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The Archbishop's Annual Appeal Goal is \$10 Million



529,066 Catholics



131 Parishes and Missions

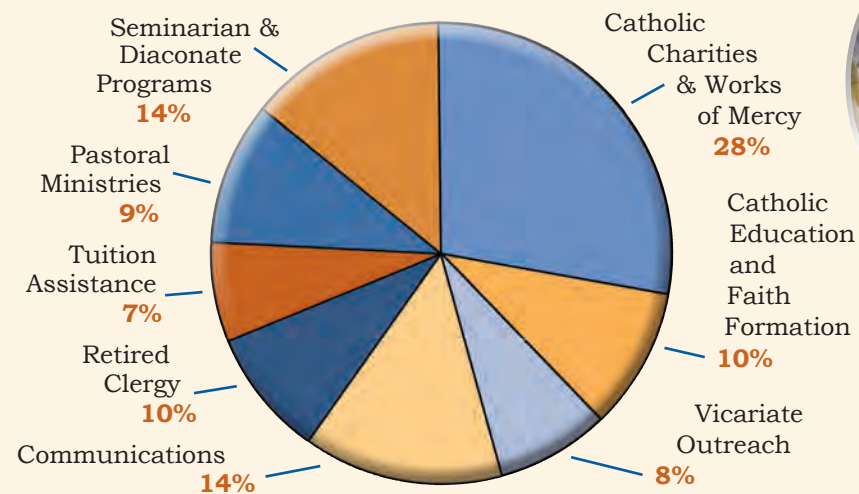


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Please prayerfully consider giving to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal,

Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations.

It is only through the generosity of the donors to the Appeal that we will be able to meet our goal, and ensure that the good works of the Archdiocese are fully funded.



WAYS TO GIVE

All gifts to the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal are tax deductible as provided by law.

GIVE ONLINE – Please visit <http://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org> to make a one-time gift or pledge online payment. Please call the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550 for additional assistance.

CHECKS & CREDIT CARD – Checks should be made payable to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please provide your credit card details on the back of your pledge card. Kindly mail the enclosed gift/pledge card in the envelope provided to P.O. Box 28, Hartford, CT 06141-0028.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA) GIFTS – If you are 70½ or older, consider making a gift through your IRA. The IRS allows direct transfers by the IRA trustee totaling up to \$100,000 per year to a Code Sec. 170(b)(1)(A) charity [ie. 501(c)3] without having to count the transfer as income for federal tax purposes. Kindly instruct your trustee to make the check payable to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal to P.O. Box 28, Hartford, CT 06141-0028. Please call the Appeal Office (800) 781-2550 with questions.

PLEGGED GIFTS – Appeal gifts may be paid over five months. Please consider including your first month's payment with your pledge card.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS – Every year several local companies give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through matching gift programs, allowing them to support causes that are important to their employees. Please contact your Human Resources Department to determine if your company will match your gift.

PLEASE CONTACT THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HARTFORD at 860-541-6491 x 3149 for further information on the transfer of stock, a bequest, or including the Archbishop's Annual Appeal in your will.



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GREETINGS FROM ARCHBISHOP BLAIR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am happy to announce that the *Archbishop's Annual Appeal* for 2019 is dedicated to the theme *"Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations."*

"Sharing" reminds us of a fundamental truth of our faith—that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." In the 6th chapter of Mark's Gospel Jesus feeds thousands of people who came to hear him, but he does not do so out of thin air. Rather, he miraculously multiplies what the disciples have brought to him; namely, a few loaves and fish. A little in the right hands, given in faith, can work miracles.

"The Joy of the Gospel" We like to speak of happiness, but Jesus in the Gospel speaks at a deeper level about joy—a joy that the world cannot give. The joy of the Gospel is the joy of knowing, loving and serving the God we cannot see by knowing, loving and serving the neighbor we can see. Jesus says, "What you do to the least of these you do to me." So whether it's acts of spiritual, moral or material mercy that we carry out in Christ's name, we can be assured of receiving the gift of joy that He alone can give.

"...for Generations" Today, more than ever, we recognize that people of every age group have need of the spiritual and material healing that the ministry of the Church provides. Pope Francis says we must be "a field hospital for the wounded," despite the Church's own wounds resulting from sin. And in the Church herself, we are challenged to engage the younger generation in continuing and furthering our charitable mission.

The 2019 *Archbishop's Annual Appeal* presents us with a unique opportunity to combine all of our individual gifts in order to accomplish even more together as one family of faith.

I invite you to share generously of your time, talent, and treasure that God has bestowed on you, so together we can enrich, nurture, and foster the spiritual, moral and material well-being of individuals, families, and communities throughout Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties.

Please review this brochure for some examples of the way that our Annual Appeal succeeds in *Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Leonard P. Blair

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

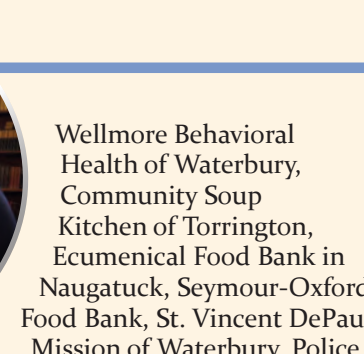
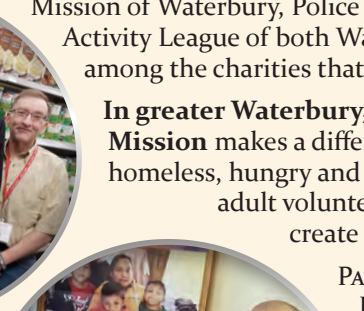


CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

Material Needs

We are taught through the Gospel about the importance of providing for the least of our brothers and sisters. Our Archdiocesan family of faith does that every day. **It is only through the generosity of our donors to the Appeal that we are able to continue to fund Archdiocesan ministries that provide life's necessities to so many: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a safe place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support.**

One ministry that makes a difference is the Vicariate Outreach Program. Since 1997 it has distributed more than \$16 million to local organizations. Last year, for the third consecutive year, more than \$1 million was allocated to charities in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield Counties. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Appeal donors, last year, the Vicariate Outreach Program provided funding to over 200 different organizations. A little in the right hands, given in the right spirit, can go a very long way.



Wellmore Behavioral Health of Waterbury, Community Soup Kitchen of Torrington, Ecumenical Food Bank in Naugatuck, Seymour-Oxford Food Bank, St. Vincent DePaul Mission of Waterbury, Police Activity League of both Waterbury and Torrington are among the charities that put your Appeal gift to great use.

In greater Waterbury, the St. Vincent DePaul Mission makes a difference in the lives of the homeless, hungry and mentally ill with the help of adult volunteers. Those connections often create a lifelong impact.

PAUL SCAMPOLINO, FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR of St. Vincent De Paul, recalled the story of one boy who would come to the back door looking for help. "We'd give him crackers and a little juice box. Well that boy today is around 18 years old, and he comes in and helps us. He says, 'When I was a kid, you helped me, so I'm helping you.'"



SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Spiritual Needs

The Gospel teaches us that Jesus tended to the spiritual well-being of all those to whom He ministered. Thus, it is vital that our spiritual needs are also fulfilled. Instructing, advising, consoling, comforting, forgiving and bearing wrongs patiently nourish us spiritually.

Throughout all their activities, our Catholic schools weave a strong faith tradition to guide students as children of God who respect the dignity of every person.

"There is great reason for optimism as both parishes and schools are reconfigured into more vital entities that fully serve their members while maintaining their operational viability. The process is not always easy, but if we keep that outcome in mind and our eyes fixed on the Lord Jesus, it will ultimately be worth every effort." — SR. MARY GRACE WALSH ASCJ, PH.D., PROVOST FOR EDUCATION, EVANGELIZATION AND CATECHESIS.

The Catholic Academy in Waterbury is accomplishing just that. MICHELE BANACH, ACADEMIC DEAN recently said parents are happy, children feel at home, and students show it: *"It's not 'your' school, 'my' school. It's 'our' school."*
Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is vital in providing the tuition assistance needed for families to send young children to Catholic schools across the Archdiocese.

