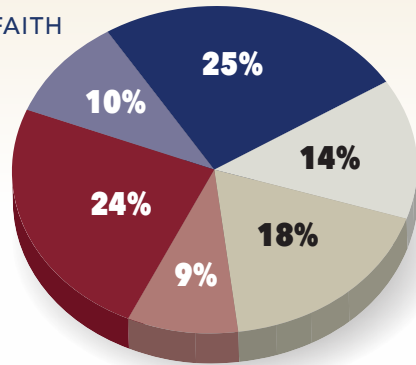


*Light dispels darkness; it enables people to see what they are doing.  
God sent His Holy Spirit to live inside the faithful.*

**MINISTRIES SUPPORTED BY THE FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL**

- Catholic Education
- Pastoral Services
- Catholic Charities
- Communications
- Parish Assistance and Support
- Organizational Expenses



**2023 Appeal Target \$5M**

**WAYS TO GIVE:**

**Gifts to the Appeal** – You may make a gift in the form of a pledge and receive a monthly reminder, or a one-time donation payable at the donor’s discretion.

**Online Bill Pay** – If you utilize this electronic technique to pay bills, add the Faith and Charity Appeal as a recurring payee.

**Credit Card Payment Options** – Payments can be automatically charged to your Amex, Mastercard, Visa, or Discover credit card. To initiate, complete the authorization section on your pledge form.

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**Matching Gifts** – Many companies provide a matching gift program for their current and retired employees to promote charitable giving. Double the impact of your gift! Contact your Human Resources Department to determine if a matching gift program is available.

Please consider a generous gift to your neighbors in the Diocese of Wilmington who are served by our ministries through your donation to our annual Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, “Shining the Light of Christ.” By your generosity, you become a beacon of hope, Shining the Light of Christ.



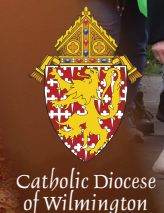
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*"This year, the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is 'Shining the Light of Christ.' We are all responsible for bringing Christ to others. When you support the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, you are Shining the Light of Christ and bringing hope to your neighbors. You are accompanying those on the margins – caring for the poor and vulnerable – proclaiming the gospel through youth, young adult, campus ministries, and Catholic education. Your generosity strengthens our faith community – now and into the future." —Bishop Koenig*

Jesus said – "Shine your light before others" – our Faith and Charity ministries bring the light of Christ's love to our communities. It is a light that comforts, heals, and strengthens.

The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal – *Shining the Light of Christ* – is a call to action, helping us care for the needs of our people and form the next generation of faith-filled leaders for our parishes and the broader community.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Difficult economic times require a high demand for the work of our Catholic Charities ministries. We were called upon more this year than ever to serve those in need in our neighborhoods, schools, and communities.

Our Catholic Charities ministries care for so many physical and emotional needs. One out of eleven people throughout our communities receives some service from Catholic Charities. This year, our 29 different programs served more than 86,000 individuals and families and the numbers continue to grow.

Our many food distribution ministries provide for those struggling with food insecurity. And at the same time that Catholic Charities serve those in need, they also build community and foster relationships. As underserved people gather to receive groceries through one of our mobile food pantries, our volunteers and clients form friendships. The light of people-to-people connection has developed, and a prayer community has been sparked.



### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Through the Diocese's Catholic Education ministries, we support the young Church of today as they are formed to become leaders in our faith, now and in the future. Through our Religious Education, Catholic Schools, Youth, Young Adult, and Campus ministries, we nurture faith enrichment and provide opportunities for nearly 20,000 young people to be Church in our Communities and to Shine the Light of Christ in all they do.

Many of our schools have prayer buddy programs. First and second grade students are partnered with 7th and 8th grade students. The relationship is one that is based in faith. Students build relationships that help them to know someone else is there to support them. Students connect spiritually and enjoy activities together – and the older kids practice being in a role-model situation.

Youth and Young Adult Ministries, Religious Education, and our Catholic Schools provide our young people with opportunities for leadership, retreat experiences, faith enrichment and service opportunities.

Shining the Light of Christ, we strengthen our young Church of today and carry it forward.

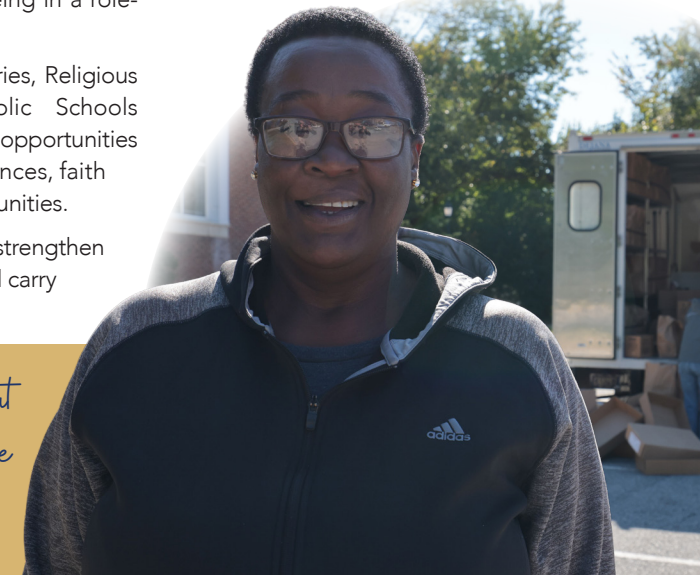


### VOCATIONS

As followers of Christ, we shine the light of the Lord on those around us through our words and actions. We are called to shine the light of Christ for all the world to see.

A special call to shine the light of Christ is through the work of our Office of Vocations. The Office of Vocations encourages, nurtures and guides individuals who will serve our communities as Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers.

Supporting those called to religious life and caring for our seminarians is made possible by support from our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal. Nurturing vocations carries the light of Christ and our Church into the future.



*The Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal ensures that the Light of Christ will shine strong throughout the Diocese of Wilmington. Shining the Light of Christ will support more than 40 ministries that care for our people and strengthen our Catholic faith, now and into the future.*