

A message from the Archbishop

Thank you for your prayers, support, and perseverance in support of the mission of the Church in our Archdiocese of St. Louis. Every year, the *Annual Catholic Appeal* provides us an opportunity to come together to share the saving hope and love of Jesus Christ by funding the life-giving ministries and good works of our local Church.

As Christians, we are called to follow Jesus' example of love, so that others may come to know and love Him. However, He does not leave us to do this alone. He tells us: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (Jn 6:51). Through the Eucharist, we become Christ's Body in the world.

Each day, throughout the archdiocese, countless lives are enriched and transformed in Christ, through the numerous programs and ministries funded by the *Appeal*. I

invite you to join me with your prayers and sacrificial giving in proclaiming the power of Jesus, by supporting this year's *Appeal For the Life of the World*.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Mitchell T. Rozanski

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis

◆ How Your Gift is Used ◆

SERVING OUR PARISHES DIRECTLY

Elementary School Assistance	\$2,000,000
Stewardship and Development Support for Parishes, Schools and Agencies	\$425,000
Office of Peace and Justice	\$140,000
Parish Emergency Assistance Fund	\$100,000
Parish Food Pantries	\$75,000
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	\$50,000
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	\$50,000
Total	\$2,840,000

SERVING OUR YOUTH

Archdiocesan & Parochial High Schools	\$1,416,000
Archdiocesan Seminary	\$500,000
Vocation Programs	\$380,000
Newman Centers on College Campuses	\$265,000
One Classroom	\$210,000
Religious Formation	\$200,000
Special Education	\$200,000
Today and Tomorrow Educational Fund	\$150,000
High School Stewardship Essay Program	\$55,000
Office of Youth Ministry	\$40,000
Total	\$3,416,000

SERVING THE PEOPLE IN OUR PARISHES

Respect Life Apostolate	\$450,000
Evangelization and Discipleship	\$400,000
Adult Faith Formation	\$370,000
Natural Family Planning	\$221,000
Hispanic Ministry	\$200,000
Office of Racial Harmony	\$130,000
Catholic Deaf Ministry	\$112,000
Catholic St. Louis Magazine	\$80,000
Catholic Renewal Center	\$77,000
Elementary Teachers Educational Fund	\$75,000
St. Charles Lwanga Center	\$25,000
Total	\$2,140,000

SERVING THOSE IN NEED

Catholic Charities	\$1,650,000
Rural Parish Clinic	\$325,000
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service	\$155,000
Criminal Justice Ministry	\$75,000
Immigrant and Refugee Ministry	\$60,000
Bridge of Hope Lincoln County	\$50,000
Rural Parish Workers	\$50,000
Archbishop's Charity Fund	\$30,000
Messengers of Peace Mission Work	\$25,000
Meals Program at Sts. Peter & Paul Church	\$15,000
Total	\$2,435,000

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US

Care for Active and Retired Priests	\$974,000
Regina Cleri Priests Retirement Home	\$370,000
Continuing Formation for Priests	\$280,000
Permanent Diaconate	\$100,000
Support for Religious Orders	\$50,000
Total	\$1,774,000

OTHER

Annual Catholic Appeal Expenses	\$1,500,000
Reserve for Unpaid Pledges	\$930,000
Archdiocesan Services	\$465,000
Total	\$2,895,000

2024 Appeal Goal:
\$15,500,000

Approximately **91 cents** of every dollar raised goes back into the community in the form of direct services.

*None of the money raised by the Annual Catholic Appeal is used to defend or settle criminal or civil lawsuits related to the clergy abuse scandal.

Share Christ's love through the ACA!

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* sustains ministries and services that help countless people of all faiths in situations of need and suffering. Your gift will reach thousands and give witness to the call of Jesus "to love as He does...to make ourselves the neighbor of those farthest away, and to love children and the poor as Christ Himself" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1825).

Please consider a gift today.

Ways to Give



MAKE A CONTRIBUTION ONLINE OR AT YOUR PARISH

Online giving is secure and easy. Please visit aca.archstl.org or scan the QR code below for quick access. You can also donate by submitting your pledge card at your parish.

Your sacrificial giving of any amount builds Christ's Church and transforms lives in our parishes, our communities, and throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

STEWARDS OF THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

An easy way to give!

Stewards of the Annual Catholic Appeal are individuals and families who make a monthly commitment through an automatic, recurring transfer from their credit/debit card or bank account. Regular monthly contributions allow you to spread your giving out with 12 equal payments.

SCAN TO GIVE



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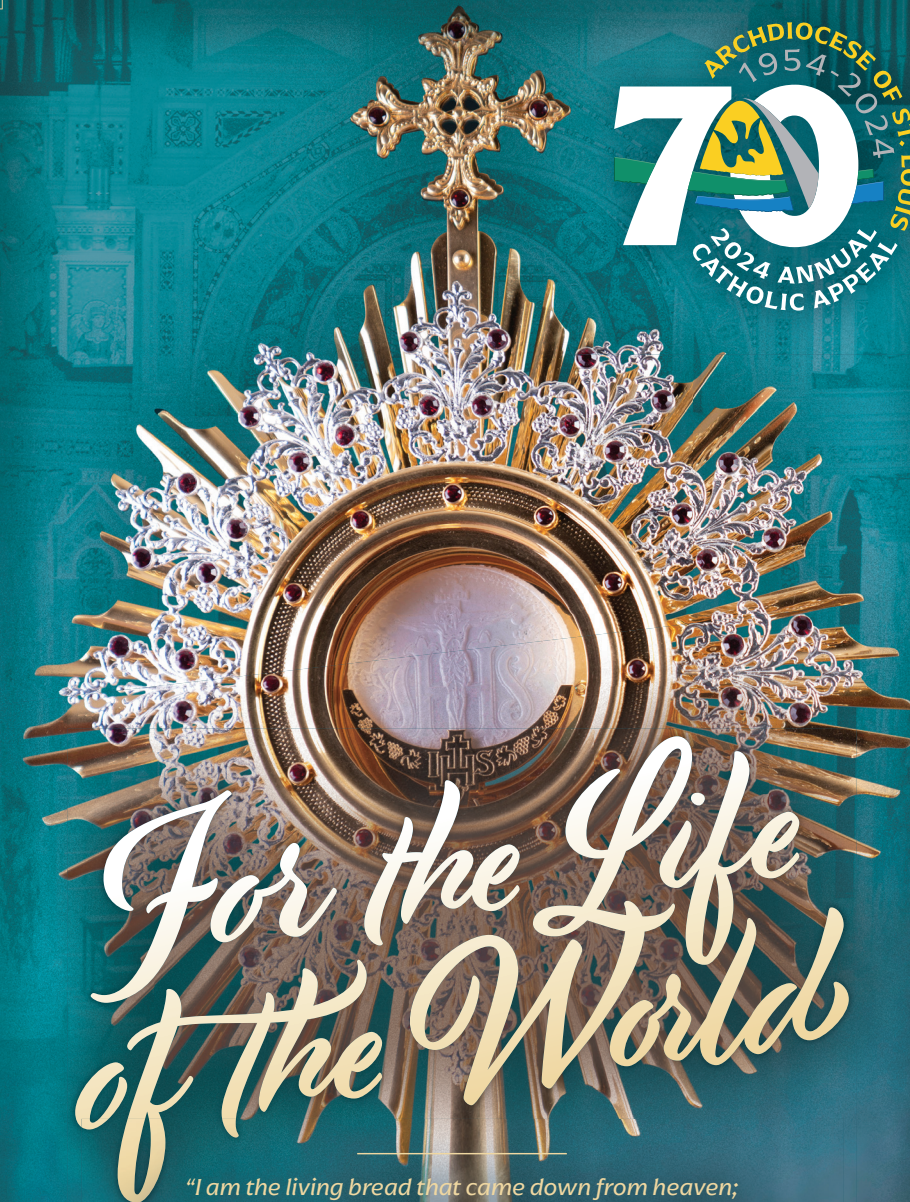
If you are over 70 ½ years old, an IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) allows you to give directly from your IRA to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* with potential tax benefits.

Qualified distributions of up to \$100,000 per year per taxpayer are excluded from your taxable income. Contact your IRA administrator to discuss using your IRA to support the *Annual Catholic Appeal*.



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For the Life of the World

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John 6:51



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Sent forth in mission "For the Life of the World"

The Archdiocese of St. Louis' *Annual Catholic Appeal* allows us to come together to support the mission of the Church *For the Life of the World* through a wide range of vital ministerial, outreach, educational, formation, and discipleship programs and initiatives that bring the light of Christ to so many throughout our communities and in our parishes.



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Serving Those in Need

"Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service has completely changed my life. They put a roof over my head. They taught me responsibility through paying bills, rent, utilities, etc. They provided me with a case manager who has been there for me every step of the way, which no one does. I wouldn't be where I'm at today without their help."

– **Client**, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service

Working with a mission to prevent homelessness and hunger, Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service empowers individuals and families in need with the assistance, resources, and personal support to map out a meaningful plan for self-sufficiency and stability. Clients work to make life-altering changes which positively impact not only their own lives, but our local communities. Programs include Housing Assistance, Food Pantry, Street Outreach, and Adopt-A-Family.

Your sacrificial giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports life-giving ministries that serve the most vulnerable in our communities. Through Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Service, we protect families, especially children, the elderly, and the disabled from the despair, hopelessness, and social injustice caused by poverty.



Providing Hope and Healing

"Most of those who come to the *Abortion Healing Ministry* have suffered the pain of regret, deep sorrow at their loss, and feelings of guilt and remorse for years. They come to us to assist them in this journey of healing, including forgiving themselves, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide them to fully accept God's infinite love and mercy in their lives and becoming fully involved in their Catholic faith and parish life. I have witnessed the profound healing through God's love, forgiveness, and divine mercy to those we serve through the *Abortion Healing Ministry*."

– **Cynthia Haehnel**, Director, *Respect Life Apostolate*,
Abortion Healing Ministry

The *Abortion Healing Ministry* provides a compassionate approach to healing our brothers and sisters impacted by abortion through an integrated archdiocesan-based network of services that includes pastoral counseling, spiritual direction, support groups, retreats, and referrals to licensed mental health professionals.

Your generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal allows us to transform lives through Christ's saving love and mercy. Through the *Abortion Healing Ministry*, we reach out to encounter those suffering in the aftermath of abortion and lead them to encounter forgiveness, healing, and hope in Jesus Christ.



Leading Our Youth to Christ

"Borgia was the place that inspired me to become an educator, and more importantly, taught me how to be a servant of the Lord. I saw how much my teachers helped me grow as an individual, and I wanted to have this same positive and inspiring impact on others. It is an honor to teach at such a caring institution. This is even compounded when we consider how blessed I am to teach my own brother and help him on his journey of growth during this important time in his life."

– **Josh Rohlfing**, Social Studies and Theology Teacher,
St. Francis Borgia High School

St. Francis Borgia High School provides a Catholic education that fosters spiritually, morally, academically, and technologically prepared lifelong learners. It is a community of students, parents, and educators, who learn together, pray together, laugh together, work together, and grow together.

Your stewardship of the Annual Catholic Appeal supports six archdiocesan high schools and two parochial high schools, inviting young people into a relationship with Jesus Christ, welcoming them into the life of the Church, and forming them to contribute to the common good as active and caring members of society.