

Annual Appeal and Parish Giving

Annual Appeal

The largest source of support for the archdiocese's ministries and evangelization is the Annual Appeal. Appeal funds are used for ministries that include:

- Catholic Education – support for Catholic schools and parish religious education programs, including curriculum and religious curriculum development, administrator and teacher development, school safety, accreditation, enrollment management and technology.
- Priests and Seminarians – support for education and training of our seminarians, continuing education and special medical care for priests, Office of Vocations, Office of the Diaconate and Office of Consecrated Life.
- Evangelization – support for the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ, from special Masses and events, such as the White, Blue, and Rose Masses, Walk with Mary, the annual Youth Rally and Mass for Life, rosary processions to uphold the dignity of life, Theology on Tap, discussions and talks to keep young adults engaged in their faith life, the weekly TV Mass, etc. All of these events are promoted and shared widely using the communications tools of digital media, multimedia production, and publications of the Archdiocese of Washington.
- Life, Young Adult and Youth, Hospital and Imprisoned, and Culture Ministries – support for cultural diversity, family, youth, young adults, social concerns, life issues, healing ministry, and ministry to the hospitalized and imprisoned.

Parish Support

Collections at Mass primarily fund the ministries and programs of the parish. The stewardship at the parish level is invested in the local parish for the liturgy and music ministries, parish life, religious education, adult faith formation, social concerns and the housing and basic living expenses of the parish priests.

A portion of the Mass collections are used to award tuition assistance to needy students in Catholic elementary schools through the Catholic Education Foundation, an affiliated foundation of the archdiocese. Last year, this support provided families who desired that their children receive a Catholic education with \$6 million in scholarship support.

Mass collections also support the offices of the Archdiocesan Central Pastoral Administration, which exist to serve and support the archdiocesan parishes and schools. The offices are also funded through other revenue sources such as gifts, grants and investment income. Archdiocesan parishes and schools are served by:

- Archdiocesan administration: Office of Child Protection and Safe Environment, Office of the Chancery, Office of General Counsel and Office of the Archbishop and the auxiliary bishops
- Parish Services: support for each pastor and principal in the financial administration of the parish and school

- Management and Administration: Office of Finance, Information Technology, Facilities Management, Human Resources, Communications
- Development: support for parish offertory increase programs, administration of the annual appeal, fundraising for the Catholic Education Foundation, planned giving and other financial outreach.

Responsible stewardship of the financial gifts generously entrusted to the Church by the faithful is one that the archdiocese takes very seriously. As such, the Annual Appeal and parish giving are not used to pay professional fees for law firms or consulting firms related to the Pennsylvania attorney general's report and Archbishop McCarrick matters. Any such fees are paid from investment income on unrestricted investment accounts that are separate from archdiocesan ministries and from other unrestricted funds.