



My Dear Friends in Christ:

During this Lenten season, I am reminded of St. Paul's message in the Letter to the Ephesians, that we are God's handiwork created in Jesus to do good works.

We live in a challenging world where the need for continued and expanded good works is greater than ever. The last several years have brought forth the best qualities as you and so many have demonstrated courage, generosity, and a loving concern for others.

It is with gratitude and humility that I ask you to advance our Catholic Appeal and all its good works by sharing your own courage, generosity, and love. Please prayerfully consider a gift that will be a sign of your Christian concern and strengthen our efforts to improve lives and spread hope.

Please know of my gratitude for your generosity that puts faith into action in so many meaningful ways. Together, we encircle one another with compassion and welcome one another into Christ's embrace.

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

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Seán, OFM Cap

Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M., Cap.
Archbishop of Boston



"I know that the Appeal helps so many people – from children to the elderly to the sick and disabled to men and women who are needy, the homeless – and I feel that it's essential for me to give back. God has been very good to us, and the Appeal is one way to give back to the Church and to God."

- Susan R.



"The reason we're involved in the Catholic Appeal is because it's an opportunity for us to benefit the broader Catholic community. We love our parish, love our church and we donate to the church on a weekly basis. But there's a lot of things that the Catholic Appeal can do that are beyond the capability of an individual parish."

- Jim T.

YOUR *Impact*

By participating in the annual Appeal, you help our Church ensure that the presence and hope of Christ can be felt throughout the 144 communities that comprise our Archdiocese of Boston.

Your gift will immediately make a difference in helping support

OUR PARISHES

250+ parish communities make up the collective fabric of our shared faith. Our ministries help support vibrant parishes so they can create programs and initiatives uniquely suited to their priorities and the needs of the communities they serve.

Our parishes not only serve the faithful within the Church, they serve the needs of our communities.



THOSE IN NEED

Our ministries are dedicated to helping people of all faiths and backgrounds who are in need. As the hands and feet of Christ on Earth, those serving our ministries provide resources, compassion, and hope to our brothers and sisters living on the margins.

Our ministries not only serve Catholics, they serve anyone in need of Christ's love.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The pandemic shone a spotlight on the unparalleled educational experience students receive at a Catholic school. While public and charter schools struggle to recover, Catholic schools—and our students—continue to thrive.

Our schools not only provide an excellent education, they provide stability and support.



FAITH FORMATION

We are each on our own faith journey, so it's important to have access to materials and resources that help us learn, practice, and explore our faith in a meaningful way. Our ministries provide religious education and engagement programs for all ages.

Our programs not only teach the faith, they nurture a relationship with Christ.



"Without the Appeal, we wouldn't be able to provide the services that people in our parish and our school need on a daily basis. There is so much that happens with the Archdiocese's support; and without these ministries and offices that the Appeal supports, we really wouldn't be able to function at the level that we function."

- Fr. Jonathan Gaspar



"When you support the Appeal, you support so many wonderful ministries... Two years ago, my 29-year-old niece overdosed on Fentanyl and passed away. It devastated the family. What pulled me through was my church and my faith. People don't realize how much the Appeal helps and every little bit counts."

- Angela S.

YOU MAKE A *Difference*

***Your Appeal gift has both local and regional impact,
building stronger parishes and supporting our greater
Church and the good work it enables.***

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 2023 Catholic Appeal:

- Use an **in-pew envelope** and return it to your parish. Most parishes will conduct an in-pew presentation next week during Masses.
- Make an **online donation** by scanning the code below or visiting bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now.



*For a greater sustained impact, select the
recurring gift option. Your monthly donation
will continue until you tell us to stop.*

- Make a gift through your **Donor-Advised Fund** using Tax ID #04-2106175 (Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston), and include Catholic Appeal and your home parish in the donation details.
- Make a **planned gift** in the form of a bequest, stock or property transfer, IRA distribution, or charitable gift annuity.

To learn more, visit bostoncatholicappeal.org/ways-to-give.

Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law: Tax ID #04-2106175.