



FORWARD in FAITH



My Dear Friends in Christ:

The Catholic Appeal is an exercise of love.

Through the Catholic Appeal, we respond to our call to love God and one another, actively helping others to realize the hope for a better future. For many, the line between hope and despair is thin. The Appeal serves as a tangible sign of our concern for those in need and allows us to bring them the presence of the Lord, to heal brokenness and restore hope. For so very many, our outreach is the light that helps them find a way forward.

Pope Francis often cites St. Paul's call for us not to be complacent or grow weary of doing good. **With recognition of the many people who look to us for assistance, now, more than ever, I humbly ask for your support of the Catholic Appeal.** This year, I am hopeful that, as a family of faith, we may unite in our involvement because extraordinary participation will have an extraordinary impact for our neighbors in need.

Please know of my gratitude for your generosity and compassion. Together, we affirm our belief that suffering and disappointment can be transformed into new life through the power of our being witnesses and agents of Christ's unconditional love.

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

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Sean, OFM, Cap

Archbishop of Boston

EXTRAORDINARY PARTICIPATION *creates* EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT

As Catholics, we are all called to be stewards of our faith. Every person's gift to the Catholic Appeal unifies our Archdiocese and weaves us together into God's tapestry of care. The urgency of need in our communities is great. Your generosity has an extraordinary impact on the life of the Church and its ability to touch, heal, and serve the thousands of lives in our Archdiocese through programs and ministries such as these:

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

Gifts to the Catholic Appeal serve thousands of lives across the Archdiocese through ministries like our hospital chaplaincy programs that bring pastoral care, spiritual guidance, and sacraments to patients and health care workers in dark hours of crisis.

No matter the hour, chaplains bring compassion, support, and love to those who are facing fear, illness, and even death. They minister to staff and strengthen them spiritually as they care for others. They walk with families through times of great joy and great sorrow. They carry a sense of calm and peace into moments of crisis, relying on the power of listening and their quiet presence to communicate Christ's loving companionship, even in the darkest hours.

"We see a lot of trauma incidents. Some nights we may get called 2-5 times to a bedside. We spend time with the patient and family and simply comfort them. And then we use our discretion as to when to leave them alone." — **Fr. Ignatius Nge, Hospital Chaplain**

Through the Hospital Chaplaincy program, Catholics and non-Catholics experience comfort and grace and come to know that they are not alone.

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of BOSTON

1800+
PREGNANCY
HELP CENTER
REQUESTS
EACH YEAR

65,000
CHAPLAIN
PATIENT VISITS

12
MEN ADMITTED
TO SEMINARIES
EACH YEAR




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PARISH VIBRANCY

The Catholic Appeal fortifies our parishes so that each congregation's unique culture can flourish and grow in vibrancy. Diverse parish ministries and programs foster connectedness where every person can feel a sense of belonging.

"Parishes are families made up of families. And as families, we have to support each other and build each other up so that we can all thrive together. That's what the Catholic Appeal does, in my view – it allows us to help each other thrive."

The Appeal supports us behind the scenes; there are so many things that are hidden, that people don't see when they come to Mass on Sunday. But, if we don't have them, we don't function. We don't thrive." —**Fr. Marc Bishop, Pastor of the Catholic Parishes of Arlington**

It is in our parishes that our faith comes alive in holiness and happiness, where we share each other's burdens and celebrate the milestones of life. Where the Gospel is proclaimed and where believers are formed. Where we find a continual font of support for our Christian discipleship.

Parishes are communities of mission, purpose, and action; they are the home of our Christian communities and the heart of our Catholic Church.

VOCATIONS

Appeal contributions sustain vocation and youth ministry programs where the next generation is formed and prepared to lead our Church.

Vocations are integral to the life of the Church. Through the Office of Vocations, a new generation of priests and deacons are formed and supported to lead our Church forward in faith. Others are called to joyfully explore the potential of God's call on his or her life and be supported in their prayer and discernment. Gifts to the Appeal are vital in the active promotion of vocations by which each of us learns of God's intricate design on our lives.

"We accompany every year dozens and dozens of men, young and old, who hear that faint question and feel that subtle nudge – 'could Jesus be inviting me to follow after Him, and to love His people, as a priest?' Because of your help, we are able to admit over 12 men to our seminaries every year – where they are formed to become priests who will bring Jesus to you and your families." —**Fr. Eric Cadin, Director of Vocations**

Through the Office of Vocations, the perpetuation of our Catholic faith finds hope as young men come to hear God's call and follow Him.





Let's move Forward in Faith together with a gift to this year's Catholic Appeal. Help to share Christ's hope and love with all those who seek it.

If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, thank you! If not, there are several ways you can participate in the 2024 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.

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