

Together in Christ

We have perhaps never spent as much time physically apart as in the past year. But while the COVID-19 pandemic has left us socially distanced, something far more enduring continues to draw us together: our faith in Christ.

“We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters, as members of a common family,” Pope Francis says.

The pandemic has brought much heartache and loss. It has also made evident our dependence on one another. Where would we be without the sacrifices and commitment of health-care workers and other first responders, teachers, priests, supermarket workers, volunteers, and so many others?

One of the ways that many of you stepped up to respond to the crisis was by supporting the vital programs and ministries funded by the annual Catholic Appeal.

“It was a year that will be remembered for a pandemic, tragedy, and division, but the work made possible by the appeal was a gift that came in the response of service and sacrifice by many people who sustained us through a difficult time and, ultimately, set us on a path to recovery. Many of our programs allowed the diocese to provide comfort, warmth, and a feeling of connection to the Church during these unprecedented challenges,” says Bishop Robert Deeley.

Thanks to your support of the Catholic Appeal, hospital chaplains continued to be able to meet and pray with patients through most of the pandemic year, even at times when other visitors were not allowed. Seniors fearful of going to the store were

“We can only build the future by standing together.”

– Pope Francis

assured of getting groceries and other essential items and had the comfort of knowing they had not been forgotten. Food pantry shelves continued to be restocked despite skyrocketing demand. Catholic school students continued to receive a faith-based education, virtually last spring and in person beginning in the fall. New faith formation opportunities emerged for both children and adults, and new communications strategies were developed.

“The work made possible by the Catholic Appeal has been nothing short of extraordinary and provided life-altering support to people in their hour of need,” says Bishop Deeley.

Thanks to your generosity, \$3,117,090 was allocated to ministries across Maine in the 2019–2020 fiscal year. The pie chart below shows the ministries and programs supported by the appeal, and in the next pages of *Harvest*, you will have the opportunity to read about some of the programs benefiting people across the state.

“During the coming year, the work of the ministries funded by this appeal will be leading this process of reengaging the faithful and serving people in desperate need around the state,” says Bishop Deeley. “These are important actions that we cannot do on our own. It is the support and cooperation of all the faithful in Maine that will allow us to move forward together in Christ.” †



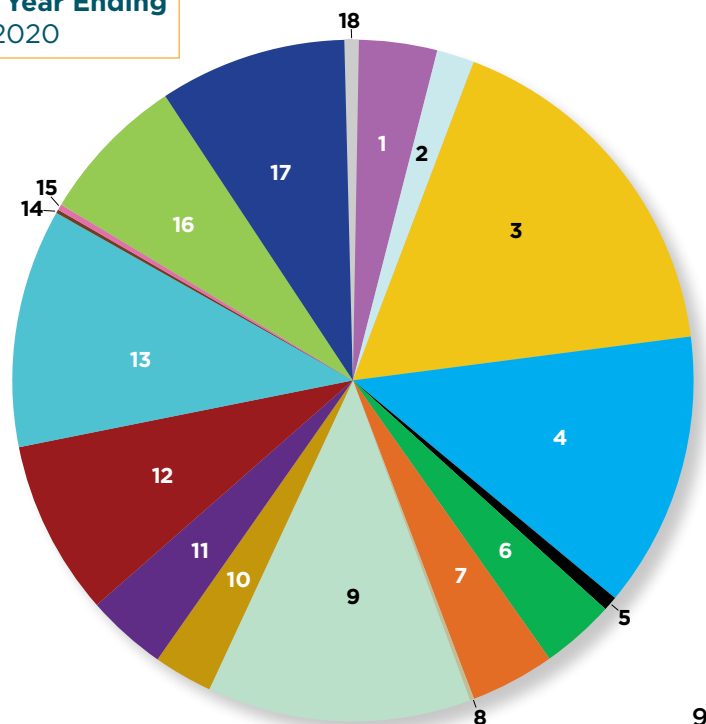
Contributions to the Catholic Appeal may be made online at www.portlanddiocese.org/give or by scanning the QR code. You may also use the envelope included in this issue of *Harvest* or use envelopes that will be available in churches in May. If you would like more information, please call David DiNapoli at 207.321.7835. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Appeal 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

**Fiscal Year Ending
June 2020**

1	Campus Ministry	\$123,420	3.70%
2	Cathedral Parish	\$55,160	1.65%
3	Catholic Charities Maine	\$531,640	15.92%
4	Catholic Schools Office & School Grants	\$405,070	12.13%
5	Christian Life Center	\$21,210	0.64%
6	Clergy Relief & Development	\$108,230	3.24%
7	Communications	\$123,990	3.71%
8	Deaf Ministry	\$3,580	0.11%
9	Development	\$389,840	11.67%
10	Harvest Magazine	\$86,620	2.59%
11	Hispanic Ministry	\$118,180	3.54%
12	Hospital Chaplains	\$257,320	7.70%
13	Lifelong Faith Formation	\$350,550	10.50%
14	Prison Ministry	\$5,370	0.16%
15	St. André Home	\$8,490	0.25%
16	Teacher Pensions	\$219,270	6.57%
17	Tribunal	\$287,510	8.61%
18	Vicar for Priests	\$21,640	0.65%

TOTAL: \$3,117,090



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2021 CATHOLIC APPEAL

Tens of thousands of people are served each year through your gifts to the Catholic Appeal. The appeal benefits campus ministry, Catholic schools, Hispanic ministry, hospital ministry, the social service work of Catholic Charities Maine, and more. Below, you will find brief summaries of the many programs and ministries the appeal supports.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Catholic Appeal funds campus ministry at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Colby College in Waterville, the University of Maine in Orono, the University of New England in Biddeford, and the University of Southern Maine in Gorham. Campus ministry provides a welcoming environment for college students to continue to grow in their faith. Students are given the opportunity to attend Mass, participate in Bible studies, spend time in eucharistic adoration, and take part in service projects and other community activities.

CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE

As the social-service arm of the Catholic Church in Maine, Catholic Charities Maine provides community-based services that reach more than 50,000 people each year. Programs supported by the Catholic Appeal include Parish Social Ministry (PSM). Outreach specialists from PSM partner with parishes in developing programs to respond to community needs. Additionally, PSM provides relief and hope to people facing emergency situations. The Catholic Appeal also supports Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage & Hope (SEARCH) and Independent Support Services, programs that provide seniors with companionship and assistance so they can remain in their homes. It helps to fund the Catholic Charities Food Bank and *Farm for ME*, programs that supply food to 28 pantries in Aroostook, northern Penobscot, and Washington counties, reaching more than 35,000 people. Despite skyrocketing requests during the pandemic, the food bank was able to meet the demand. The appeal also supports Catholic Charities in its efforts

to assist families. Catholic Charities operates two child development centers, which provide affordable childcare, and it offers Functional Family Therapy for families with teens and pre-teens who are suffering from social, emotional, or behavioral issues.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our Catholic schools provide a faith-based education to thousands of students from Bangor to Sanford. Through our Catholic schools, students discover the joy of learning and the importance of using their God-given gifts in service to others. Catholic schools teach faith and values that children will carry with them throughout their lives. The appeal supports our 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

Located in the St. John River Valley, the Christian Life Center offers programs and retreats for adults and youths, including adoration, community, theology, and service (ACTS) retreats, which encourage the faithful to participate in the Church's evangelizing mission.

CLERGY RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

Through the appeal, resources are provided to foster the ongoing intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral formation of priests. 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

Using both traditional and social media, the Office of Communications works to share the good news of Christ by promoting and providing information about ministries, services, and initiatives throughout the diocese. In addition, the office offers guidance and support to parishes and schools in their communications efforts, including parish apps, websites, and social media. During the pandemic, this included working with parishes to develop new ways of reaching members of their communities, such as livestreaming and Facebook chats.

DEAF MINISTRY

The diocese offers interpreted Masses at four churches in the state.

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Office of Development works to build up the financial resources of the diocese and parishes so they may continue their evangelizing mission by serving the faithful and bringing Christ's light to people throughout Maine.

HARVEST

Sent to nearly 40,000 households across Maine, *Harvest* shares inspiring stories of faith and authentic Catholic teaching. The

magazine showcases the programs and ministries of parishes, Catholic schools, and the diocese and the many ways that parishioners are living and sharing their faith.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Office of Hispanic Ministry seeks to help members of the Hispanic community become more engaged in parish life. It offers Masses in Spanish at six churches, sacramental preparation, faith formation for adults and children, and education on social-service support in the state.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

At a time when patients were not able to have family members and friends at their bedsides, hospital chaplains were present to provide comfort and care, assuring those hospitalized that they were not alone because Christ is always with them. 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, and Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. Chaplains talk with patients, pray with and for them, and bring them the Eucharist. Priest chaplains also offer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, uniting those who are suffering with Jesus' healing love.

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation seeks to help parishioners know and love Christ and participate fully in the life and mission of the Church. The office provides support, educational opportunities, and resources to priests, catechetical leaders, pastoral life coordinators, youth ministers, and other parish staff members and volunteers involved in the faith formation of children, teenagers, and adults. The office also serves parishes by supporting sacramental preparation, including the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), and it offers diocesan retreats and programs for teens and adults.

PRISON MINISTRY

Through the appeal, a diocesan chaplain provides care and counsel to Maine prison inmates and their families, helping them to come to know God's love, mercy, and forgiveness. He also works with Catholic Charities Maine Parish Social Ministry to support the work of jail and prison ministers from parishes across the diocese.

SAINT ANDRÉ HOME

The appeal supports the work of Saint André Home's CourageLIVES, Maine's first and only residential treatment program for survivors of human trafficking. CourageLIVES helps the women rebuild their lives by providing substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, vocational training, and other services. In addition to a safe home, CourageLIVES also offers outpatient assistance and a long-term support network.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

* Merged Parishes

Parish	2020 Total	2020 Gift Count	2019 Total	2019 Gift Count
All Saints	\$155,658	477	\$162,504	546
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	\$111,484	153	\$137,341	176
Christ the Divine Mercy	\$25,635	134	\$24,690	154
Christ the King	\$50,670	128	\$49,070	137
Corpus Christi	\$144,960	517	\$150,107	632
Good Shepherd	\$167,786	546	\$184,048	738
Holy Family	\$10,695	36	\$11,764	44
Holy Spirit	\$135,075	329	\$139,690	436
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$61,000	176	\$57,683	207
Notre Dame du Mont Carmel	\$32,090	166	\$40,885	221
Our Lady of Hope	\$81,955	269	\$80,246	306
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$41,892	135	\$46,213	182
Our Lady of the Eucharist	\$19,465	62	\$24,070	99
Our Lady of the Lakes	\$8,115	34	\$10,210	48
Our Lady of the Snows	\$21,786	92	\$23,386	109
Our Lady of the Valley	\$14,742	71	\$14,050	75
Parish of the Ascension of the Lord	\$83,917	239	\$80,890	252
Parish of the Holy Eucharist	\$364,480	386	\$307,518	394
Parish of the Holy Savior	\$35,655	139	\$42,979	210
Parish of the Precious Blood	\$76,275	297	\$84,383	342
Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord	\$54,675	169	\$58,447	197
Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord	\$40,170	35	\$15,685	47
Prince of Peace*	\$153,049	664	\$157,915	752
Sacred Heart/Saint Dominic	\$9,184	36	\$12,885	72
Saint Agnes-Island Falls	\$6,755	17	\$7,565	24
Saint Agnes-Pittsfield	\$8,365	36	\$9,500	43
Saint Anne	\$50,530	123	\$53,567	160
Saint Anthony of Padua-Jackman	\$6,105	21	\$6,245	29
Saint Anthony of Padua-Westbrook	\$40,435	123	\$35,357	165
Saint Benedict	\$8,760	23	\$12,770	31
Saint Brendan the Navigator	\$74,586	192	\$58,880	193
Saint Christopher	\$12,165	22	\$15,122	28
Saint Gregory the Great Latin Mass Community	\$1,020	1	\$100	1
Saint John Paul II*	\$142,363	409	\$155,598	529
Saint John Vianney	\$52,748	223	\$51,334	243
Saint Joseph - Bridgton	\$38,996	108	\$32,839	118
Saint Joseph - Ellsworth	\$26,590	73	\$29,020	86
Saint Joseph - Farmington	\$26,110	80	\$30,044	111
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	\$28,235	82	\$35,719	143
Saint Louis	\$9,000	30	\$7,606	30
Saint Mary of the Visitation	\$19,315	63	\$24,133	84
Saint Matthew	\$34,050	86	\$41,015	136
Saint Michael	\$248,952	486	\$176,707	570
Saint Paul the Apostle	\$224,138	646	\$236,107	783
Saint Peter	\$28,490	76	\$36,815	81
Saint Peter Chanel	\$12,120	45	\$10,740	61
Saint Peter the Fisherman	\$13,790	53	\$20,595	82
Saint Rose of Lima	\$45,285	116	\$60,093	144
Saint Teresa of Calcutta	\$87,482	106	\$50,053	117
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux	\$87,264	332	\$96,864	430
Stella Maris	\$26,455	65	\$32,390	101

TRIBUNAL

The Department of Canonical Services promotes, protects, and provides for the rights and privileges of the people of God in accordance with natural and Church law. The tribunal helps individuals to 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. Many cases handled by the tribunal involve prior marriage bonds. The department also provides canonical expertise to the bishop, priests, religious, and laity of the diocese, especially with regard to sacramental legislation.

VICAR FOR 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.