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2020 Archbishop's **Annual Appeal**



Greetings from Archbishop Blair

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

I am pleased to announce that **Growing in Faith**, Giving in Love will serve as the theme and inspiration for the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Annual Appeal once again challenges our charity as a united family of faith, and makes it possible for us to share what we have with those in need and to sustain the life of our local church. We are all part of God's family and we have a responsibility to care for one another, especially by providing for the spiritual, moral and material well-being of each and all. The 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Growing in Faith, Giving in Love*, presents us with a unique opportunity to combine all of our individual gifts in order to accomplish even more together as an archdiocese.

In urging your support for this year's Annual Appeal, I also invite you to look for ways to strengthen your own faith and share with others the good news of the gospel. As Jesus says: "What you have received as a gift, give as a gift." So don't be afraid to think about what

your Catholic faith in Jesus means to you, and then share that good news with others. Share it with your family and friends, your neighbors and co-workers. Be bold as the first Christians were. and invite others to join you at Mass!

As people of faith, we are called to care for one another and for those in need. So please be generous in sharing the "time, talent, and treasure" you have received from God, and make of it a gift that can benefit the spiritual and material well-being of individuals, families, and communities throughout Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties.

Please review this brochure as it illustrates some of the ways that **Growing in Faith, Giving in** Love will make a difference in the lives of many.

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Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair Archbishop of Hartford





Growing in Faith

Through your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you are providing support for ministries and programs that strengthen and nourish our Catholic values and Christian principles. Your gift gives us the opportunity to turn toward Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with Him, as we are **Growing in Faith, Giving** in Love as one family.

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is vital in providing the funding needed for so many programs that strive to ensure our faith continues to grow throughout the archdiocese. Here are just a few:

The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry fosters the development of spirituality, community building, social action, leadership and theologica ormation.

The Office of Family Life promotes and supports family life as a Domestic Church through programs for individuals, couples and families,

Campus Ministry allows college students the opportunity to grow, not only in their faith and education, but socially in a Catholic setting, bridging the gap between youth of today and adults of the future.

The Office of Education, Evangelization and Catechesis provides our Catholic schools with a rigorous academic curriculum based



on the teachings of the Catholic Church. infused with Catholic social teaching. This office also offers a variety of programs for adults looking to engage more deeply within their parishes.

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We are taught through the Gospel "what you have received as a gift, give as a gift," and the importance of providing for the least of our brothers and sisters. Our archdiocesan family of faith does that every day. It is only because of the vital support of our Appeal donors that we are able to continue to fund archdiocesan ministries that help to serve the poor, hungry and homeless, help care for our elderly priests, nurture seminarian and deacon vocations, educate our young, strengthen our religious education efforts, minister to the sick and elderly, and much more.



One ministry that makes a difference is the Vicariate Outreach Program. Since 1997, it has distributed more than \$17 million to local organizations. Last year, for the fourth consecutive year, more than \$1 million was allocated to charities in Hartford. New Haven and Litchfield counties. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of last year's **Appeal donors, the Vicariate Outreach** Program provided funding to more than 225 different organizations.

Brian's Bags Homeless Project of Wellmore; Community Soup Kitchen of Torrington, Ecumenical Food Bank in Naugatuck; Seymour-Oxford Food Bank; Saint Vincent DePaul Mission in Waterbury and Bristol; and the Police Activity League of both Waterbury and Torrington are among the charities that put your Appeal gift to great use. In greater Waterbury, Donna Finneran of Brian's Bags Homeless Project will stand on the street and pass out bags filled with some of life's basic necessities to anyone in need.



"Not one person ever woke up and said that they wanted to be homeless. It just happens. Christ wants us to walk in His path and He wants us to help the needy and the poor." — Donna Finneran, Founder of Brian's Bags

