

UNITED CATHOLIC APPEAL

Christ Our Hope

See how your gift makes a difference in the lives of others.



Proclaiming
the Word of God

\$337,000 | Young Adult Ministry & Campus Ministry

Supports young adult ministry programs like the Bishop's Bash, Theology on Tap, 40 Days for Life and the mission of creating a greater culture of vocation and Catholic identity in and through the lives of young adult Catholics. Also supports the programs and activities on 12 college campuses that connect Catholic college students with their faith and each other during this transformational time of life. This support helps close the funding gap to operate small group sessions, service opportunities, and other events sponsored by young adult ministry and college campus ministries.

\$274,000 | Intercultural Ministry

Helps respond to the needs of immigrants through activities that are respectful to the culture and enriching to their lives, and promotes increased awareness of ethnic strengths and diversity within the archdiocese through parish services and other intercultural approaches to ethnic and cultural diversity. Also supports the Institute of Pastoral Training in training spiritual directors for the diverse cultural communities throughout the archdiocese.

\$291,000 | Parish Catechetical Programs

Serves more than 20,000 parishioners each year, including 12,000 students in pre-school through grade 8 in religious education catechetical programs. More than half of all parishes also serve students with special needs through SPRED (Special Religious

Development) groups. Such programs prepare youth for first reconciliation, first communion and confirmation. Programs are coordinated by nearly 150 paid and volunteer parish administrators of religious education with over 2,000 volunteer catechists. Over 100 parishes benefit from the training available to assist with adult education programs serving nearly 15,000 adults.

\$241,000 | Pro-Life & Family Life Ministry

Supports educational, pastoral and advocacy programs for families through marriage preparation, natural family planning, substance abuse, Birthline, and bereavement programs; promotes human dignity from conception to natural death through pro-life services and prayer activities, and provides support for ministries focused on spiritual health and recovery from divorce.

\$258,000 | Youth Ministry

Supports the youth ministry staff and 65 full-time, part-time and volunteer youth ministers in professional development and the implementation of mission projects, youth conferences like the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC), Indianapolis Catholic Youth Conference (ICYC), pilgrimage programs supporting A Promise to Keep, and other spiritual enrichment experiences that serve nearly 3,000 youth annually.

\$728,000 | Office of Catholic Schools

Provides guidance, support, training, and processes for curriculum development, school accreditation and improvement, special education, institutional advancement, school safety, and leadership development for the more than 2,000 Catholic school teachers and administrators entrusted with educating 24,000 students in 68 schools throughout the archdiocese.



Celebrating
the Sacraments

\$171,000 | Diaconate Formation

Supports discernment sessions and the formation process for the more than 20 men who are currently candidates in the diaconate program.

\$1.8 Million | Clergy Retirement

Provides retirement benefits and support for the care of more than 40 retired priests, while also helping to fully fund the Clergy Retirement Fund that will serve all archdiocesan priests who have faithfully served the archdiocese.

\$770,000 | Seminarian Education & Programs

Supports the education, programs and activities of the more than 20 seminarians attending Bishop Simon Bruté College and Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology.

\$412,000 | Clergy Sabbaticals, Studies & Retreats

Provides educational classes, retreats and meetings for priests and assists parishes and clergy with the cost of sabbaticals. Funding also allows for extensive study opportunities in Rome for advance studies in the areas of Canon Law and Moral Theology.



Responding
with Charity

\$541,000 | Catholic Charities Programs & Services

Provides support for the five regional Catholic Charities agencies and their programs and services. Family counseling, caregiver support, adult day services, school social work, community training on mental health and youth substance abuse, transitional housing, outreach counseling, maternity and new mother support, hot meals, and household budgeting classes benefit more than 180,000 people annually.

\$573,000 | Notre Dame ACE Academies

Provides tuition assistance for those students most in need who attend the archdiocesan Notre Dame ACE Academies (formerly Mother Theodore Catholic Academies).

Please prayerfully consider making a gift to the United Catholic Appeal.

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Pope Francis tells us that the Lord's most powerful message is one of mercy. We can be renewed by God's love and mercy in not only transforming our own lives, but also the lives of others by being agents of this love and mercy.

Through the United Catholic Appeal, we are called to live a life of stewardship by supporting and strengthening the ministry programs that support Proclaiming the Word of God, Celebrating the Sacraments and Responding with Charity. Each one of us must be the face of mercy to others by being true friends of Jesus through a genuine love that shines forth through real actions.

Everything we do
is rooted in love and
Mercy