

# *This is* OUR CHURCH

*Every day, ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal are at work in our parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. Now more than ever, these ministries are working to support our parishes and parishioners during this difficult time. This grid was created to help you understand how the Appeal serves your parish.*

How is your parish served	How the Appeal Helps this Ministry
<p><b>Does your parish receive administrative assistance?</b></p>	<p>The Appeal supports parishes with the administration functions by assisting with audits, providing legal guidance, risk management.</p> <p>Human resource resources are provided to parishes. From recruiting, screening and onboarding, to evaluation, staff development, ongoing training, and benefits programs.</p> <p>Parish IT and finance/accounting help is available through support and training of business managers.</p> <p>The Real Estate office facilitates the hiring of all appraisers, realtors, and counsel, when needed and oversees lease agreements for rental properties</p>
<p><b>Is the parish served by a Deacon?</b></p>	<p>The Appeal supports the permanent diaconate ministry by offering information and guidance to men considering entering the diaconal program and provides ongoing support for all deacons and their wives. Currently, there are over 200 active deacons serving in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston.</p>
<p><b>Has your parish benefitted from the Pastoral Addiction Recovery Services?</b></p>	<p>The Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services provides referral, community education, opioid prevention training programs, outreach and spiritual guidance for those families touched by addiction. Community info sessions and bereavement services have been part of parishes throughout the Archdiocese.</p>
<p><b>Does your parish have a parish nurse?</b></p>	<p>The Catholic Appeal funded the training of 64 parish nurses through our Faith Community Nursing Program. This is a nursing practice specialty that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit, the promotion of an integrative model of health, and the prevention and minimization of illness within the context of a faith community.</p>
<p><b>Is there a school in your parish?</b></p>	<p>The Catholic Schools Office is supported by the Appeal, providing leadership, curricula, and management to 100 schools serving 31,000 students every year. The Catholic Schools Office provides professional development, curriculum, and support training to teachers and administrators.</p>

<p><b>Does your parish have a young adult program?</b></p>	<p>The Catholic Appeal provides guidance to the Lifeteen program, World Youth Day, Discipleship Week, Steubenville East and many other programs that educate and engage our youth.</p>
<p><b>Does your parish participate in Pro-Life Programs</b></p>	<p>The Appeal supports three Pregnancy Help crisis pregnancy centers (in Brighton, Brockton, and Natick), which assist more than 350 women every year with a wide range of supportive services including ultrasound, adoption information, health, education and social service referrals. All services are free, confidential and available in English, Spanish and Portuguese.</p> <p>Project Rachel offers post-abortion healing retreats, support groups, helpline assistance and referrals to specially trained priests and counselors.</p>
<p><b>Is there a Faith Formation program in the parish?</b></p>	<p>There are an estimated 90,000 children and youth engaged in parish faith formation throughout the Archdiocese. 7,500 individuals serve parishes in faith formation as catechists. Parish faith formation efforts (religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, adult education, etc.) are led by an estimated 500 catechetical leaders. The Faith Formation ministry leads and supports catechetical leaders serving students at all grade levels. Bilingual programs, those serving students with special learning needs, and those serving the hearing impaired are also offered.</p>
<p><b>Are there adult faith formation programs in your parish?</b></p>	<p>Adult faith programs, retreats, and spiritual direction are supported by the Appeal. Serving more than 7,000 Catholics each year, Appeal support helps to keep participant costs low. The Vocations Office is fully supported by the Appeal, helping those interested in exploring ordained or religious life.</p>
<p><b>Are any parishioners hospitalized or ill?</b></p>	<p>The Appeal supports the Health Care Ministry, providing training, information, support, and referral for hospital chaplains and pastoral visitors to the sick.</p>
<p><b>Are any parishioners in college?</b></p>	<p>Campus Ministry at colleges and universities is crucial in keeping young adult Catholics close to their faith. The Archdiocese of Boston currently supports campus ministry programs in twenty-two local colleges. Through programs, training, and staff support, the Appeal serves more than 2,000 college students.</p>
<p><b>Are any parishioners in prison?</b></p>	<p>The Appeal supports chaplaincy outreach to 24 correctional and pre-release facilities.</p>
<p><b>Are any parishioners mourning a loss?</b></p>	<p>The Appeal supports the Bereavement Ministry, offering parishes training on grief and help in establishing Parish Peer Support Groups.</p>
<p><b>Are there parishioners who speak languages other than English?</b></p>	<p>Currently, mass is offered in 20 languages, including ASL, in 81 parishes throughout the diocese. The Appeal supports the Ministry of Outreach and Cultural Diversity and offers orientation for clergy serving from other countries, and sponsors faith filled celebrations for new Americans.</p>

*A complete listing of Appeal ministries is available in the annual financial audit for the Archdiocese of Boston. For details visit: [bostoncatholic.org/annualreport.aspx](http://bostoncatholic.org/annualreport.aspx).*

