



FUND ALLOCATION

*The Archbishop's Annual Appeal
Goal is \$10 Million*

Catholic School Grants
8%

Communications
13%

Retired Clergy
7%

Pastoral Ministries
9%

Seminarian and
Diaconate Programs
12%



Vicariate
Outreach
10%

Catholic
Education
10%

Catholic
Charities &
Works of Mercy
31%

Please look in your heart today, and join us as we strengthen *Our Faith, Our Future* and share your gifts of love and hope with others. Your Participation will help us meet our goal to ensure that the good works of the Archdiocese are fully funded.



537,983 Catholics



129 Parishes and Missions



1 Archdiocese



WAYS TO GIVE

*All gifts to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal
are tax deductible as provided by law.*

GIVE ONLINE – Please visit <http://appeal.archdioceseofhartford.org> to make a one-time gift or pledge online payment. Please call the Archbishop's Annual Appeal Office at (800) 781-2550 for additional assistance.

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CREDIT CARD – Please provide your credit card details on your pledge card to make a one-time gift or monthly pledge payment.

PLEDGED GIFTS – A gift to the Appeal may be paid over five months. Please consider including your first month's payment with your pledge card.

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HERE**



**TO MAKE
A GIFT BY
SMART
PHONE**



CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS – Every year several local companies give generously to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through matching gift programs. By matching, businesses are assured that their charitable resources 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 3113 for further information on the following:

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*Our
FAITH
Our
FUTURE*





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GREETINGS FROM ARCHBISHOP BLAIR

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

God has blessed the Archdiocese of Hartford with faith-filled, active and caring parishioners who understand that we are all part of God's family and need to care for one another, especially those in spiritual or material need. The 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal presents each of us with a special opportunity to give something back, to build up ***Our Faith, Our Future***. By doing so, we acknowledge the inseparable bond we share as the Body of Christ, and the call we have from Him to bring God's love and mercy to all those who look to the Catholic Church for help and hope. Thanks to your generous support, our archdiocesan family of faith can enrich, nurture, and foster the spiritual and material well-being of individuals, families, and communities throughout Hartford, New Haven, and Litchfield Counties.

I invite you to open wide your heart, and to share generously your time, talent, and treasure, in gratitude for all the love and mercy that God has shown to you.

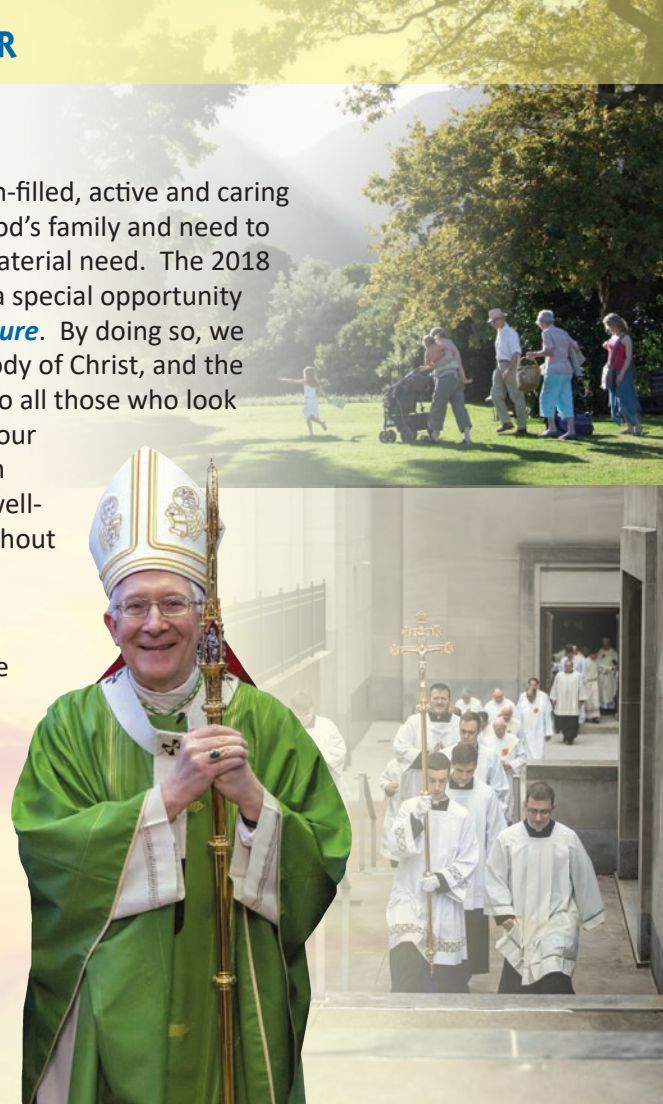
This brochure illustrates just some of the ways that ***Our Faith, Our Future*** applies the Gospel in the everyday life of our communities.



Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Leonard P. Blair

Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair
Archbishop of Hartford



SUPPORTING FAMILIES



The strength and future of our Church begins at home within the family. Through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal support is provided to many in need at critical times in their lives. Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese works to provide food, clothing, and emergency shelter to address unexpected family crises. Such assistance is never publicized but be assured, it occurs each and every day — all year long — thanks to your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

In recent years, Catholic Charities has established a series of Family Centers throughout the Archdiocese. These centers provide an array of services that strive to improve the lives of children and parents. The Fatherhood Support Program offered at these Family Centers provides resources and instruction to fathers in need. This program helps fathers better understand the critical role they play in their child's growth and development. Catholic Charities is all about building stronger families and communities. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports this wonderful work.



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FAMILY LIFE

Strengthening families by supporting locally based programs

Since 1997, the Vicariate Outreach Program has distributed more than \$15 million, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Appeal donors. Last year, for the second consecutive year, more than \$1 million was allocated to parish-identified charities in Hartford, New Haven and Litchfield counties. This funding provided support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance and support.

ImmaCare, Food Share, Mercy Housing and Shelter Corporation, South Park Inn - Homeless Shelter, Little Sisters of the Poor, and Police Activity League of Hartford are just a few of the Hartford area charities that put your Appeal gift to great use. In Hartford the Police Activity League (PAL) provides the youth of Hartford with positive guidance during their childhood years through after school and summer programs. A strong support system, such as PAL, has a direct relationship with lowering the number of young people with disciplinary problems in school or on the street, and has a powerful impact on a child's future. The PAL program instills a sense of pride and self-worth in these children as they strive to become active participants in their community.

CAMPUS MINISTRY/VOCATIONS

Building for a Strong Future

Across many college and university campuses you will find students who are away from their family and friends for the first time. Seemingly alone, they often look to identify with what reminds them of home, which includes attending Mass. Through your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, vibrant Campus Ministry programs occur at a number of area universities and colleges. Campus Ministry provides students the opportunity to grow, not only in their faith and education, but socially in a Catholic setting. The Rev. Michael Ruminski former Chaplain of Campus Ministry at the University of Hartford said recently, *"Our young people are the future of the church, and the transition point from being at home to being a young adult away from home and looking towards a career, is the key time in which we find our faith, we find our identity as a member of the body of Christ, it's very easy to lose yourself during that period of time."*

Often it is in an academic setting that a young man will recognize the call to the priesthood. Campus Ministries can provide this opportunity to explore the faith, and strengthen one's relationship with God, yet ask the questions that permit him to discern God's plan for his life. Catholic Campus Ministry is the silent partner that helps bridge the gap between the youth of today and the adults of the future.

