



2021 ANNUAL APPEAL Year in Review

The Annual Appeal of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington has been for 52 years a blessed expression of our faith in action. Wherever the need for charity and mercy has been great, the people of our Church have united as one Body of Christ giving generously in service to others.

In establishing a unified appeal to all the faithful in 1969, Cardinal Patrick O’Boyle said that “it enables us to imitate in some small measure the sacrifice our Savior made.” Through that first campaign, supporters throughout the region contributed over \$527,000 to support the charitable works of the Archdiocese, which that year included many programs to aid the disadvantaged, provide foster care for infants and children, assist the elderly, support educational programs and more. Pledges in subsequent years grew significantly as people responded to the call to help others and build up the Church.

Since that remarkable beginning, the Annual Appeal has delivered hundreds of millions of dollars to provide loving care, nurturing support, education and leadership to people throughout our family of faith and the greater community.

Every year, the faithful of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington generously put their faith, hope and love into action by supporting this cause, which sustains and improves people’s lives and strengthens the ministries and mission of our local Church.



Giving Week for the
2022 Annual Appeal is
Feb. 12 to 20.

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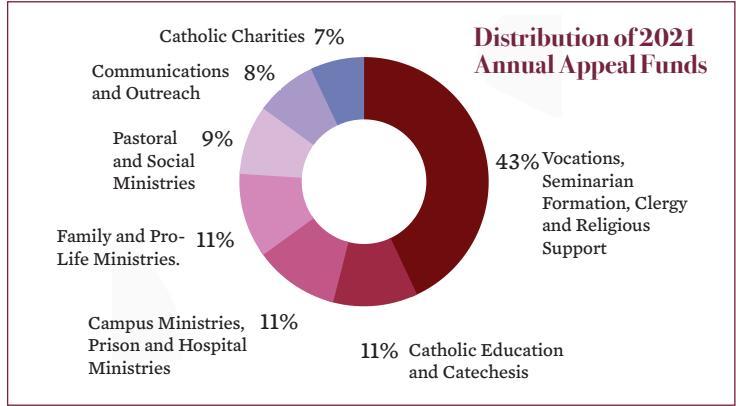
2021 Annual Appeal raises \$10.3 million in crucial funding for more than 70 ministries



In 2021, more than 20,000 donors contributed \$10.3 million in critical funding for the charitable works of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. This year, a new donation portal—give.adw.org—was created to supplement Annual Appeal commitment envelopes collected at parishes. As in every year, 2021 Annual Appeal gifts were restricted to the ministries that are a part of the Annual Appeal and were not used for administrative, legal or any other purpose. These Annual Appeal-supported ministries may be categorized into seven different areas:

of operation. Said Father Mark Ivany, Director of Priests Vocations, about the fruitful vocations outreach in the Archdiocese: “We are blessed by a great number of lay people who are invested in young people’s spiritual lives, and by our priests who are living their priesthoods in a very intentional way that is attractive.” **Catholic Education and Catechesis.** In 2021, more than 20,000 youth were enrolled in parish religious education programs, and approximately 2,000 teachers and volunteers received training and certification for catechetical ministry. “Our goal is to help

genuine community. As the fall semester began, we saw an increase in students considering Bible studies and coming back to Mass, and large numbers at our Wednesday Night Dinner. The isolation and fear of the past two years has made our students look for something more and think about those deeper questions,” said Father Conrad Murphy, chaplain at the University of Maryland’s Catholic Student Center. **Family and Pro-Life Ministries.** One highlight in 2021 was a September workshop to support parents whose children are no longer practicing the faith. The workshop was hosted by St. Catherine and St. Ignatius parishes in Port Tobacco, Maryland, and co-sponsored by the Office of Family Life. “These parents sometimes fall into believing it’s all my fault, I’m the only one facing this, and there’s nothing I can do,” said Father Aaron Qureshi, pastor of St. Catherine and St. Ignatius. “I had in the back of my mind a workshop to address these fears for some time, and the Archdiocese gave me the resources to make that idea a reality.” **Pastoral and Social Ministries.** For Mary O’Meara, Executive Director of the Office of Deaf and Disabilities Ministry, mental health was a key focus in 2021 through a training and certification program that was offered to parish and other community leaders in the fall. “Everyone is included in this,” said Mary O’Meara. “We want parish leaders to have mental health resources at their fingertips, not just pastorally but professionally, so that people know they are not alone.” **Communications and Outreach.** The Sunday TV Mass, filmed in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, is broadcast weekly at 10:30 a.m. on WDCW-50. Especially for the homebound and those without access to online livestreaming options, the TV Mass continued to provide an opportunity for Sunday worship and prayer where in-person church attendance was



Vocations, Seminarian Formation, Clergy and Religious Support. In 2021, the *Quo Vadis* summer vocations camp, returned after a year’s hiatus. The 2021 version, which took place at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland, saw record numbers of participants in its 12th year people fall in love with Jesus,” said Sara Blauvelt, Director for Catechesis. **Campus Ministries, Prison and Hospital Ministries.** 2021 saw an increase in participation in campus ministries as in-person activities resumed. “There is such a huge demand as we come out of the pandemic for

A Reflection by Wilton Cardinal Gregory



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As my predecessor in this Archdiocese, Cardinal James A. Hickey, once wisely said, “We serve the homeless not because they are Catholic, but because we are Catholic.” I have always liked this perspective because it helps us to understand that everything we have received is from God’s abundance.

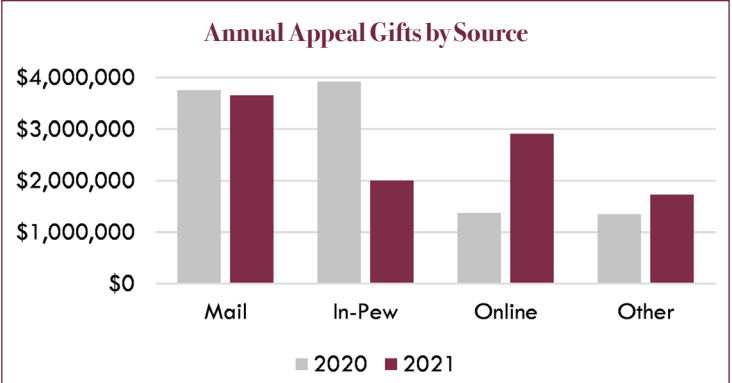
Here in The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, our needs are great: for more and holy priests, for Catholic

education that is accessible to all families, for effective social and family outreach, for greater protection of life in all its stages, and so on. These needs are God’s invitation to show that “we are Catholic” and your gifts of charity will have a broad and lasting impact on more than 70 local ministries working to meet these needs.

On behalf of our communities of faith uplifted by your generosity, I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your kindness and support. May your giving be returned to you in even greater abundance from our God who will never be outdone in love.

Wilton Cardinal Gregory

not possible. **Catholic Charities.** Catholic Charities of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington operates 55 social service programs in 34 locations and serving more than 140,000 women, men and children annually. “Catholic Charities is doing well and giving our best every day under whatever circumstances we face. There have been difficulties, but your prayers and financial support sustain us... I think this all speaks to a Church that follows the Lord’s commands and has in its DNA a commitment to take care of those in need,” said Msgr. John Enzler, president and CEO. The 2021 Annual Appeal, with the theme “Seeking Christ,” offered a reminder that Christ is the ultimate source of hope and renewal in our Church. That could be seen through the outpouring of support from donors for the 2021 Annual Appeal, and the blessings experienced across all the ministries of the Archdiocese.



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Pandemic spurs renewal at University of Maryland's Catholic Student Center

Special to the Standard

“How can we do more?” That is the question University of Maryland student Christopher Desrochers found himself asking as in-person activities began to resume on campus and at the Catholic Student Center in College Park in the spring of 2021. “We want to be here for something and not just get through college and hang out,” said the now-senior.

That sentiment, shared by staff and students alike, was behind a renewal of CSC activity in the fall of 2021. Thirty-five Bible studies drawing 250 students were active during the semester. At least 150 students have attended CSC's popular weekly Wednesday Night Dinner, with more than 250 students having attended the first dinner of the semester. In addition, Father Conrad Murphy, chaplain at the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland in College Park, said their RCIA program is the largest it has been in years, which he attributes to the vibrant community there.

Annual Appeal provides vital support for outreach

These articles highlight some of the 70 ministries that are supported by the Annual Appeal of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. The advertisement on pages 12 and 13 highlights the impact of the 2021 Annual Appeal. Giving Week for the 2022 Annual Appeal is Feb. 12 to 20. People can make gifts to the Annual Appeal by visiting give.adw.org.

“The desire among our students to share the good news of Jesus Christ is tangible when you are at the CSC,” said Father Murphy. “In the craziness of our world, they are joyful and zealous servants of the Gospel.”

Desrochers, serving as Grand Knight for the CSC's Knights of Columbus Council, has seen a similar renewal in their membership. “When the pandemic hit, we were down to eight active members in our council. This year, however, we have 30 active members and our activity has grown as well,” he said.

Some of those activities led by Desrochers and the Knights include weekly virtual trivia nights, Sunday

brunch after the CSC's 10 a.m. Mass, food drives, and a “Rosary Challenge” where students contributed more than 1,000 prayed rosaries in the fall.

“This year has been a beautiful chance to witness the drive our community had for coming together and pursuing our faith. We asked ourselves, how can we as Knights be a more intentional organization to set up some of those opportunities,” said Desrochers.

Father Murphy said there has been a similar renewal among the CSC's alumni. “We have so many vocations in the last few years, not only to the seminary and religious life, but to share the Gospel in serving the poor



Father Conrad Murphy, the chaplain at the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland at College Park, gives Communion to students during a Mass there. The Catholic Student Center and the campus ministry programs at universities in Washington, D.C., and in surrounding Maryland counties receive funding from donations that local Catholics make to the Annual Appeal of The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington. (Photo from the Catholic Student Center at the University of Maryland)

as missionaries to the homeless and on campus as FOCUS missionaries. When people are legitimately concerned about the state of the Church post-pandemic, these students are really seeds of renewal that are going out into our parishes.”

Soon joining the alumni ranks with a degree in computer sciences, Desrochers knows the CSC will always be a home.

“A consistent and rock-solid home is what the CSC has provided me,” he said. “It’s a place I can

go regardless of how I am feeling, even if it’s just going to the chapel. You can be entirely who you are – frustrated, disappointed, whatever – and you know you will always be accepted. That is what a home is to me.”

‘We provide the ministry of presence:’ Prison and hospital ministry during the pandemic

Special to the Standard

For the better part of 40 years, Catalina Conneally-Salazar has ministered to hundreds of women, men and juveniles in detention centers and treatment facilities across the country. “This is where I find Christ,” she says about her life’s ministry.

However, the pandemic has posed new challenges for her current role serving as chaplain for incarcerated women within Washington, D.C.’s Central Treatment Facility. Since the pandemic began, interaction with the women has been limited, so Conneally-Salazar has had to develop other means of outreach and personal connection.

“They are still hungry to have the Word, so every Tuesday I provide a written



Catalina Conneally-Salazar

Communion service including a centering prayer and plenty of images since many of the women have reading difficulties. Everything is translated into Spanish as well,” said Conneally-Salazar.

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another prison ministry chaplain for The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, has created a similar weekly worship guide for men incarcerated in the D.C. Jail. The time apart from the inmates, however, has been an



Father Klaus Sirianni

opportunity for Deacon White to reflect on his ministry.

“You get people at the extremes – their best and their worst. They trust you with their worst, and that is a real grace as an ordained minister,” he said.

Both Conneally-Salazar and Deacon White look forward to the day they can resume their in-person ministry.

“What they appreciate more than anything though is the ministry of presence: the fact that you come week after week and you bring the Gospel and the Eucharist; and an opportunity to pray and to sing; and an opportunity for them to share their voice in an environment of praise. This is of great benefit to their lives,” said Deacon White.

Father Klaus Sirianni has served as chaplain for George Washington University Hospital for the past 16 years. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, he would visit the hospital six days a week. Since then, only in cases of emergency

has he visited the hospital to administer the Anointing of the Sick or Extreme Unction (Last Rites).

“In most instances, I am administering the sacrament outside the room, through the door. In cases where it is a COVID-19 patient, it involves suiting up – mask, gloves, gown. I have to be careful not just for the patient, but also for the rectory where I live [at St. Stephen Martyr in Washington, D.C.],” said Father Sirianni.

Father Sirianni noted that another aspect of his ministry that has been limited since the pandemic began has been visits to the homebound. “With so many people in isolation, our role is to provide the ministry of presence—to bring Jesus Christ to the person in need,” he said.