

TOGETHER IN HOPE AND CHARITY

The Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is the largest source of funding for the works of the Diocese of Tucson. The Appeal provides the financial resources for the ministries and charities that serve individuals and families of our parishes, schools, and communities.

Each year, the Catholic Foundation and Bishop Edward J. Weisenburger, in collaboration with pastors and administrators from all parishes and most missions of the diocese, renew the Annual Catholic Appeal to raise the much-needed funding.

As the Catholic Church of Southern Arizona, the Diocese of Tucson works to proclaim the gospel and spirit of Jesus Christ. Your Annual Catholic Appeal donations support the faith formation of people of all ages in our Church and reach the poorest among us through various local Catholic social agencies. Moved by Christ's call for us to live as disciples, we unite in hope and charity through the call to care for our Church.



HOW TO GIVE

Give in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed upon you (Deuteronomy 16:16)

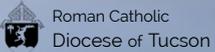
Make your pledge or one-time gift...

- Check payable to Annual Catholic Appeal
- Monthly pledge
- Credit Card - Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express
- EFT: Automatic funds transfer from your checking or savings account
- Stock donations
- Complete donation form mailed to your home or available in the parish pews
- Text ACA to 41444 and complete the donation form from your cell phone
- Online: www.cathfnd.org/donate
- IRA Rollover (70 1/2 years old and over)
- Leave a Catholic Legacy
Learn more: www.cathfnd.org/legacy
- Call the Annual Catholic Appeal office: 520.838.2504

Your gift does make a difference!
100% of your generous contributions are used for the growth of our local Church



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2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

- SEMINARIAN AND CLERGY EDUCATION & SUPPORT
- OUTREACH TO POOR PARISHES, MISSIONS, & COMMUNITIES
- SCHOOLS, EDUCATION AND EVANGELIZATION
- DIOCESAN MINISTRIES & NEW PARISH DEVELOPMENT
- PARISH SUPPORT SERVICES

... so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another.
Romans 12:5

The Annual Catholic Appeal serves as a unified effort in which all faithful Catholics throughout our diocese come together to provide critical financial support for the ministries of our parishes, our social services programs, and our diocesan services.

Did you know that...?

Over \$500,000 goes directly to Catholic Community Services to help fund programs that serve the poor, elderly and imprisoned.

Bookkeeping services are provided to over 40 parishes, mostly in our smallest communities where they either can't find a bookkeeper or it's simply too expensive.

Over \$300,000 goes to parishes and schools in the form of grants for programming, services, repairs or equipment they otherwise could not afford.

A full-time staff of Human Resources experts handle employment matters for our parish and Catholic School employees.

Our schools, which serve a largely lower-income population, are kept strong and viable by services provided by our Catholic Schools Office.

It costs \$40,000 per year to educate each seminarian, our future priests.

The department of Pastoral Services conducts several conferences throughout the year that gives our lay leaders, religious brothers and sisters, and clergy, an opportunity to grow in their faith through education, formation and certification.



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\$4,000,000

Each year, the Diocese of Tucson assesses its financial resources and its ability to respond effectively and with compassion to the needs of parishes, schools, and the community it serves.

Frequently Asked Questions

Catholic Community Services (CCS) serves as the human services arm of the Diocese of Tucson. Its mission is to strengthen children, adults, families, and communities by providing help, creating hope and serving all. CCS works through a family of agencies and ministries in Tucson, Sierra Vista, and Yuma. CCS also oversees the Pio Decimo Center, Deaf & Residential Services, Aid for Migrant Women and Children, the Kolbe Society, and the St. Jeanne Jugan Ministry with Elders.

The Office of Vocations and Seminarian Education promotes priestly vocations, selects qualified candidates for discernment, coordinates the formation and education of seminarians, provides for the 9 current seminarians, and presents qualified seminarians for priestly ordination. Seminarian tuition is \$40,000 per year for each seminarian.

THE Office of the Chancellor provides personnel support to the more than 170 priests serving in the Diocese, as well as financial support and benefits to 50 retired priests.

SCHOOLS, EDUCATION AND EVANGELIZATION

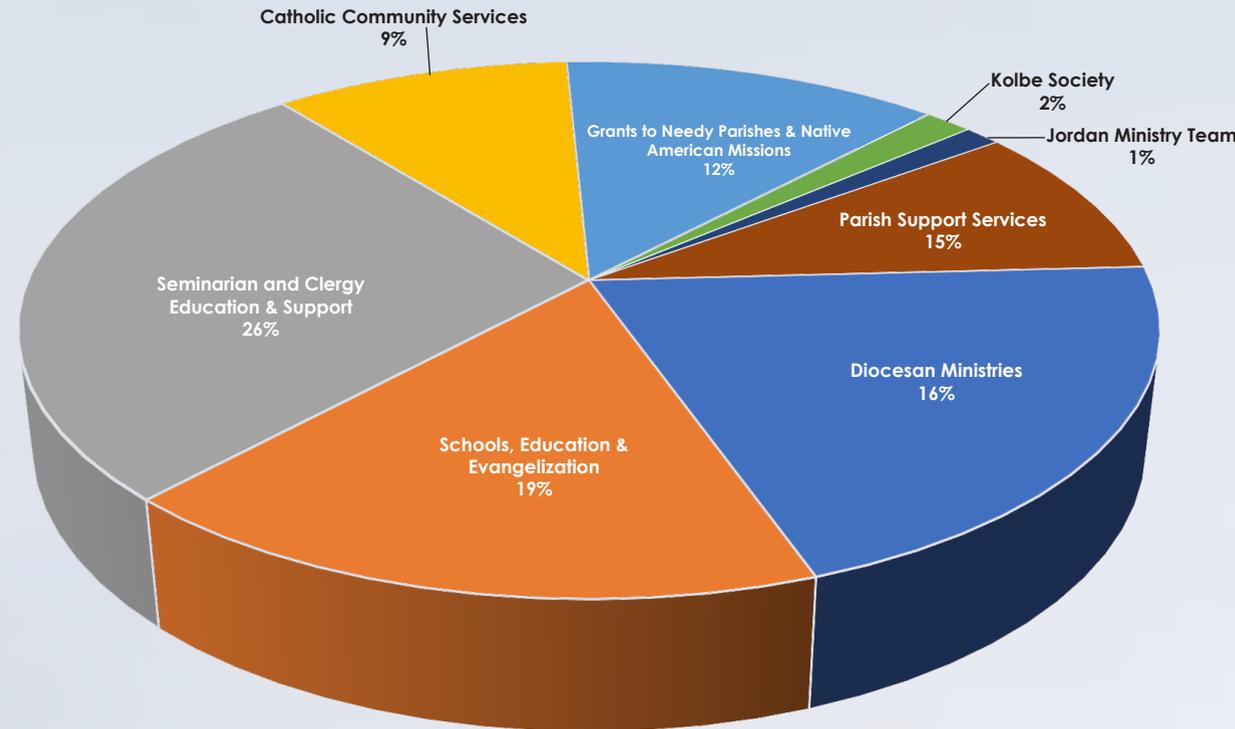
The *Office of Catholic Schools* ensures the spiritual and professional development of 530 teachers who serve 6,400 students at the Diocese's 19 elementary and 6 high schools.

The *Office of Catechesis and Family Life* guides and develops effective Catechetical leadership in the parishes of the Diocese. In the past year, more than 400 people joined the Catholic faith through the RCIA process, and 5,000 adults participated in formation classes offered by Diocesan personnel.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Under the Formation Office, several ministries provide opportunities for individuals and families to learn, grow and be inspired by their faith. Religious education and ministry formation is provided to all parishes and missions in the Diocese.

The Pastoral Team offers expertise in family life, liturgy, spirituality, parish planning and much more. Over 19,500 participate in formation annually.



Diocesan Ministries and New Parish Development.....	\$635,000*	Grants to Needy Parishes & Native American Missions	\$497,000
Schools, Education & Evangelization	\$756,000	Parish Support Services	\$604,000
Seminarian and Clergy Education & Support.....	\$1,043,000	Kolbe Society	\$65,000
Catholic Community Services	\$350,000	Jordan Ministry Team	\$50,000

Why is our Diocese conducting the Annual Catholic Appeal? The ACA represents more than 51% of the support needed to fund the diocesan ministries each year. The Bishop asks Catholics in the Diocese to generously support these important and on-going ministries that provide educational, pastoral, and charitable outreach to those living in the Diocese, by giving to the ACA.

Why do we need the ministries and services provided by the Diocese? The ACA funds over 26 on-going ministries and services of the Church. These very important ministries and services are beyond the resources of any single parish. Coordinating programs at the Diocesan level, such as religious education, seminarian education and vocations, lay ministry formation, youth and young adults ministry, prison ministry, etc., eliminates duplication, provides consistency, and saves both time and money.

Is it important to give to the ACA, even though I am already giving to my parish?

The programs at your parish are very important and much of the work of the Church and the Diocese takes place at the local level. However, there are certain specialized services such as education, vocations, diocesan conferences and trainings, construction project services, for which the Diocese takes the major responsibility. These are services no single parish can provide and must be shared by all.

What should I give to the ACA?

The decision on how much to give needs to be personal and prayerful. God has given each of us gifts, graces, talents and abilities, which are to be shared responsibly and wisely with others. We are also challenged to make our financial gifts from substance, not abundance, and in proportion to our blessings.

Annual Catholic Appeal funds **ARE NOT USED** to offset capital expenses, uncollectible debt, depreciation, repayment of loans, or legal services.

For a complete list or for additional information, please visit our website at www.cathfnd.org.

*Includes 7% ACA administration and marketing costs for all parishes.