

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### Peace and all good things!

In our lives, the only constant is change. Once a thing stops changing, it stops living. Your life and your circumstances will change. The question is: Will it be "spiritual sprawl" or grace-filled growth?

Pope Saint John Paul II famously said that "the only success recognized by God is Christ-likeness." Our most basic mission in life is to become more like Jesus. We are all called to be *Transformed in Christ*.

The unfailing sign that we have been *Transformed in Christ* is that we love like He did, and the greatest sign of His love is His sacrifice on the cross, made present to us each day in the Eucharist. The Catholic Church in the United States will soon begin a three-year "Eucharistic Revival" that will reach its climax in the year 2024. I want our archdiocese to be a light on the hill, to show what it means to be renewed, revived and transformed in Christ!

I chose the theme of this year's annual appeal to invite you to make a spiritual resolution to seek transformation in your life. God made you, but He's not finished making you! Open yourself to the Holy Spirit! Do not be complacent! Rediscover what it means to prepare your soul for Holy Communion! Recommit yourself to be engaged in your parish! Do not be afraid to live your faith in public! Be Transformed in Christ.

However, transformation is not only spiritual. We must care for our brothers and sisters not only in soul, but also in body. I invite you to support the vital mission of our archdiocese to be Transformed in Christ through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful action and support of our community.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

## 2022 ALLOCATIONS DONATE

Ministerial	\$2,650,000
Seminarian Education	\$1,500,000
Permanent Diaconate	\$350,000
Priest Support and Retirement Care	\$650,000
Priest Continuing Formation	\$150,000

Pastoral Outreach	\$2,300,000
Life Dignity and Justice	
Care for Creation Ministry/Laudato Si'	\$100,000
Respect Life Ministry	\$125,000
Justice and Peace Ministries	\$125,000
Prison and Jail Ministry	\$150,000
Disabilities Ministry	\$125,000
Intercultural Ministries	\$300,000
Child and Youth Protection	\$350,000
Hospital Ministry	\$75,000
Metropolitan Tribunal	\$450,000
Parish and Mission Support	\$500,000

Education, Evangelization, and Discipleship	\$2,500,000
Under-Resourced School Support	\$650,000
Parish Pre-School Programs	\$50,000
Campus Ministry	\$600,000
Religious Education	\$300,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	\$200,000
Marriage and Family Ministry	\$250,000
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$250,000
Eucharistic Congress	\$200,000

#### **Catholic Charities**

Programs that allow families to become self-sufficient \$200,000 Skill Development Services Education/Employment Services \$200,000 Security and Well-Being Services \$200,000

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Administrative Costs

# TODAY!

Donate online: donate.archatl.com

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#### "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation. The old has passed away; all things have become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17

## ARCHBISHO ANNUAL APPEAL 2022

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## Beyond what a single parish can provide... ...AN ARCHDIOCESE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is a major source of funding for our work of the Archdiocese of Atlanta, including its many ministry, outreach, education and formation programs. A donation to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal builds strong parishes with intentional disciples and funds archdiocesan initiatives that reach beyond individual parishes to all the faithful in north & central Georgia.

## ... PREPARING YOUNG MEN FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

"By their witness and relationship with their parishes and schools, seminarians immediately become a living display of the joy that comes from doing the Lord's will. I want to journey with them so as to give them the clarity and confidence to inspire other young disciples to respond to the Lord's invitation."

- Fr. Rey Pineda, Director of Vocations

The Archdiocese of Atlanta is blessed to have 47 men currently discerning a vocation to the priesthood and preparing for priestly ordination. Under the direction of Fr. Rey Pineda, the Director of Vocations, seminarians are participating in programs allowing for deeper formation and accompaniment during the early stages of discernment. The Office of Vocations prayerfully journeys with all men and women who feel God may be calling them to the priesthood or religious life.

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal enables the education and formation of seminarians, ensuring that the parishes, schools, and ministries of our growing and thriving archdiocese are served by well-formed, holy priests.

## ...MAKING OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE

"The Laudato Si' Initiative allows each of us a unique opportunity to choose to contribute to the building of the Kingdom of God, right here and right now! We have a platform to help make the world a better place through a combination of all of our actions and choices." — Kat Doyle, Director of Justice & Peace Ministries

In 2015, when Pope Francis issued the encyclical *"Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home,"* the people of the Archdiocese of Atlanta took quick action. What started with the creation of an action plan and then flourished through community partnerships, has now grown into a flagship example of how sustainable and measurable change can be created, change that calls on each of us to be and do better in our relationship with all of God's creation.

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps make the groundbreaking Laudato Si' Care for Creation initiative possible, enabling the lived action of a comprehensive plan based on a love of creation and a deep desire to take care of what God has given us.

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> In June 2021, Archbishop Hartmayer announced the beginning of a period of Eucharistic Renewal in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. As a part of a three-year "Eucharistic Revival" occurring across the Catholic Church in the United States, Atlanta is primed to lead the way. Starting first on an archdiocesan level, the 2022 Eucharistic Congress will bring tens of thousands of people together to learn more about what the Church holds and teaches about the Eucharist, including moving testimonies from renowned and faith-filled presenters.

> Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal makes the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Eucharistic Congress possible, and fans the flame of renewal as our archdiocese commits to increased education about and reverence for the Body of Christ.

### THE PEOPLE SERVED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

Population of Central & North Georgia: 7,700,000

**1,190,000** Catholics 7,715 Catholic School Students

**25,600** Students Participating in Parish Religious Education Programs

#### THE MINISTRIES EVANGELIZING THE ARCHDIOCESE

**93** Parishes **10** Missions

**5** Pastoral Centers

**15** Archdiocesan Elementary Schools

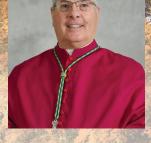
**6** Independent Catholic Schools **3** Archdiocesan High Schools

**9** College Campus Ministries for outreach and evangelization



## ...RENEWED BY THE EUCHARIST

"When I see other people respond to the Eucharist with such devotion and with such attention, it increases my own faith. There's a synergy that's created when we gather around the Eucharist in prayer. We feed off each other, but primarily because



we are fed first and foremost by Christ... It is through Christ, it is through the Eucharist, that we can continue to grow and have a more active life in ministry and service to others." – Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

### THE MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL IN CENTRAL & NORTH GEORGIA

**185** Diocesan Priests

94 Religious Order Priests

**275** Permanent Deacons

47 Seminarians

106 Religious Women & Men