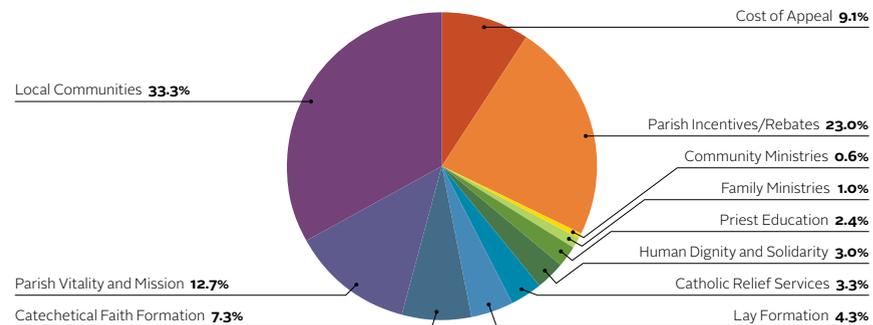


HOW YOUR GIFT IS USED

\$5,500,000	Local Communities	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
\$2,100,000	Parish Vitality and Mission	Programs to support parish vitality—evangelization initiatives, liturgy enhancements
\$1,200,000	Catechetical Faith Formation	Support for youth, young adult, campus and adult religious education ministries
\$700,000	Lay Formation	Continuing education for lay volunteers and staff serving parish communities
\$545,000	Catholic Relief Services	Assisting the poor and vulnerable overseas
\$495,000	Human Dignity and Solidarity	Activities promoting respect for life at all stages, immigration, Kolbe House prison ministry and Peace and Justice initiatives
\$400,000	Priest Education	Continuing education for seminarians and priests ordained for the Archdiocese of Chicago
\$160,000	Family Ministries	Programs for marriage preparation, marriage support and family ministry
\$100,000	Community Ministries	Support for Chicago Fire and Police department chaplaincies and other community ministries
\$3,800,000	Parish Incentives/ Rebates	Funds raised in excess of individual parish goals are returned to the parish for use with their local ministries
\$15,000,000	MINISTRIES TOTAL	
\$1,500,000	Cost of Appeal	Design, printing, postage, production, staff and vendors who implement the Annual Catholic Appeal

\$16,500,000

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When you acknowledge your God-given blessings by making a gift of \$1,500 or more to the Annual Catholic Appeal, Cardinal Cupich welcomes you into the Lumen Cordium Society. In addition to the spiritual benefits of God's gifts, Society membership includes:

- Invitation to the annual Mass and Reception with the Cardinal
- Recognition in the annual publication of the Lumen Cordium Society members
- Inclusion in the Prayer Intention Book of Society membership

Please note that your Lumen Cordium Society pledge can be made payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago. No money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been or will be used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

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COME, FOLLOW ME

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Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The call of Jesus echoes across the generations and is ever the same: *Come, follow me*. These words of Jesus have been chosen as the theme for the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. We are living in a graced time of renewal here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. In a fresh way, we are reclaiming the call to follow Jesus as his disciples. He calls us both individually and as a community, in which we are responsible for one another.

Our Annual Catholic Appeal brings us together to live out our responsibility in that community of discipleship. By each of us joining in the Appeal together, we sustain Catholic schools and parishes in need, support programs of religious education, ministerial formation, and many initiatives for the protection of life and the promotion of peace and justice. Through the Annual Appeal, we also support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services which care for people across the globe who struggle and suffer because of natural disasters and the ravages of war. We are all connected to one another in Jesus as his disciples, and we can express that connection through our support of the Appeal.

Join me and other disciples across the Archdiocese in making a generous offering to the Annual Appeal. Once again, I pledge that we will be good stewards of your gifts. And remember that once your parish reaches its goal, 100 percent of the over-goal contributions will be returned to your parish.

Pray for the people who will benefit from your generosity. And, of course, please pray for me, as I am always praying for you.

May God bless and keep you and all your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

WE WELCOME



Since 1991, people of the Archdiocese have generously contributed to the success of the ministries of the Annual Catholic Appeal under the pastoral leadership of Cardinal Bernardin, Cardinal George, and now Cardinal Cupich. As 21st century followers of Jesus, we know that through our sacrifice and labor, and God's blessings to us, we return a portion back to God so that others will hear the invitation to "come and follow our Lord" building up a world of hope, peace, charity and love. May your participation in the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal strengthen your connection to our Lord and our neighbor as we share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world.

Father Mike Nacius, Pastor
Church of Saint Mary

WE SERVE

Catholic Relief Services represents the Church's healing presence throughout the world. Without regard for religious affiliation, CRS promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago supports this important ministry.



Asad Zaidi/Catholic Relief Services

WE SUPPORT

We are the Catholic Church of Cook and Lake Counties in Illinois. Graced by the gospel and spirit of Jesus Christ, we nourish faith through Catholic schools and religious education programs. We also support the many critical agencies and ministries of the Church. Through your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, you assist in passing on the treasures of faith to a new generation of Jesus' disciples.



Jim Luning

"I feel I should pass my blessings on. As I share my gifts through the Annual Catholic Appeal, I remember all belongs to God, not me."

Caius Williams (Our Lady of Peace)



Jim Luning

"God has been good to us. We feel blessed we are able to help the church do God's work."

Father Peter Paurazas (St. Patricia) and his sister Cecelia Goldthwaite (St. Louise de Marillac)



Jim Luning

"The Annual Catholic Appeal is one of our personal responses to God's love, to love Him in return."

MaryJo, Alex, Anna and Helen Santos
(Prince of Peace, Lake Villa)