us, where we are weak, God’s grace makes us strong.”

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear Friends,

Each day, I am blessed to see good work taking place in the Church because of your prayers and generosity to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*.

Thanks to the grace-filled efforts of our faithful and dedicated parishioners, clergy, volunteers, and council members, what began 70 years ago as a collection for retired

priests is now one of the most successful appeals of its kind in the nation. Each gift that is shared becomes a blessing for many, as we help others to know Christ and to experience His tender love through the ministries and organizations funded by the *Appeal*.

Our team in the office works diligently with the *Annual Catholic Appeal* Council and Archbishop Rozanski to put your gifts into action. We know that each gift represents a sacrifice and an act of trust from each of you. In FY 2024, almost \$.93 of every dollar raised went directly to our ministry grants. This is even better than the \$.91 promised and significantly better than industry standards.

Because of you, we make the mystical and often invisible body of Christ visible to people in a way the world can understand. Ultimately, that is our mission — to unite the Church in St. Louis in bringing Christ's love to those in need. Thank you for your generous support of our important work!

Gratefully,

Brian Niebrugge
Executive Director
Stewardship and the *Annual Catholic Appeal*



93¢ of every dollar goes directly to ministry grants!

2024 ACA EXPENSES & REVENUE

2024 ACA Expenses	\$1,553,347
Less Unrestricted Income	\$305,492

Total Expenses	\$1,247,855
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2024 ACA Revenue	\$17,052,516
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Percent of Operating Expenses for the <i>Annual Catholic Appeal</i>	7.32%
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In 2024, the *Annual Catholic Appeal* celebrates 70 years of faith and mercy.

Since the founding of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* in 1954, the Church in the Archdiocese of St. Louis has raised **\$537,537,425**.

THE 2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL COUNCIL



“When the world tells us to think of ourselves, YOU have responded with, ‘I want to follow Jesus. I want to love Him and love one another — *For the Life of the World!*’ Thank you for your faith, and for your support of the 2024 *Annual Catholic Appeal*. You have inspired me, and I have been grateful to serve with you!”

- **Mr. Michael J. Heck**, Chair, 2024 *Annual Catholic Appeal*



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The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is the annual effort of the Catholic community to respond to the Gospel challenge of Jesus Christ to love one another by reflecting on God's blessings in our lives and sharing them for the educational, pastoral and charitable programs and ministries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



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