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April 3, 2023

The light of Christ shines from every corner of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Dear Mr. Sample,

As your bishop, I see our Lord at work in many ways through generous donations to our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal.

Last year, the response to the Appeal was tremendous and I am so grateful for the way that you joined with others in participating in the Appeal. Despite the ongoing challenges presented by Covid, economic uncertainty, and rising inflation, our Diocese came together in faith.

This year's Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal is, '*Shining the Light of Christ.*' And when you support the Appeal, you are Shining the Light of Christ and bringing hope to your neighbors. You are the light of Christ aglow.

You bring the light of Christ's love to our communities through Catholic Charities ministries, Catholic education, and the Office of Vocations. You help the poor and the vulnerable. And you keep hunger at bay for so many.

Mr. Sample, for those of us who call the Diocese of Wilmington home, we are one body united in mission and charity to support and aid each other in our time of need. That is why I ask you to prayerfully consider a generous donation equal to your most recent contribution of \$500, \$750, \$1,000 or more to our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, '*Shining the Light of Christ.*' Remember, for your gift of \$500 or more, you will join the *Circle of Honor*.

Gifts to '*Shining the Light of Christ*' support 40 ministries that serve every community throughout Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Your gift to the Appeal will care for your neighbors in need. And it will be put to work to carry the Catholic Faith forward in the hearts of the next generation.

Your generous gift could be a lifeline to one out of every 11 people in the Diocese who are helped by Catholic Charities. Last year, our programs served more than 86,000 individuals and families. And now with rising costs making people choose between

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2023 FAITH AND CHARITY CATHOLIC APPEAL RESPONSE FORM

Catholic Diocese of Wilmington

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From: John Q. Sample
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To: Bishop Koenig
Diocese of Wilmington



YES, Bishop Koenig, I am glad to contribute to the Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, *Shining the Light of Christ*, with my generous, tax-deductible gift in the amount of:

\$500 \$750 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

I'd like to pledge my gift above in 8 equal installments. Please send me pledge reminders.

Yes, Bishop Koenig, I understand my gift of \$500 or more qualifies me for Membership in the 2023 Circle of Honor.

To donate via check, please make your check out to the **Catholic Diocese of Wilmington**. To donate via credit card, or if you would prefer to donate online, please turn this form over.

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putting food on the table or keeping the water and power on, the need is greater than any we've ever seen.

Last year, when food banks ran out of food, your donation enabled the Diocese to purchase chicken and other food staples to feed the hungry. Your donation this year will help us keep food pantries and trucks stocked with the items people need most.

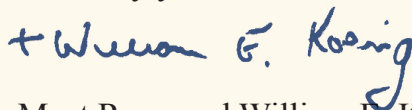
I invite you to also make a donation that will keep the light of Christ and the Catholic Faith alive in the hearts of our youth. Our vibrant Youth and Young Adult Ministries, our Catholic schools, our religious formation classes for young people not enrolled in Catholic schools, our CYO sports programs, and campus ministries engage young people in the Faith and in service to their communities.

In the Gospel of Matthew, our Lord tells us: ***“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”***

In the Diocese of Wilmington, we are a family united in the light of Christ for all to see. And by your stewardship, many good works are accomplished here at home.

Please donate to our Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal, *‘Shining the Light of Christ.’* Together, let’s be a beacon of hope and shine Christ’s light in this Diocese we call home. Thank you and God bless you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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P.S. To help us care for the increased number of people needing assistance – please consider renewing your gift of \$500 to help us continue to serve those most in need. And remember, for your gift of \$500 or more, you will join us the *Circle of Honor*.

CIRCLE OF HONOR GIVING LEVELS

Circle of Friends: \$500 to \$1,868 (Diocese of Wilmington founded 1868)

Circle of Charity: \$1,869 to \$2,499

Circle of Benefactors: \$2,500 to \$4,999

Circle of Grace: \$5,000 to \$9,999

Circle of St. Francis de Sales: \$10,000 and above

The Catholic Dioceses of Wilmington is a 501(c)(3) religious institution. Your personal or corporate contribution is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. If we raise more funds than needed for any given project, your donation will be used to support similar projects.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Charge my annual Faith and Charity Catholic Appeal gift to my: MasterCard Visa Discover AMEX

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Name (Please Print): _____ CVV: _____

Cardholder Signature (Required for Authorization): _____

IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO DONATE ONLINE, PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS.

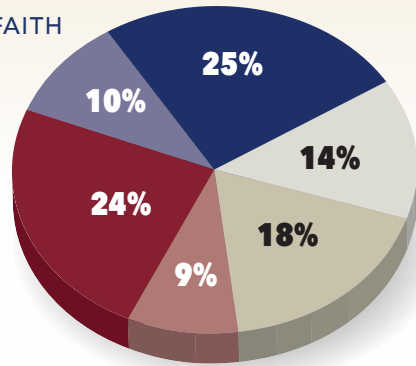
1. Use this URL to track your donation: <https://www.givecentral.org/appeal/XXXXX>
2. Scan this QR code and you will be brought right to our Faith and Charity donation page.
3. Text FAITH to 302-865-7336 and we will text you back the link to the Faith and Charity donation page.
4. If you'd prefer to call to make your donation, please contact the Development Office at 302-865-7336.



*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 Catholic Appeal as a recurring payee.

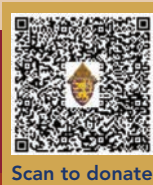
Credit Card Payment Options – Payments can be automatically charged to your Amex, Mastercard, Visa, or Discover credit card. To initiate, complete the authorization section on your pledge form.

Gifts of Securities – The total market value becomes a tax-deductible gift. Contact the diocesan Development Office for transfer instructions.

Individual Retirement Account Contribution – If you are 70½ or older, consider providing your gift through your IRA. For more information, visit <https://cdow.giftlegacy.com> or contact your tax advisor.

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.



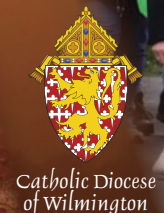
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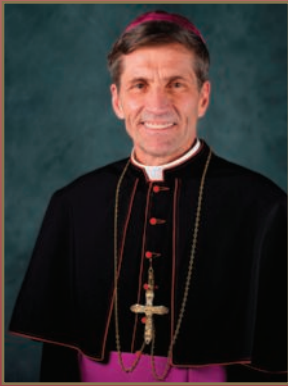


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Light OF  *Christ*





"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.

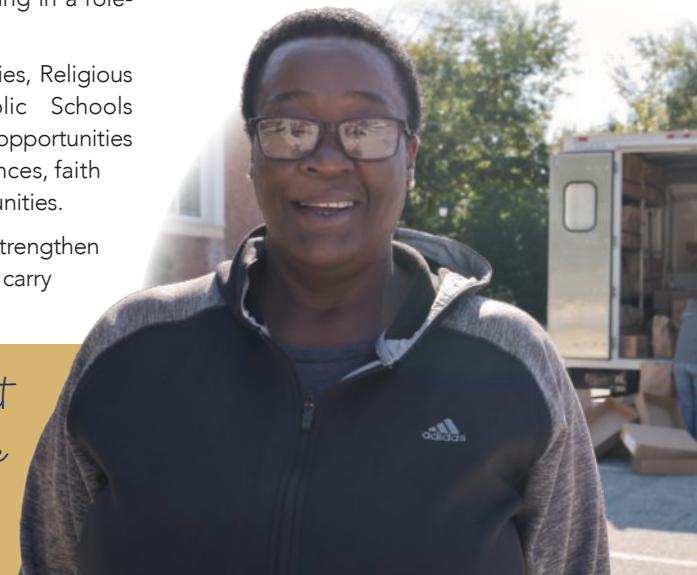


VOCATIONS

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.



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