

WE ARE THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Annual Catholic Appeal

The **Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)** is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Tucson. The Appeal provides the financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

Each year, the Catholic Foundation and Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, in collaboration the parishes and missions of the Diocese, renew the Annual Catholic Appeal to raise the much-needed funding for the financial support of the Catholic charities and ministries which serve people throughout our Diocese.

"It is through these critical ministries that we continue the healing, teaching, and redemptive mission our Church has carried out for 2000 years.

As the **Annual Catholic Appeal** launches in parishes across our Diocese, please prayerfully consider the vital charities, ministries, and services that YOU make happen. For these are actually the ways we live and share the GOSPEL with the world today!

Whether you have stood in solidarity with the Church for many years, or you are considering your first gift to the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, please help us to carry out the Gospel call: **WE ARE THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH ..."**

*Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger
Bishop of Tucson*



HOW TO GIVE

Give in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed upon you
(Deuteronomy 16:16)

Make your pledge or one-time gift...

- Check payable to Annual Catholic Appeal
- Monthly pledge
- Credit Card - Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express
- EFT: Automatic funds transfer from your checking or savings account
- Stock donations
- Complete donation form mailed to your home or available in the parish pews
- Text ACA to 41444
- Online: www.cathfnd.org/donate
- IRA Rollover (70 ½ years old and over)
- Leave a Catholic Legacy
Learn more: www.cathfnd.org/legacy
- Call the Annual Catholic Appeal office: 520.838.2504

Your gift does make a difference!
100% of your generous contributions are used for the growth of our local Church



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... He said to them,
"Go into all the world and preach
the good news to all creation."
Mark 16:15



SUPPORTING OUR PARISHES, CATHOLIC SCHOOLS, AND EACH OTHER

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\$1,043,000 SEMINARIAN AND CLERGY
EDUCATION AND SUPPORT

Office of the Chancellor:

- Provides personnel support for active and retired priests and Deacons of the Diocese.

Office of Vocation:

- Promotes priestly vocations
- Selects qualified candidates for discernment
- Coordinates seminarian formation and education

\$912,000 OUTREACH TO PARISHES,
MISSIONS, COMMUNITY

Catholic Community Services of Southern Arizona (CCS)

Needy Parishes and Native American Missions

Kolbe Society (formerly the Detention Ministry)

\$806,000 SCHOOLS, FORMATION, AND
EVANGELIZATION

Office of Catholic Schools:

- Ensures the spiritual and professional development of Catholic school administrators and teachers.
- Provides our 17 elementary and 6 high schools with quality application of curricula.

Office of Pastoral Services:

- Provides training and resources, including Catechist Certification Levels I and II.
- Supports programs that promote respect for the dignity of human life and the Social Mission of the Church.
- Offers expertise in religious education, family life, liturgy, ministry formation, spirituality, and parish planning.
- Provides Spanish language resources and programs of ministry formation and training.

Each year, the Diocese of Tucson assesses its financial resources and its ability to respond effectively and with compassion to the needs of our parishes, Catholic schools, and the community it serves.

\$635,000* DIOCESAN MINISTRIES
NEW PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Office of the Bishop:

- Supports the pastoral and administrative ministries of the Bishop, allowing the Bishop to fulfill his pastoral and canonical responsibilities.

Office of the Moderator of the Curia:

- Oversees the efficient use of staff
- Ensures that personnel of the Curia properly fulfill the offices and responsibilities entrusted to them.

The Office of Formation:

- Provides certification and faith formation of adults, lay ministers, and clergy
- Provides continuing education and formation for parish ministry leaders.

Office of Archives:

- Preserves and maintains accurate, historical records of the Diocese.
- Assists parishes, faith communities, and schools in establishing and maintaining current and historical records.

Office of the Permanent Diaconate:

- Provides for invitation, evaluation and formation of new candidates.
- Provides pastoral support and continuing education of permanent deacons.

\$604,000 PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES

Office of the Tribunal:

- Cooperates with pastors and with other offices and agencies in fostering pastoral care to persons who are separated, divorced, and those planning a future marriage with the Church.

Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection:

- Thoroughly screen members of the clergy, parish employees, and volunteers who work with children, young people and the vulnerable as part of their Church ministry.

Office of Property and Insurance Services:

- Provides centralized administrative resources and insurance compliance for parish and school facilities.

Office of Human Resources:

- Provides centralizes personnel administration for some 2,000 employees in our parishes and schools.

Fiscal Services:

- Provides centralized accounting and bookkeeping services to approximately 38 parishes
- Will eventually undertake accounting and bookkeeping responsibilities for all parishes in the Diocese.

For a complete list or for additional information, please visit our website at www.cathfnd.org.

\$4,000,000 Goal

*Includes 7% ACA administration and marketing costs for all parishes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is our Diocese conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal? The ACA represents more than 51% of the support needed to fund the diocesan ministries each year. The Bishop asks Catholics in the Diocese to generously support these important and on-going ministries that provide educational, pastoral, and charitable outreach to those living in the Diocese, by giving to the ACA.

Why do we need the ministries and services provided by the Diocese? The ACA funds over 26 on-going ministries and services of the Church. These very important ministries and services are beyond the resources of any single parish. Coordinating programs at the Diocesan level, such as religious education, seminarian education and vocations, lay ministry formation, youth and young adults ministry, prison ministry, etc., eliminates duplication, provides consistency, and saves both time and money.

Is it important to give to the ACA, even though I am already giving to my parish?

The programs at your parish are very important and much of the work of the Church and the Diocese takes place at the local level. However, there are certain specialized services such as education, vocations, diocesan conferences and trainings, construction project services, for which the Diocese takes the major responsibility. These are vital services no single parish can provide and must be shared by all.

What should I give to the ACA?

The decision on how much to give needs to be personal and prayerful. God has given each of us gifts, graces, talents and abilities, which are to be shared responsibly and wisely with others. We are also challenged to make our financial gifts from substance, not abundance, and in proportion to our blessings.

Annual Catholic Appeal funds **ARE NOT USED** to offset capital expenses, uncollectible debt, depreciation, repayment of loans, or legal services.