

LIVING *the* EUCHARIST

2023 CATHOLIC APPEAL



“We cannot break bread on Sunday if our hearts are closed to our brothers and sisters.” —Pope Francis

The Eucharist is the “source and summit of Christian life.” It is where we experience Christ’s love and are nurtured by it. It brings us into an intimate communion with the living God and, as Pope Francis has said, if we embrace that encounter, it transforms “our life into a gift to God and to our brothers.”

Through the Eucharist, we are united with Christ and are meant to grow more and more like Him. That includes helping us to grow in charity towards others. We are not only called to celebrate, receive, and adore the Eucharist but, also, to live it.

One way we can do that is by giving to the annual Catholic Appeal. The appeal supports programs and ministries around the diocese that embrace the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, visiting the sick, visiting the imprisoned, instructing the ignorant, and comforting the sorrowful, among others.

Thanks to your generosity, \$3,304,360 was distributed to ministries across Maine in the 2021-2022 fiscal year. The pie chart and program descriptions and stories on the following pages will help you to know how your contributions have helped in the past and where they will be allocated in the future.

Donations to the Catholic Appeal may be made online at www.portlanddiocese.org/giving/make-gift or by scanning the QR code.

You may also use the envelope included in this issue of *Harvest* or the envelopes that you will soon find in the pews. If you would like more information, contact Mike Sullivan at 207.321.7835. Thank you for your support.



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Thousands of people across Maine are served each year through your gifts to the Catholic Appeal. Below, you will find brief summaries of the many programs and ministries the appeal supports.

● **Campus Ministry**

Campus ministry provides an opportunity to engage and uplift young adults at a critical stage of their lives, when many are away from parental influence for the first time. Through campus ministry, students have the opportunity to participate in Bible study, eucharistic adoration, faith sharing, service opportunities, and more. The Catholic Appeal supports campus ministry at six public and private colleges and universities in Maine: Bates College in Lewiston, Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Colby College in Waterville, the University of Maine in Farmington, the University of Maine in Orono, and the University of New England in Biddeford. This includes providing funding that allows Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS missionaries) to be present on the Orono campus.

● **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**

As the mother church of our diocese and the seat of the bishop, the cathedral hosts many diocesan liturgies and ceremonies, such as the Chrism Mass during Holy Week and the upcoming neophyte Mass. The appeal assists the parish with some of the resulting costs.

● **Catholic Charities Maine**

Catholic Charities Maine has more than 20 ministries and programs serving people of all ages from across the state. Several of those programs receive support from the Catholic Appeal. They include Independent Support Services and Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage and Hope (SEARCH), two programs that provide seniors with assistance so they can remain in their homes. Many seniors also benefit from Hunger & Relief Services, which includes the Catholic Charities Food Bank in Caribou. The food bank supplies 28 pantries in Aroostook, northern Penobscot, and Washington

counties. A far-reaching program, Parish Social Ministry (PSM) partners with parishes to identify, develop, or enhance programs that serve the community. Relief & Hope Services, a division of PSM, helps people facing emergency situations. With the state battling an opioid crisis, Catholic Charities’ Behavioral Health Network Southern Region includes several programs that offer treatment and counseling to those with mental illness, opioid addiction, or related issues. Catholic Charities Maine Refugee and Immigration Service is dedicated to helping those newly arrived in Maine become productive members of our communities. The St. Louis Child Development Center in Biddeford offers affordable, quality childcare, while Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children serves hundreds of children and teens from Fort Kent to Kittery.

● **Catholic Schools**

Our seven parish-based schools, as well as Saint Dominic Academy, Maine’s only pre-K-12 Catholic school, seek to educate the whole student, grounding them in faith, helping them strive for academic excellence, and teaching them to embrace Christ’s call to service. The appeal supports the schools by covering the cost of lay teacher pensions, providing grants to parishes and clusters with schools, and by funding the Office of Catholic Schools.

● **Christian Life Center**

The Christian Life Center in Frenchville is celebrating its 50th year of providing spiritual enrichment to the people of Aroostook County. The newly renovated center offers eucharistic adoration, retreats, and other opportunities for teens, newly married couples, adults, and seniors.

● **Clergy Relief & Development**

Through the appeal, resources are provided to foster the ongoing intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral formation of priests. On behalf of the bishop, the vicar for priests provides pastoral care to the priests of the diocese to ensure their personal and ministerial well-being. The appeal also provides for the care of priests who

are on medical leave, ensuring their salary, health insurance, and pension continue while they are not serving at a parish.

Communications

Dedicated to evangelization, the Office of Communications uses traditional and social media to share stories and information about ministries, services, and events throughout the diocese. The office also offers guidance and support to parishes and schools in their communications efforts.

Deaf Ministry

The diocese offers interpreted Masses on the second Sunday of each month at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Portland.

Development Office

The Office of Development works to build up the financial resources of the diocese and parishes so they may continue to help Catholics embrace their call to celebrate, receive, adore, and live the Eucharist.

Harvest

Sent to nearly 40,000 households across Maine, *Harvest* shares stories of faith from around the state, includes authentic Catholic teaching, and showcases the many programs and ministries of our parishes, schools, cemeteries, and offices.

Hispanic Ministry

The Office of Hispanic Ministry continues to expand its outreach throughout Maine and now offers Mass in Spanish in seven communities. The office also offers

sacramental preparation, faith formation for adults and children, and prayer and faith-enriching opportunities such as Stations of the Cross during Lent and an annual celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. According to the most recent census, there are nearly 28,000 members of the Hispanic community in Maine.

Hospital Chaplaincy

The appeal allows priest and lay chaplains to be present at Maine's largest secular hospitals including Central Maine Medical Center in Lewiston, Maine Medical Center in Portland, MaineGeneral Health in Augusta, Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, and Southern Maine Health Care in Biddeford and Sanford. The chaplains bring Christ's presence to patients and their families through prayer, conversation, and the Eucharist. Priest chaplains also help patients experience healing through the sacrament of reconciliation and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. The chaplains also provide support to hospital staff.

Lifelong Faith Formation

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation guides evangelization and catechesis of the faithful so each may know and love Jesus Christ and fully participate in the life and mission of the Church. The office provides support and resources to priests, pastoral life coordinators, catechetical leaders, youth ministers, and others involved in faith formation and sacramental preparation for all ages. It

also offers programs such as the Catholic Youth Leadership Team and events such as Catholic men's and women's conferences.

Prison Ministry

Chaplaincies supported by the appeal provide catechetical and spiritual opportunities for inmates at the Maine State Prison in Warren and the Maine Correctional Center in Windham.

Saint André Home

The appeal supports the work of Saint André Home's CourageLIVES, Maine's first and only residential treatment program for women who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation. Through counseling services, substance abuse treatment, vocational training, and mentor support, CourageLIVES helps women rebuild their lives. It also offers outpatient services and a long-term support network.

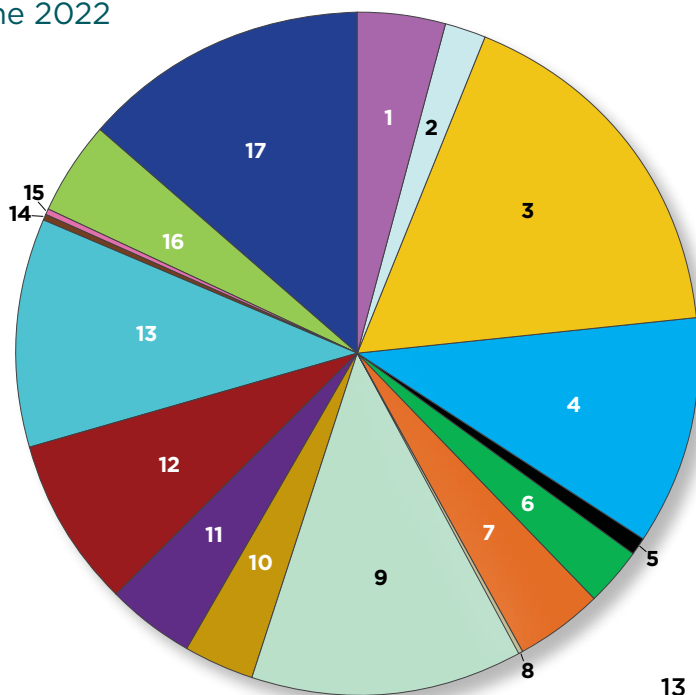
Tribunal

The Department of Canonical Services provides expertise about canon law to the bishop, priests, religious, and laity of the diocese, ensuring that it is being implemented correctly and that the rights of the faithful are protected. The office includes the tribunal, a diocesan court, which primarily hears cases involving prior marriage bonds. The tribunal helps individuals resume full participation in the sacramental life of the Church and to deepen their union with God by removing, when possible, impediments that may exist.

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending June 2022

1	Campus Ministry	\$140,020	4.24%
2	Cathedral Parish	\$57,520	1.74%
3	Catholic Charities Maine	\$514,440	15.57%
4	Catholic Schools Office & School Grants	\$367,300	11.12%
5	Christian Life Center	\$19,780	0.60%
6	Clergy Relief & Development	\$92,740	2.81%
7	Communications	\$128,410	3.89%
8	Deaf Ministry	\$650	0.02%
9	Development	\$454,060	13.74%
10	Harvest Magazine	\$123,300	3.73%
11	Hispanic Ministry	\$199,070	6.02%
12	Hospital Chaplains	\$287,070	8.69%
13	Lifelong Faith Formation	\$345,560	10.46%
14	Prison Ministry	\$9,120	0.28%
15	St. André Home	\$8,790	0.26%
16	Teacher Pensions	\$135,010	4.09%
17	Tribunal	\$421,520	12.76%
TOTAL:		\$3,304,360	



2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PARISH TOTALS

Parish	2022 Total	2022 Gift Count	2021 Total	2021 Gift Count
All Saints Brunswick	\$185,345	499	\$150,110	506
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	\$116,632	167	\$122,796	161
Christ the Divine Mercy	\$20,819	121	\$22,190	141
Christ the King	\$31,060	107	\$29,044	116
Corpus Christi	\$168,854	510	\$163,582	551
Good Shepherd	\$169,003	562	\$145,486	516
Holy Family	\$13,952	44	\$11,954	47
Holy Spirit	\$156,882	375	\$143,483	342
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$53,305	170	\$60,333	188
Notre Dame du Mont Carmel	\$28,820	143	\$22,347	122
Our Lady of Hope	\$65,031	240	\$89,302	260
Our Lady of the Eucharist	\$18,260	73	\$21,930	68
Our Lady of the Lakes	\$15,065	40	\$14,850	48
Our Lady of the Snows	\$25,614	95	\$18,532	84
Our Lady of the Valley	\$16,728	67	\$13,489	62
Parish of the Ascension of the Lord	\$73,025	193	\$80,133	225
Parish of the Holy Eucharist	\$381,548	381	\$405,904	446
Parish of the Holy Savior	\$35,323	108	\$29,465	105
Parish of the Precious Blood	\$69,140	273	\$91,258	295
Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord	\$60,349	186	\$53,370	195
Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord	\$88,040	32	\$66,379	32
Prince of Peace	\$164,679	735	\$191,953	793
Sacred Heart/Saint Dominic	\$11,537	40	\$11,389	44
St. Agnes - Island Falls	\$5,719	20	\$2,605	21
St. Agnes - Pittsfield	\$10,480	37	\$8,270	38
St. Anthony of Padua - Jackman	\$5,025	17	\$6,335	22
St. Anthony of Padua - Westbrook	\$140,146	369	\$137,518	439
St. Benedict	\$10,395	26	\$9,336	21
St. Brendan the Navigator	\$74,690	188	\$83,837	229
St. Christopher	\$17,725	20	\$15,880	21
St. Gregory the Great Latin Mass Chaplaincy			\$3,460	20
St. John Paul II	\$136,699	387	\$137,038	418
St. John Vianney	\$67,460	243	\$65,052	221
St. Joseph - Bridgton	\$46,616	98	\$36,960	100
St. Joseph - Ellsworth	\$28,676	61	\$29,496	80
St. Joseph - Farmington	\$21,821	69	\$26,047	82
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	\$32,392	96	\$27,240	87
St. Louis	\$8,800	27	\$6,850	22
St. Mary of the Visitation	\$22,166	66	\$18,245	60
St. Matthew	\$29,112	96	\$41,530	134
St. Michael	\$182,944	438	\$287,235	516
St. Paul the Apostle	\$250,297	707	\$245,048	728
St. Peter	\$16,605	79	\$15,667	84
St. Peter Chanel	\$10,065	34	\$9,872	34
St. Peter the Fisherman	\$19,295	51	\$12,623	45
St. Rose of Lima	\$50,295	104	\$46,690	115
St. Teresa of Calcutta	\$68,677	94	\$71,763	114
St. Thérèse of Lisieux	\$66,787	306	\$85,507	330
Stella Maris	\$23,670	61	\$29,575	77
Christmas	\$9,030	222	\$11,400	290
Anonymous	\$75,118	217	\$8,784	83
TOTALS:	\$3,399,716	9,294	\$3,439,141	9,778