

# Living FAITH

## 2022 ANNUAL APPEAL

**As Catholics, we are called to not only live our faith for ourselves but in community with one another.** Pope Francis tells us, “The ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments, always.”

A living faith is an active faith and one that follows the example Jesus set for us. It brings us together to celebrate the Eucharist, to share our gifts, and to lift others up so that they may discover the gifts they, too, have to offer.

One way that Catholics in Maine can help their faith come alive is by contributing to the annual Catholic Appeal. Each year, ministries supported by the appeal touch the lives of tens of thousands of people across the state, from newborns to seniors. The appeal helps to bring God’s love and mercy into classrooms, homes, hospitals, and prisons. It seeks to help those yet to find Christ and those who want to strengthen their relationship with Him. It helps those struggling to pay for the food they need, to afford quality childcare, to find comfort amid illness, to manage a mental health condition, or to overcome opioid addiction.

As shown in the pie chart on page 12, during the 2020-2021 fiscal year, \$3,238,790 was allocated to these and other ministries. In this issue of *Harvest*, you will have the opportunity to read about some of the ways the Catholic Appeal helps to bring our faith to life in Maine.

**Contributions to the Catholic Appeal may be made online at [www.portlanddiocese.org/give](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/give) or by scanning the QR code. You may**



**also use the envelope included in this issue of *Harvest* or the envelopes that will be available in churches in May. †**

Tens of thousands of people 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

From eucharistic adoration and Bible study to service projects and community gatherings, campus ministry keeps faith alive and vibrant on college campuses. The Catholic Appeal supports campus ministry at 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 for Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS missionaries) so that they can be present at the Newman Center in Orono. The result has been greater outreach to students.

### ■ CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As the home 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

Several of Catholic Charities Maine’s more than 20 ministries and programs receive financial support from the Catholic Appeal. Seek Elderly Alone, Renew Courage and Hope (SEARCH) provides seniors with companionship and assistance, so they can continue to live independently. Parish Social Ministry (PSM) partners with parishes to develop or enhance programs that meet community needs. Relief & Hope Services, a division of PSM, provides guidance and limited amounts of financial assistance to those facing emergency situations, such as running out of heating oil. The Catholic Charities Food Bank and Farm for ME programs provide food to 28 pantries in Aroostook, northern Penobscot, and Washington counties. Catholic Charities’ Behavioral Health Network Southern Region includes treatment programs and counseling services to help those struggling with mental illness, opioid addiction, or related issues. The St. Louis

Child Development Center in Biddeford offers affordable, quality childcare, while Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children serves 300 children and teens from Fort Kent to Kittery.

### ■ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our schools provide students with an education grounded in faith, service, and academic excellence. More than 1,700 students were enrolled in the eight diocesan or parish-based schools in the 2021-2022 school year, an increase of nearly 10% from the previous year. 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 offers opportunities for spiritual growth for the people of Aroostook County and beyond. The center underwent renovations in 2021 and anticipates resuming retreats and other programming this summer.

### ■ CLERGY RELIEF AND 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. The office offers guidance and support to parishes and schools in their communications efforts, including livestreaming, parish apps, social media, and websites.

### ■ DEAF MINISTRY

The diocese offers interpreted Masses weekly at St. Mary Church in Bangor and monthly 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 live their faith and share it with others.

■ **HARVEST**

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

■ **HISPANIC MINISTRY**

The Office of Hispanic Ministry continues to expand its outreach throughout Maine, helping members of the Hispanic community engage more fully in parish life. The office now offers Masses in Spanish at seven churches, along with sacramental preparation, faith formation for adults and children, and other services. In 2021, a celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe brought together members of the community from around the state.

■ **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, and Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor. The chaplains provide comfort and encouragement to patients, pray with and for them, and bring them the Eucharist. Priest chaplains also help

patients experience healing through the sacrament of reconciliation and the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. In addition to visiting patients, the chaplains have provided support to hospital staff through the difficult days of the pandemic.

■ **LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION**

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation seeks to help the faithful 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 other parish staff members and volunteers involved in faith formation. It also offers programs such as Echoing Faith, an online, multifaceted formation opportunity for adults seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ and to grow in their ability to share their faith with others.

■ **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. CourageLIVES provides substance abuse treatment, mental health counseling, vocational training, and other services to women seeking to rebuild their lives. It also offers outpatient services and a long-term support network. CourageLIVES continues the mission of St. André Home, founded more than 80 years ago by the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to serve women and children in need.

■ **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 that primarily hears cases involving prior marriage bonds. The tribunal helps individuals resume full participation in the sacramental life of the Church and deepen their union with God by removing, when possible, impediments that may exist.

■ **VICAR FOR PRIESTS**

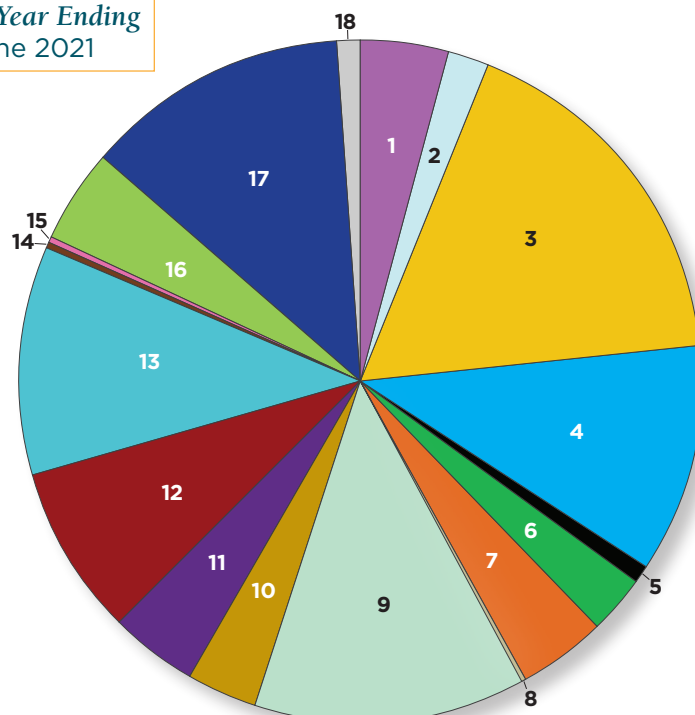
On behalf of the bishop, the vicar for priests provides pastoral care to the priests of the diocese to ensure their personal and ministerial wellbeing.

# Catholic Appeal

## 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ending  
June 2021

1	Campus Ministry	\$139,250	4.30%
2	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	\$59,520	1.84%
3	Catholic Charities Maine	\$558,620	17.25%
4	Catholic Schools Office & School Grants	\$356,700	11.01%
5	Christian Life Center	\$22,890	0.71%
6	Clergy Relief & Development	\$89,890	2.78%
7	Communications	\$136,780	4.22%
8	Deaf Ministry	\$250	0.01%
9	Development	\$425,510	13.14%
10	Harvest Magazine	\$100,210	3.09%
11	Hispanic Ministry	\$137,290	4.24%
12	Hospital Chaplains	\$263,320	8.13%
13	Lifelong Faith Formation	\$347,490	10.73%
14	Prison Ministry	\$11,340	0.35%
15	St. André Home	\$9,160	0.28%
16	Teacher Pensions	\$143,030	4.42%
17	Tribunal	\$408,580	12.62%
18	Vicar for Priests	\$28,960	0.89%
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$3,238,790</b>	



## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PARISH TOTALS

Parish	2021 Total	2021 Gift Count	2020 Total	2020 Gift Count
All Saints	\$150,110	506	\$155,658	477
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	\$122,796	161	\$111,484	153
Christ the Divine Mercy	\$22,190	141	\$25,635	134
Christ the King	\$29,044	116	\$50,695	129
Corpus Christi	\$163,582	551	\$144,965	518
Good Shepherd	\$145,486	516	\$167,786	546
Holy Family	\$11,954	47	\$10,695	36
Holy Spirit	\$143,483	342	\$135,075	329
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$60,333	188	\$61,000	176
Notre Dame du Mont Carmel	\$22,347	122	\$32,090	166
Our Lady of Hope	\$89,302	260	\$81,955	269
Our Lady of the Eucharist	\$21,930	68	\$19,465	62
Our Lady of the Lakes	\$14,850	48	\$8,115	34
Our Lady of the Snows	\$18,532	84	\$21,786	92
Our Lady of the Valley	\$13,489	62	\$14,742	71
Parish of the Ascension of the Lord	\$80,133	225	\$83,917	239
Parish of the Holy Eucharist	\$405,904	446	\$365,005	390
Parish of the Holy Savior	\$29,465	105	\$35,655	139
Parish of the Precious Blood	\$91,258	295	\$76,375	298
Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord	\$53,370	195	\$54,675	169
Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord	\$66,379	32	\$40,170	35
Prince of Peace	\$191,953	793	\$153,049	664
Sacred Heart/Saint Dominic	\$11,389	44	\$9,184	36
St. Agnes - Island Falls	\$2,605	21	\$6,755	17
St. Agnes - Pittsfield	\$8,270	38	\$8,365	36
St. Anthony of Padua - Jackman	\$6,335	22	\$6,105	21
St. Anthony of Padua - Westbrook	\$137,518	439	\$132,857	381
St. Benedict	\$9,336	21	\$8,760	23
St. Brendan the Navigator	\$83,837	229	\$74,661	193
St. Christopher	\$15,880	21	\$12,165	22
St. Gregory the Great Latin Mass Community	\$3,460	20	\$1,020	1
St. John Paul II	\$137,038	418	\$142,463	410
St. John Vianney	\$65,052	221	\$52,748	223
St. Joseph - Bridgton	\$36,960	100	\$39,006	109
St. Joseph - Ellsworth	\$29,496	80	\$26,590	73
St. Joseph - Farmington	\$26,047	82	\$26,110	80
St. Kateri Tekakwitha	\$27,240	87	\$28,235	82
St. Louis	\$6,850	22	\$9,000	30
St. Mary of the Visitation	\$18,245	60	\$19,365	64
St. Matthew	\$41,530	134	\$34,150	87
St. Michael	\$287,235	516	\$249,152	487
St. Paul the Apostle	\$245,048	728	\$224,388	648
St. Peter	\$15,667	84	\$28,490	76
St. Peter Chanel	\$9,872	34	\$12,145	46
St. Peter the Fisherman	\$12,623	45	\$13,990	54
St. Rose of Lima	\$46,690	115	\$45,285	116
St. Teresa of Calcutta	\$71,763	114	\$87,482	106
St. Thérèse of Lisieux	\$85,507	330	\$87,276	333
Stella Maris	\$29,575	77	\$26,455	65
Christmas 2021	\$11,400	290	\$30,983	529
Anonymous	\$8,784	83	\$13,412	61
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$3,439,141</b>	<b>9,778</b>	<b>\$3,306,585</b>	<b>9,535</b>