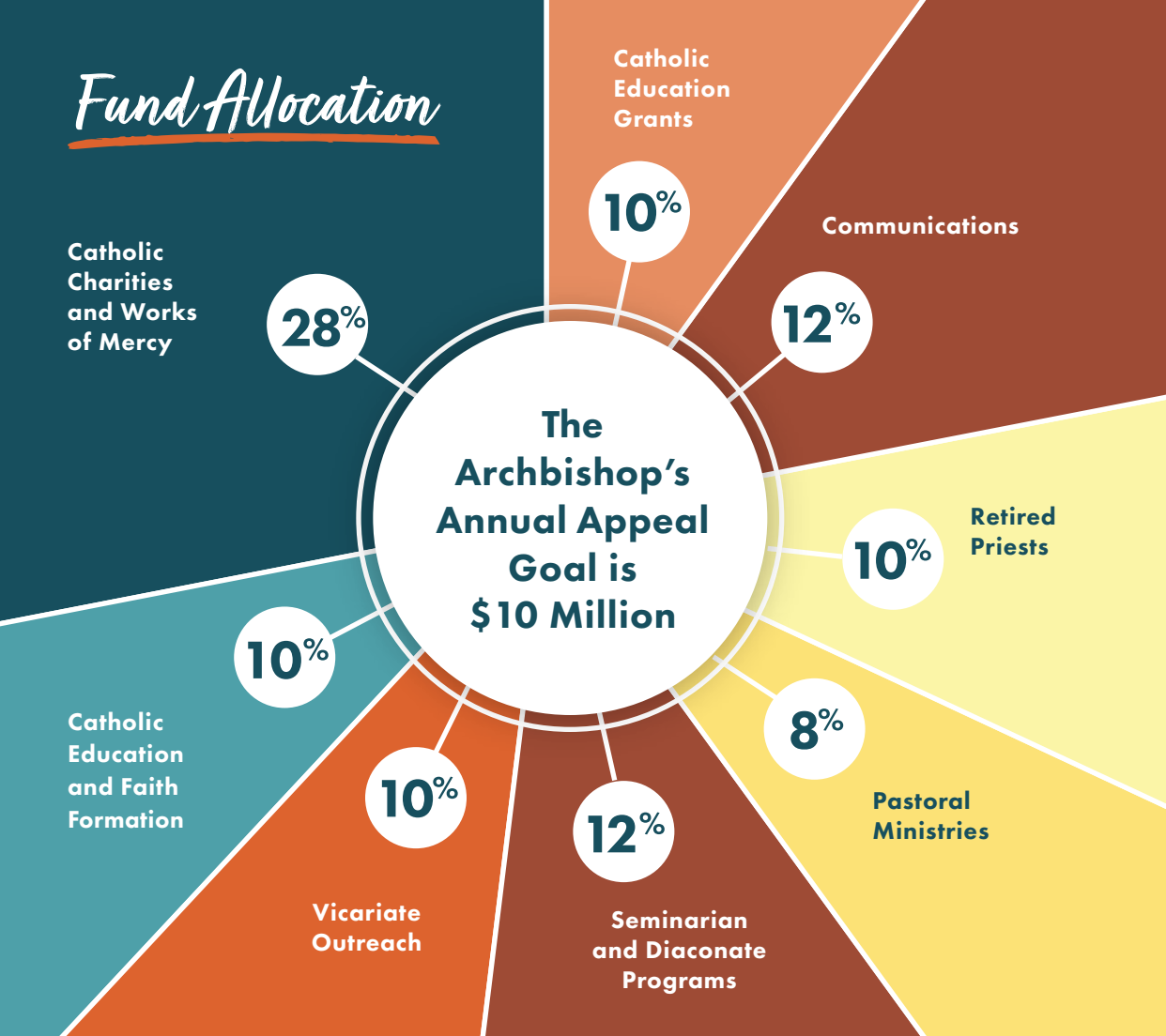


Fund Allocation



Please prayerfully consider giving to this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal, *Reaching Out, Healing Together*.

It is only through the generosity of the donors to the Appeal that we will be able to meet our goal, and ensure that the good works of the Archdiocese are fully funded.

Catholics unite by *Reaching Out, Healing Together* across our Archdiocese

Ways to give

All gifts to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal are tax deductible as provided by law.

GIVE ONLINE — Please visit appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org to make a one-time gift or pledge online. Please call the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Office at 800.781.2550 for additional assistance.

CHECK AND CREDIT CARD — Checks should be made payable to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Please provide your credit card details on the back of your pledge card. Kindly mail the enclosed gift/pledge card in the envelope provided to P.O. Box 28, Hartford, CT 06141-0028.

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA) GIFTS — Under the current tax law you must take your first required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year in which you turn age 72 (70 ½ if you reached it before January 1, 2020). You can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity without having to pay income tax on the money. This is known as an IRA charitable

rollover. Please consult your tax adviser and kindly instruct your retirement account broker to make the check payable to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and mail it to P.O. Box 28, Hartford, CT 06141-0028. Please call the Appeal office at 800.781.2550 with any questions you may have regarding this gift.

PLEGGED GIFTS — Appeal gifts may be paid over five months. Please consider including your first month's payment with your pledge card.

CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS — Every year several local companies give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through matching gift programs, allowing them to support causes that are important to their employees. Please contact your Human Resources Department to determine if your company will match your gift.

➔ Please contact the Archdiocese of Hartford at 860.541.6491 x 3149 for further information on the transfer of stock, a bequest, or including the Archbishop's Annual Appeal in your Will.

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A word from Archbishop Blair



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Over the last year we have found ourselves using terms like “social distancing” and “the new normal.” Worship in church has been limited. Almost every area of life in the family, work and community has been curtailed in some way. And we are saddened by the illness and death of many, perhaps among our own families and friends as well. As a result, a certain sadness, weariness and frustration can set in with the passing of time, and a temptation to be discouraged or disengaged.

As we begin the 2021 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal (AAA), it is important to remember that the Appeal is not primarily about money as such, but about active charity and ministry to others. That is the inspiration for this year’s chosen theme: **Reaching Out, Healing Together**. We cannot afford to give in to discouragement or disengagement.

Even in the midst of whatever burdens we may bear as a result of the pandemic, more than ever the AAA is a call to action and generosity for the sake of the Church’s spiritual ministry and charitable assistance to a hurting and anxious world. We bear witness to a love that overcomes, perseveres, and is as boundless as God’s love for us; a love that responds with empathy to a neighbor who is struggling or in pain, and brings that person to a knowledge and love of God, a love that cannot be silent or still, but as St. Paul says, “bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Cor 13:7)

Reaching Out, Healing Together in the aftermath of the pandemic, we look forward to attending Mass and celebrating the Eucharist, spending time with our loved ones, and lending a hand to our neighbors in need. As we emerge, and begin to heal; adapting to the changes forced upon us, we must never lose sight of our faith and the good we can do for those who may be facing challenges in body, mind, soul and spirit.

By combining all of our individual gifts as one archdiocesan family of faith, we can accomplish great things in the name of Christ and his Church for the people of Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties. Please share generously the time, talent, and treasure that God has bestowed upon you, so that together we can continue our ministries for the spiritual and material well-being of individuals, families, and communities.

This brochure illustrates just some of the ways that **Reaching Out, Healing Together** makes a difference in the life of our church and our communities.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



+ Leonard P. Blair

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford

Reaching Out

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a serious toll on our communities, impacting our overall health and well being, our financial stability and our entire way of life. Many of our neighbors are facing economic hardships, some for the first time ever. It is only because of the extraordinary generosity of Appeal donors that we are able to continue to fund archdiocesan ministries that help to serve the poor, hungry and homeless, help care for our elderly priests, nurture vocations, educate our young, strengthen our religious education efforts, minister to the sick and elderly, and much more.

One ministry that continues **Reaching Out** to help is the Vicariate Outreach Program. The Archdiocese of Hartford through the Vicariate Outreach Program has distributed in excess of \$18 million to local organizations since 1997. Last year, for the fifth consecutive year, over \$1 million was allocated to over 200 different organizations in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties. As the pandemic continues, these organizations are assisting more people than ever before and because of donors to the Appeal we were again able to provide those working on the front lines additional financial assistance in this time of crisis.



Foodshare, ImmaCare, Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, The Hartford Catholic Worker, South Park Inn - Homeless Shelter, Little Sisters of the Poor, House of Bread, Enfield Loaves and Fishes, and Saint Joachim Food Pantry Ministry are just a few of the Hartford area charities that put your Appeal gift to great use. In the Hartford area, organizations strived to

meet the immeasurable growing need caused by the pandemic, by **Reaching Out** to more people. At the start of the pandemic, Foodshare, the food bank serving Greater Hartford was able to create an emergency food distribution site at Rentschler Field enabling them to provide assistance to as many people as possible. **“We are so grateful to the Archdiocese of Hartford for their generous donation. It’s evident year after year the impact that food insecurity has in Greater Hartford, but especially this year as we face such incredible challenges. It’s the consistent support from the community that helps us continue to serve our neighbors in Greater Hartford.”**

— Jason Jakubowski, President and CEO of Foodshare



Healing Together

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, your support to the **Reaching Out, Healing Together** 2021 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal matters more than ever. By combining our gifts, we can provide the vital funding needed to the many ministries and programs that strive to ensure our faith continues to grow, making certain we are not distant from our spiritual needs despite having to adjust to being socially distant physically.

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” — John 1:5

In order to begin **Healing Together** as one family of faith, we must turn toward Jesus, calling on the ministries and programs of the Archdiocese that strengthen and nourish our Catholic values and Christian principles. Our Catholic schools have continued to provide academic excellence to the youth of today during the pandemic by establishing safety guidelines and protocols, yet still maintaining a sense of normal. Throughout all their activities, our Catholic schools continue to weave a strong faith tradition that guides students as children of God who respect the dignity of every person. **“We are charged with building the kingdom of God – this is true in times of peace and prosperity, but perhaps more essentially in times of crisis, fear and uncertainty.”** — Valerie Mara, ED.S., adjunct to the Vicar for Education, Research and Policy, OEEC for the Archdiocese.

