

# Faith

IN ACTION  
IT ALL STARTS WITH

You



My Dear Friends in Christ:

In Matthew's gospel we are told, "You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

I am reminded of that light every day as I witness the countless ways that our brothers and sisters throughout the Catholic community support one another. From organizing and staffing food pantries, to providing outstanding education to children, to serving as spiritual companions to those affected by addiction, I am inspired by the way our parishes and parishioners put faith into action.

These good deeds, and so many others, that help bring the light of Christ to those throughout our communities are made possible through your generous support for the annual Catholic Appeal. **At this time, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the 2022 Catholic Appeal so that together we may continue to strengthen our faith and our communities while serving our brothers and sisters in need.**

Please know of my gratitude for your consideration of this request. Your generosity helps to put faith into action in so many greatly needed and very meaningful ways.

Asking God's blessings upon you and all whom you hold dear, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

*+ Sean, OFMcap*

Archbishop of Boston



By participating in the Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action to serve those who turn to the Church for assistance. Your generosity helps to change lives through countless programs and ministries, including:

## ADDICTION RECOVERY

The iThirst initiative empowers volunteers at 24 of our parishes to be a spiritual resource for those suffering from addiction, as well as for their families. The Archdiocese of Boston was the first diocese to implement this program, which has now grown into a worldwide ministry. iThirst provides formation for laity and clergy to equip them as Certified Spiritual Companions to accompany addicted individuals and their families along the road to recovery.

**Your support of the Catholic Appeal allows the Addiction Recovery Ministry and Opioid Task Force to find and implement life-changing faith-inspired support and programs to anyone affected by addiction.**

*"We walk with people as two pilgrims, understanding and listening to a vulnerable and marginalized population that has largely gone unheard and underserved."*

Keaton Douglas, Founder, iThirst

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our 100 Catholic schools help 31,000 students go further with faith, providing them with an outstanding education while inspiring them to realize their innate God-given potential. Mission Grammar School (MGS) in Roxbury serves children as young as three months old, offering a support system for families in an underserved community. MGS is an extraordinary example of how our schools encourage students to live the gospel and put them on the road to higher education and a successful life built on a foundation of faith.



*"We know that a high-quality education surrounded in a faith-filled community is a way for access and opportunity, equity and possibility for our scholars."*

Alicie Dutson, President, Mission Grammar School

**Your support of the Catholic Appeal assists our Catholic Schools Office in ensuring our schools continue to be beacons of light in their communities, creating opportunities for success for students from early education through high school.**

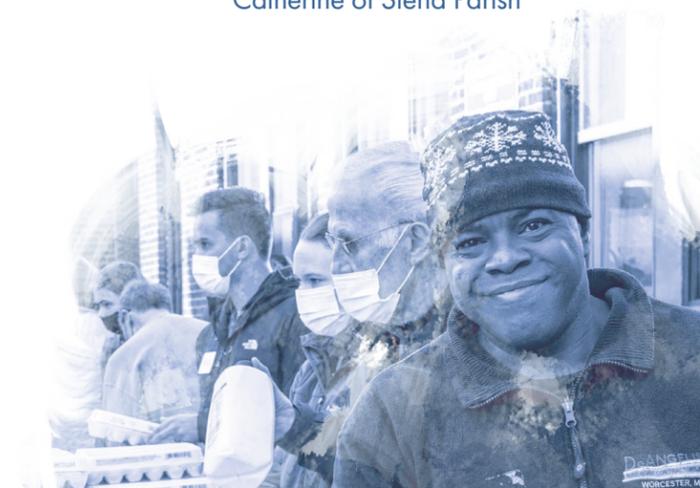
## PARISH FOOD PANTRIES

Many parishes in our Archdiocese operate food pantries that provide nourishment and support for thousands of families in need. Harvest on Vine, the food pantry run out of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Charlestown serves more than 300 local families each month. This food pantry, along with others across the Archdiocese, are more important now than ever, as the number of those suffering from food insecurity increased by 55% during the pandemic.

*"In any community, there are always some folks who are simply, as Jesus would say, the neediest, the ones who everyone doesn't notice. We serve those people."*

Fr. James Ronan, Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish

**Your support of the Catholic Appeal provides ongoing and wide-ranging operational support and assistance to our parishes as they do what they do best: carry out Christ's mission to help those most in need.**



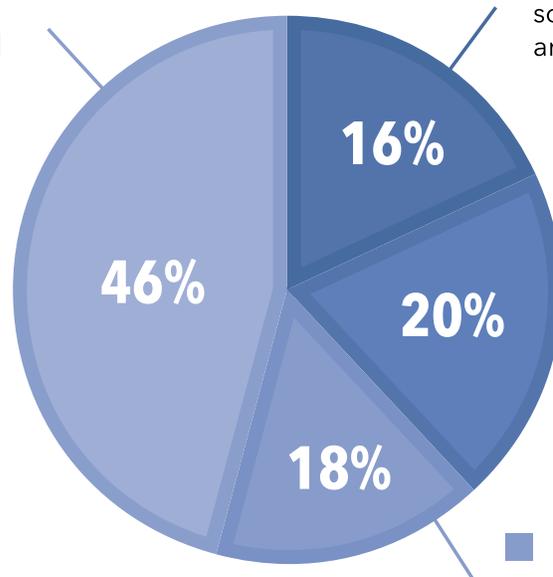
The Catholic Appeal helps fund the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese, which make programs and services possible both within and beyond the walls of your parish. Here is a breakdown of how funds raised through the Appeal were allocated in 2021.

### ■ Parish & Operational Support

Includes serving the 260 parishes across our Archdiocese, from offering support for wide-ranging operational needs to assisting with property damage and other maintenance.

### ■ Education

Includes supporting students and faculty at our 100 Catholic schools and providing education and guidance to future priests.



### ■ Service to Others

Includes offering support to those affected by addiction and training chaplains to work in hospitals and prisons across Greater Boston.

### ■ Faith & Formation

Includes providing vibrant religious education programs for all ages and overseeing campus ministry programs at more than 25 colleges and universities.

If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, **thank you!** If not, here are the ways you can participate in the 2022 Catholic Appeal:

- Use the in-pew envelope found at your parish to make a gift or pledge.
- Make a donation online or learn more about the benefits of giving by Donor Advised Funds, stock, or IRA contributions by visiting our secure website [bostoncatholicappeal.org](https://bostoncatholicappeal.org).



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