

Love your neighbor as yourself

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My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Our theme for the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, **"Love Your Neighbor As Yourself,"** reminds us to actively share God's bountiful love with all of those around us.

As we look to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please reflect on your personal experiences of God's love, and participate again, or for the first time, in this year's Appeal. It is through your generosity that the ministries funded by this campaign are able to thrive and help more people experience God's unfailing love for them.

I invite you to learn more about the work of our Office of Vocations and how they walk with those called to the priesthood or religious life. Read about the work being done to bridge cultural divides, efforts to strengthen our families, and programs to help our neighbors in need. These tangible examples show the important work being done in central and north Georgia – only made possible by your generous donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful giving and support of our community. May you be blessed beyond measure for all your goodness!

Gratefully in Christ,

Wilton D. Gregory

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FAQs about Giving

What is the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal?

The Archdiocese of Atlanta conducts an annual campaign (as is the case in most dioceses in the United States) to help fund the work of its offices and ministries throughout north and central Georgia. The Appeal commences in January and concludes in December of 2017. The Appeal will include an in-pew pledge process usually held on the two weekends prior to Ash Wednesday.

What is the in-pew process and why are we using it?

The in-pew process is designed to reach parishioners directly in their seats at Mass. Parishioners will be directed through the process step-by-step by the pastor or his designee as representatives of the Archbishop. It is used because it gives parishioners who may not be registered in a parish or who did not respond to the Archbishop's letter an opportunity to participate.

Why should people give?

We should give because we are grateful for the gifts that God has given us in our lives and because of the great good that our giving brings to the world.

I already support my parish. Isn't that enough?

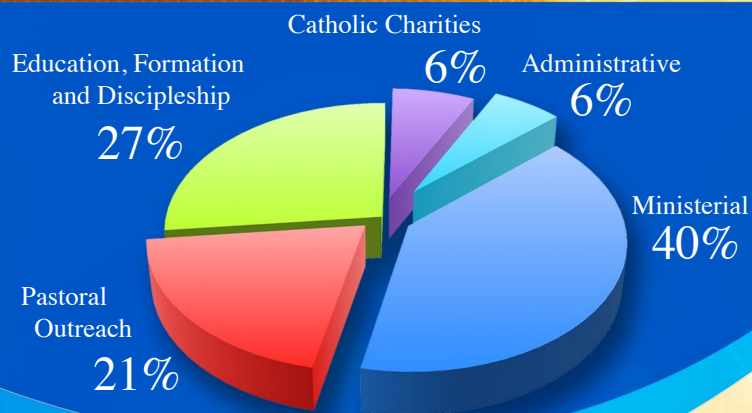
The Annual Appeal provides the opportunity to support our wider Church family, the Archdiocese of Atlanta, as well as our own parish ministries. When we say the Creed, we reaffirm the fact that we are members of the "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." We are saying that we believe that every parish and every parishioner is responsible not only for his or her parish, but also for the well-being of the Church throughout the archdiocese and the world.

What should I give to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal?

Jesus Himself gave us a guideline, "Share from your substance, not from your surplus." You are the best judge of what this means for you—not just what you can afford, but what God is calling you to do. We do offer a guide—at least one percent of your income to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, five percent to your parish, and four percent to other charities and/or second collections, but always giving according to your means.

How will my gift benefit the parishes outside of metropolitan Atlanta?

The offices of the archdiocese are available to provide support to all parishes regardless of location. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal funded the education of priests currently serving in your parish. Catechists who are teaching the children of your parish receive training and support through our Office of Formation and Discipleship. Engaged couples receive pre-marital counseling retreats. All of these are examples of the wide variety of services provided by archdiocesan offices and ministries to parishes and parishioners across the archdiocese.



Ministries & Offices Supported by the



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Ministerial - \$3,180,000

Seminarian Education	2,100,000
Permanent Diaconate	330,000
Priest Support and Retirement Care	640,000
Priest Continuing Formation	110,000

Pastoral Outreach - \$1,680,000

Life, Dignity and Justice	
<i>Respect Life Ministry</i>	115,000
<i>Peace and Justice Ministries</i>	115,000
<i>Prison and Jail Ministry</i>	115,000
<i>Disabilities Ministry</i>	115,000
Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity	320,000
Youth and Child Protection	110,000
Hospital Ministry	50,000
Metropolitan Tribunal	420,000
Parish and Mission Support	265,000
Cemeteries	50,000

Education, Formation and Discipleship - \$2,140,000

Under-Resourced School Support	500,000
Parish Pre-School Programs	50,000
Campus Ministry	535,000
Religious Education	275,000
Youth and Young Adult Ministry	165,000
Marriage and Family Ministry	225,000
Pastoral Care Ministry	225,000
Eucharistic Congress	165,000

Catholic Charities - \$500,000

Refugee Resettlement Services	150,000
Immigration Services	150,000
Family Stabilization	200,000
<i>Veterans Case Management</i>	
<i>Housing Counseling</i>	
<i>Foreclosure Intervention</i>	
<i>English Language Instruction</i>	
<i>Counseling</i>	

Administrative Costs - \$500,000

Goal — \$8,000,000

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Knowing Our Faith

Building Strong Catholic Families

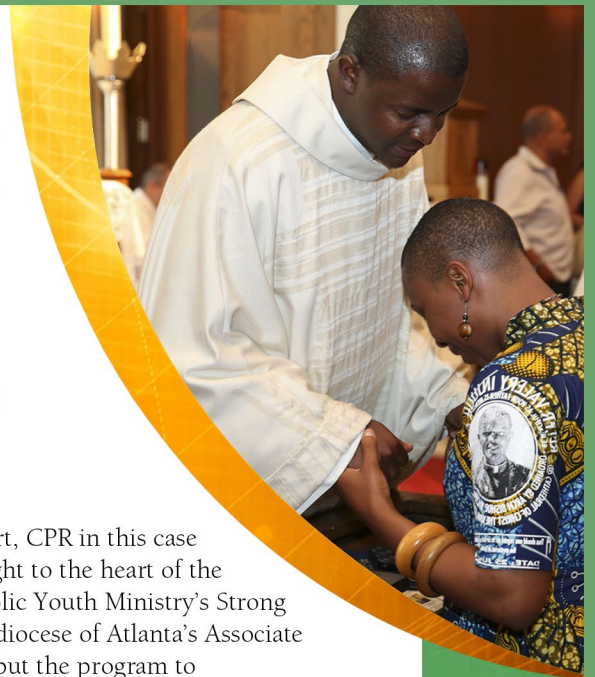
Katherine Angulo

Associate Director of Youth Ministry
Office of Formation & Discipleship

Though usually referring to resuscitating someone's heart, CPR in this case represents Catholic Parent Revival and jump starts straight to the heart of the family - the parents. As a program of the National Catholic Youth Ministry's Strong Catholic Families Initiative, Katherine Angulo, the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Associate Director of Youth Ministry, has worked nationally to debut the program to Spanish-speaking parents in the Archdiocese of Atlanta, providing parents with a time to pray, be encouraged, and leave with renewed hope in God and their family.

"Catholic Parent Revival is a time to lift up family issues and learn to pray for your family."

—Katherine Angulo



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Spreading/Keeping the Faith

The Office of Vocations

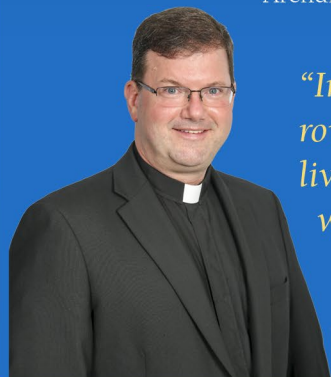
Fr. Tim Hepburn

Director of Vocations

As Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, one of the many roles of Fr. Tim Hepburn is to help ensure that the archdiocese has well-formed priests, genuinely responding to the call to serve the Catholic Church of central and north Georgia. With one-third of the current seminarians coming from other countries, Fr. Hepburn works to recruit and support men locally and beyond to best serve all of the people in the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

"In my role as Vocations Director, I get a front row seat to watch God's amazing work in people's lives. I get to sit with people as they tell me what God is doing for them.

It's an incredible job." —Fr. Tim Hepburn



A donation to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal promotes and develops cultural awareness and sensitivity through the archdiocesan Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity (OIED). The initiatives of OIED enable clergy, archdiocesan chancery personnel, parish staff, and ministry leaders to better understand and answer the pastoral needs of our ever-growing number of diverse parishioners and parochial communities.

The Evolution of Our Parishes

Thomas Fagbamiye

Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity

Coming from Nigeria to Atlanta in 1985, Thomas Fagbamiye believes that each person has something unique to bring to the Eucharistic celebration of the Church. Focused on cultural skill building, Thomas recently completed a six-week online course in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity and the University of Dallas. Entitled "Weaving Together a Culturally Diverse Church," the course seeks to help leaders like Thomas become bridge-builders between diverse cultures in their communities.

"The Church is universal. The Eucharist is the same in every language." –Thomas Fagbamiye

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A donation to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal encourages individuals, parishes, and the larger community to answer God's call to love and care for one another through Justice & Peace Ministries in the Office of Life, Dignity & Justice. All communities, such as veterans, immigrants, and those with HIV/AIDS, are supported by the work of Justice and Peace Ministries, who serve all through education and action rooted in the Gospel.

Living Our Faith

Service as a Family

The Faas Family: Mark and Jenn Faas; Delaney (14), Logan (11), Kerrigan (8), Patrick (4), Charlie (1)

St. James the Apostle

Justice & Peace Ministries

For Mark and Jenn Faas, parishioners at St. James the Apostle in McDonough, teaching their children the importance of helping others is a vital part of living their Catholic faith. Through their participation in Starve Wars at the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Eucharistic Congress, sponsored by Justice & Peace Ministries and Catholic Relief Services, Mark, Jenn, and their five children ages 1 to 14, were able to pack meals together. While scooping rice, sealing bags, dancing, and wearing hair nets, the Faas family joined approximately 500 others from more than 50 parishes across the archdiocese in completing and packing 100,000 meals to be sent to Burkina Faso in West Africa.

"It's a fun way to do something to help others. People can die of starvation. You could save people's lives." –Logan Faas, 11





FAQs about Parish Goals and Rebates

How is each parish goal determined?

Each parish goal is eight percent of offertory from the fiscal year that ended 1½ years prior to the start of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

What happens if my parish reaches its goal?

One hundred percent of any money collected over goal is returned to the parish assessment-free. Ninety percent is sent to the parish and ten percent is allocated to the parish endowment at the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia.

What happens if we don't reach our goal?

If a parish does not reach its goal in collected money, it must make up the shortfall from parish operating funds.



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2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Giving Levels

Affirm the support of donors to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Archbishop's Circle*	_____	\$20,000 or more
Benefactor*	_____	\$10,000 - \$19,999.99
Patron*	_____	\$5,000 - \$9,999.99
Supporter*	_____	\$2,500 - \$4,999.99
Circle of Charity	_____	\$1,500 - \$2,499.99
Circle of Faith	_____	\$1,000 - \$1,499.99
Circle of Hope	_____	\$500 - \$999.99
Circle of Mercy	_____	\$250 - \$499.99
Friends of the Archdiocese	_____	Up to \$249.99

The Lumen Christi Society

Those giving levels indicated with an asterisk (*) above are recognized as Lumen Christi Society Members. These are women and men whose examples of stewardship stand as a shining example before Christ.

At the Easter Vigil Mass, after the new fire has been blessed outside the church, the Lumen Christi is the candle that brings light from the new fire of Christ to the Paschal Candle. Christ calls us to be the light of the world:

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." Mt 5:14-16



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90 parishes and 14 missions enriching
over 1,000,000 Catholics, 214 diocesan
priests and 75 religious priests,
70 women and men religious,
260 permanent deacons,
56 seminarians. 11,642 students are being
served in our 15 archdiocesan elementary
schools, 3 archdiocesan high schools,
7 independent Catholic schools.
46,088 students in parish religious
education programs and 15 college campus
ministries

Outreach and evangelization to
over 7 million people in north
and central Georgia.



This is a sample pledge card. You will be given an opportunity to join in support of the 2017
Archbishop's Annual Appeal at your parish on Commitment Weekend, February 18-19, 2017.
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☐ New Address Parish Name: _____ Parish City: _____

Title (e.g., Mr., Mrs., etc.), First Name Last Name

Spouse's First Name Spouse's Last Name (if different)

Home Address Apt. #

City State Zip Code

Home Phone Cell Phone

☐ I have already given to the Appeal through the mail or online. (Please DO NOT fill in pledge box on right.)

☐ I do not wish to participate at this time.

☐ I would like to receive my pledge reminder Monthly Quarterly Year End

☐ I would like to receive monthly pledge reminders via email to help conserve paper and postage.

Email Address: (print clearly) _____

Circle of Faith

- ☐ \$1,250.00\$125/month based on 10 payments
- ☐ \$1,000.00\$100/month based on 10 payments

Circle of Hope

- ☐ \$750.00\$75/month based on 10 payments
- ☐ \$500.00\$50/month based on 10 payments

Circle of Mercy

- ☐ \$250.00\$25/month based on 10 payments

Other Gift Giving Levels

- ☐ \$200.00\$20/month based on 10 payments
- ☐ Other\$

Total Amount Pledged \$

Amount Enclosed \$

Balance to Be Paid \$

Please make checks payable to: **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**



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Parish Goals

All Saints	Dunwoody	\$182,500
Basilica of the Sacred Heart	Atlanta	\$87,200
Cathedral of Christ the King	Atlanta	\$489,200
Christ Our Hope	Lithonia	\$23,100
Christ Our King & Savior	Greensboro	\$56,200
Christ Redeemer	Dawsonville	\$32,900
Corpus Christi	Stone Mountain	\$79,000
Good Samaritan	Ellijay	\$20,100
Good Shepherd	Cumming	\$119,200
Holy Cross	Atlanta	\$126,100
Holy Family	Marietta	\$97,500
Holy Spirit	Atlanta	\$330,600
Holy Trinity	Peachtree City	\$210,800
Holy Vietnamese Martyrs	Norcross	\$41,900
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Atlanta	\$130,300
Korean Martyrs	Doraville	\$48,400
Mary Our Queen	Peachtree Corners	\$59,100
Most Blessed Sacrament	Atlanta	\$19,000
Our Lady of LaSalette	Canton	\$35,200
Our Lady of Lourdes	Atlanta	\$106,000
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Carrollton	\$44,300
Our Lady of the Assumption	Atlanta	\$190,000
Our Lady of the Mount	Lookout Mountain	\$39,700
Our Lady of the Mountains	Jasper	\$43,000
Our Lady of Vietnam	Riverdale	\$37,200
Prince of Peace	Flowery Branch	\$198,500
Queen of Angels	Thomson	\$10,900
Sacred Heart	Griffin	\$17,600
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Hartwell	\$19,700
Sacred Heart	Milledgeville	\$31,300
Shrine of the Immaculate Conception	Atlanta	\$43,600
St. Andrew	Roswell	\$75,100
St. Andrew Kim Mission	Duluth	\$44,800
St. Ann	Marietta	\$255,800
St. Anna	Monroe	\$33,000
St. Anthony of Padua	Atlanta	\$34,000
St. Anthony	Blue Ridge	\$18,500
St. Augustine	Covington	\$24,900
St. Benedict	Duluth	\$190,100
St. Bernadette	Cedartown	\$14,200
St. Brendan	Cumming	\$140,400
St. Brigid	Johns Creek	\$295,200
St. Catherine Laboure	Commerce	\$21,600
St. Catherine of Siena	Kennesaw	\$155,300
St. Clare of Assisi Mission	Acworth	\$42,800
St. Clement	Calhoun	\$36,200
St. Elizabeth Seton Mission	Warm Springs	\$1,600
St. Francis De Sales	Mableton	\$25,000
St. Francis of Assisi	Blairsville	\$39,400
St. Francis of Assisi	Cartersville	\$38,500
St. Gabriel	Fayetteville	\$64,200
St. George	Newnan	\$62,400
St. Gerard	Fort Oglethorpe	\$18,200
St. Helena	Clayton	\$16,800
St. James Mission	Madison	\$16,400
St. James the Apostle	McDonough	\$102,200
St. John Neumann	Lilburn	\$107,200
St. John the Evangelist	Hapeville	\$43,900
St. John Vianney	Lithia Springs	\$61,900
St. Joseph	Athens	\$59,600
St. Joseph	Dalton	\$46,400
St. Joseph	Marietta	\$225,700
St. Joseph	Washington	\$6,200
St. Jude the Apostle	Atlanta	\$214,700
St. Katherine Drexel Mission	Lawrenceville	\$3,000

St. Lawrence
St. Luke the Evangelist
St. Marguerite D'Youville
St. Mark
St. Mary
St. Mary
St. Mary Mission
St. Mary Magdalene
St. Mary Mother of God
St. Matthew
St. Matthew
St. Michael
St. Michael the Archangel
St. Monica
St. Oliver Plunkett
St. Patrick
St. Paul of the Cross
St. Paul the Apostle
St. Peter
St. Peter Chanel
St. Peter the Rock
St. Philip Benizi
St. Pius X
St. Stephen the Martyr
St. Theresa
St. Thomas Aquinas
St. Thomas More
St. Thomas the Apostle
St. Vincent De Paul
Sts. Peter & Paul
Transfiguration
UGA Catholic Center

Lawrenceville	\$167,100
Dahlonega	\$30,800
Lawrenceville	\$34,300
Clarkesville	\$21,000
Rome	\$76,900
Toccoa	\$10,700
Hartwell	\$4,800
Newnan	\$73,100
Jackson	\$16,600
Tyrone	\$70,000
Winder	\$44,300
Gainesville	\$60,600
Woodstock	\$139,600
Duluth	\$148,300
Snellville	\$99,700
Norcross	\$50,300
Atlanta	\$39,600
Cleveland	\$29,800
LaGrange	\$33,000
Roswell	\$247,800
The Rock	\$14,200
Jonesboro	\$111,500
Conyers	\$76,900
Lilburn	\$52,400
Douglasville	\$67,600
Alpharetta	\$176,300
Decatur	\$127,300
Smyrna	\$162,200
Dallas	\$38,000
Decatur	\$42,700
Marietta	\$229,100
Athens	\$49,200

Make your pledge on Commitment Weekend, February 18-19, 2017

Small monthly payments can add up to a sizeable gift. You may make a pledge on Commitment Weekend and pay in up to 10 monthly installments.

All pledges must be paid by Dec. 31, 2017.

We will send you
monthly reminders.

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