



*"This is our joy: to walk with Jesus."*

- Pope Francis

We are never alone in our journey. Whether we are in a time of trial, as we are now, or a time of joy, Jesus walks with us, lifting us up and showing us the way.

"Our deepest joy comes from Christ; remaining with Him, walking with Him, being His disciples," said Pope Francis.

Walking with Jesus and being His disciples means following the path He has set out for us, a path of mercy, truth, love, and service.

"In these days of our social distancing and sheltering at home, we can still live out our faith by the care we give to each other," Bishop Robert Deeley said. "The love of God in Jesus binds us together and calls us to care for each other."

One way that we show our care for others is through our support for the annual Catholic Appeal. The appeal makes a difference in countless ways, from giving our children a foundation of faith to providing our seniors with an arm to lean upon. Your gift helps teens experience the joy of Christ in their lives and brings Christ's presence to secular college campuses. It allows chaplains to be at hospital bedsides and provides hope to those struggling with substance use disorders or living with mental health issues. It supports our priests if they are experiencing a time of need, and it helps us reach out to those in need in our neighborhoods.

Through your generosity, \$3,339,941 was allocated to ministries across Maine in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The pie chart on page 11 shows the ministries and programs supported by the appeal, and in the next pages of *Harvest*, you will have the opportunity to read about a few of the ways the appeal helps all of us walk with Jesus. †

**The annual Catholic Appeal is now underway. Please prayerfully consider going online to [www.portlanddiocese.org/give](http://www.portlanddiocese.org/give) or using the envelope included in this issue of *Harvest* to make your gift today. There are many new tax benefits to giving this year. If you would like more information, please call David DiNapoli at 207.321.7835. Thank you for your support!**

## ■ CAMPUS MINISTRY

Campus ministry is offered at 10 campuses across the diocese, including University of Maine campuses in Farmington, Fort Kent, Machias, Orono, and Presque Isle, the University of Southern Maine, the University of New England, and Bates, Bowdoin, and Colby colleges. College is a time of searching, learning, and discovery for students, many of whom are away from home for the first time. Through campus ministry, they are able to see that many of the answers they seek can be found in Jesus. Campus ministry provides young adults opportunities to attend Mass, participate in Bible study, spend time in eucharistic adoration, and grow in community. The Catholic Appeal also supports FOCUS missionaries at the University of Maine at Orono campus. FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University Students, is an evangelization program that places young adult missionaries on campuses, where they invite students to get to know Jesus and encourage them to reach out to their peers.

## ■ CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

As Pope Saint John Paul II once wrote, a cathedral is "a church that belongs to all the people of the diocese." As the mother church of the diocese and the seat of the bishop, the cathedral hosts many diocesan liturgies and ceremonies, such as ordinations. The appeal assists the parish with some of the resulting costs.

## ■ CATHOLIC CHARITIES MAINE

Catholic Charities Maine is the social service arm of the Catholic Church in Maine, providing community-based social services throughout the state. Through parish social ministry, which would not exist without the Catholic Appeal, outreach specialists partner with parishes to develop programs that help parishioners put their faith into action and address community needs. Catholic Charities' programs supported by the appeal also feed the hungry throughout Aroostook County, keep seniors in their homes by providing support services and companionship, offer affordable childcare, and serve both children and adults living with mental illness. The appeal also helps Catholic Charities operate a residential treatment facility for men struggling with chemical dependencies, substance use issues, and co-occurring use disorders, a great need in the midst of the opioid epidemic.

## ■ CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Located from Bangor to Sanford, our Catholic schools serve thousands of students, helping them to not only excel academically but to understand the importance, from an early age, of walking with Jesus. Our Catholic schools teach faith and values which children 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

A gem located in the St. John River Valley, the Christian Life Center offers programs and retreats attended by hundreds of youths and adults throughout the year. They include ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) retreats, which encourage the faithful to participate in the Church's evangelizing mission, as well as marriage preparation programs, family events, and more.

## ■ CLERGY RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

The appeal covers the costs of resources and programs that foster the ongoing intellectual, spiritual, and pastoral formation of priests. It also supports the vicar for priests, who provides pastoral care to priests on behalf of the bishop, and it provides for the care of priests who are on medical leave, ensuring their salaries, health insurance, and pensions continue while they are not serving at a parish. This ensures that cost doesn't have to be carried by the parish.

## ■ COMMUNICATIONS

Celebrating World Communications Day, Pope Francis wrote that “good communication helps us to grow closer, to know one another better and, ultimately, to grow in unity.” That is at the heart of the work of the Office of Communications. Using traditional media, the Internet, and social media, the office works to share the good news of Christ by promoting and providing information about ministries, services, and initiatives offered by the diocese, parishes, and Catholic schools. In addition, the office offers guidance and support to parishes and schools in their communications efforts, including parish apps, websites, and social media. At a time when we have not been able to gather as a community, these efforts have been more important than ever.

## ■ DEAF MINISTRY

In support of members of the deaf community, interpreted Masses are offered at least once a month at four churches across Maine.

## ■ DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

The Office of Development works to build up the financial resources of the diocese and parishes so that the Church in Maine may continue to serve the faithful and bring the light of Christ to people throughout the state.

## ■ ECUMENICAL & INTERRELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

The office works to promote understanding, respect, and collaboration among Christian and non-Christian communities.

## ■ HARVEST

*Harvest* brings the Gospel message to nearly 40,000 households, providing Catholic teaching, sharing inspiring stories of faith, and highlighting the programs and ministries of parishes and schools across the diocese.

## ■ HISPANIC MINISTRY

The Office of Hispanic Ministry provides pastoral care and faith formation to Maine’s growing Latino community, helping members become fully engaged in the life of the Church. The office provides bilingual materials to parishes, and Masses in Spanish have been celebrated at four churches. The office also provides translations of ecclesial or civil documents such as marriage, baptismal, or birth certificates.

## ■ HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

The appeal allows priest and lay chaplains to be present at Maine’s largest secular hospitals, including Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine’s only Level 1 trauma center. Chaplains bring Christ’s healing presence to those who are sick, their families, and hospital staff. Priest chaplains also offer the sacrament of the sick to patients.

## ■ LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

The Office of Lifelong Faith Formation provides support, educational opportunities, and resources to priests, catechetical leaders, pastoral life coordinators, youth ministers, and other parish staff 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. And it coordinates and offers diocesan retreats and programs, such as the men’s and women’s conferences, Project Rachel retreats, and the Maine Catholic Youth Convention.

## ■ PRISON MINISTRY

Through the appeal, a diocesan chaplain provides care and counsel to Maine prison inmates and their families, helping them discover God’s merciful presence.

## ■ SAINT ANDRÉ HOME

The appeal supports the work of Saint André Home, which has been serving women and children for 80 years. Saint André’s current work includes CourageLIVES, which serves survivors of human trafficking, both through a residential treatment program and outpatient services.

## ■ TRIBUNAL

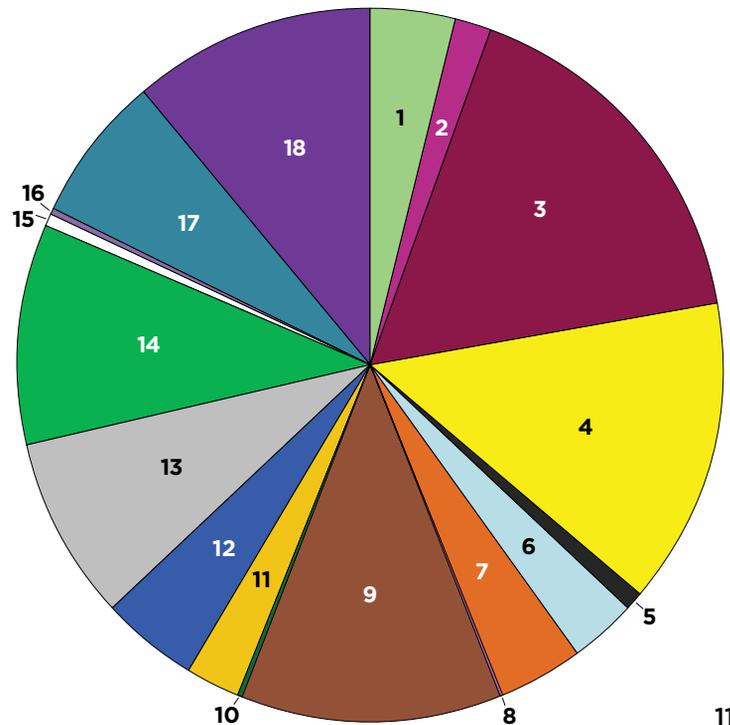
The Department of Canonical Services promotes, protects, and provides for the rights and privileges of the people of God in accordance with natural and Church law. The tribunal helps individuals to resume full participation in the sacramental life of the Church and to deepen their union with God by removing, 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.

# CATHOLIC APPEAL 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

1	Campus Ministry	\$133,908	4.01%
2	Cathedral Parish	\$57,937	1.73%
3	Catholic Charities Maine	\$551,703	16.52%
4	Catholic Schools Office & School Grants	\$471,203	14.11%
5	Christian Life Center	\$22,282	0.67%
6	Clergy Relief & Development	\$107,658	3.22%
7	Communications	\$124,457	3.73%
8	Deaf Ministry	\$1,884	0.06%
9	Development	\$403,692	12.09%
10	Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs	\$303	0.01%
11	<i>Harvest</i> Magazine	\$88,790	2.66%
12	Hispanic Ministry	\$148,953	4.46%
13	Hospital Chaplains	\$274,031	8.20%
14	Lifelong Faith Formation	\$337,238	10.10%
15	Prison Ministry	\$13,199	0.40%
16	St. André Home	\$8,913	0.27%
17	Teacher Pensions	\$229,102	6.86%
18	Tribunal	\$364,688	10.92%

**TOTAL:** **\$3,339,941**

## Fiscal Year Ending June 2019



## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish	2019 Total	2019 Gifts	2018 Total	2018 Gifts
All Saints	\$162,504	546	\$184,102	583
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	\$137,341	176	\$117,082	193
Christ the Divine Mercy	\$24,690	154	\$24,946	167
Christ the King	\$49,070	137	\$59,020	172
Corpus Christi	\$150,107	632	\$162,896	744
Good Shepherd	\$184,048	738	\$203,147	808
Holy Family	\$11,764	44	\$10,400	41
Holy Spirit	\$139,690	436	\$124,301	422
Holy Trinity	\$13,384	69	\$15,859	73
Immaculate Heart of Mary	\$57,683	207	\$59,821	228
Notre Dame du Mont Carmel	\$40,885	221	\$35,771	178
Our Lady of Hope	\$80,246	306	\$73,946	306
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	\$46,213	182	\$42,991	147
Our Lady of the Eucharist	\$24,070	99	\$27,026	116
Our Lady of the Lakes	\$10,210	48	\$10,835	56
Our Lady of the Rosary	\$12,085	49	\$11,283	68
Our Lady of the Snows	\$23,386	109	\$21,527	104
Our Lady of the Valley	\$14,050	75	\$12,614	68
Parish of the Ascension of the Lord	\$80,890	252	\$86,780	294
Parish of the Holy Eucharist	\$307,518	394	\$319,695	482
Parish of the Holy Savior	\$42,979	210	\$41,549	208
Parish of the Precious Blood	\$84,383	342	\$88,711	404
Parish of the Resurrection of the Lord	\$58,447	197	\$68,559	263
Parish of the Transfiguration of the Lord	\$15,685	47	\$16,605	51
Prince of Peace	\$132,446	634	\$144,779	761
Sacred Heart/Saint Dominic	\$12,885	72	\$10,360	46
Saint Agnes - Island Falls	\$7,565	24	\$7,560	29
Saint Agnes - Pittsfield	\$9,500	43	\$7,785	38
Saint Anne	\$53,567	160	\$49,640	149
Saint Anthony of Padua - Jackman	\$6,245	29	\$5,760	27
Saint Anthony of Padua - Westbrook	\$35,357	165	\$32,850	153
Saint Bartholomew	\$38,911	120	\$41,150	130
Saint Benedict	\$12,770	31	\$12,123	38
Saint Brendan the Navigator	\$58,880	193	\$69,099	243
Saint Christopher	\$15,122	28	\$11,895	24
Saint Gregory the Great Latin Mass Community	\$100	1		
Saint John and Holy Cross	\$40,113	189	\$47,434	195
Saint John Vianney	\$51,334	243	\$51,183	251
Saint Joseph - Bridgton	\$32,839	118	\$31,911	142
Saint Joseph - Ellsworth	\$29,020	86	\$27,245	90
Saint Joseph - Farmington	\$30,044	111	\$27,715	101
Saint Kateri Tekakwitha	\$35,719	143	\$33,570	136
Saint Louis	\$7,606	30	\$8,781	35
Saint Mary of the Visitation	\$24,133	84	\$26,631	94
Saint Matthew	\$41,015	136	\$46,114	163
Saint Maximilian Kolbe	\$76,574	220	\$73,130	252
Saint Michael	\$176,707	570	\$241,498	594
Saint Paul the Apostle	\$236,107	783	\$223,794	763
Saint Peter	\$36,815	81	\$41,450	101
Saint Peter Chanel	\$10,740	61	\$6,797	46
Saint Peter the Fisherman	\$20,595	82	\$19,696	85
Saint Rose of Lima	\$60,093	144	\$49,245	161
Saint Teresa of Calcutta	\$50,053	117	\$88,933	119
Saint Thérèse of Lisieux	\$96,864	430	\$106,585	466
Stella Maris	\$32,390	101	\$30,209	95