

RE-IGNITING OUR FAITH & THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Two incredible ways to support your Catholic values, parishes, congregation and diocesan community.



<p>About the Campaign</p>	<p>A NEW campaign that is being implemented in every parish, across the Diocese, starting in July 2017 and running through 2019. The objective of the campaign is to: raise funds that will help bolster your parish community; provide an opportunity for you to spread the joy of the Gospel; and, lead more of your friends, family members, and neighbors back to Mass.</p>	<p>The Annual Bishop's Appeal provides the financial resources which makes it possible for the Church to meet the current fiscal year's operating needs in serving the People of God in 14 counties of our Diocese.</p>
<p>Financial Goal</p>	<p>Through all the parish campaign funds combined, we seek to raise a total of \$45 million.</p>	<p>Each year we aim to raise at least 70% of the current fiscal year's operating budget. In 2016, The Bishop's Appeal raised more than \$7.5 million.</p>
<p>Where will my donation go?</p>	<p>Funds raised through Re-Igniting Our Faith will be allocated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% of funds raised through your parish's campaign will be retained by your parish for critical needs and to ignite the spirit and the joy of the Gospel. • 30% of funds raised will be allocated to grow ministries and programs which serve additional parish needs. 	<p>The Bishop's Appeal supports ministries, and programs, many of which provide essential services to the 126 parishes of our Diocese.</p>
<p>What programs will I be supporting?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 70% (\$31.5 million) parish allocation – Your local parish leaders will have the freedom and flexibility to invest 70% of parish funds raised, as appropriate to create or enhance programs and resources that will build a more dynamic faith community. Each parish will have its own plan. • 30% (\$13.5 million) ministry allocation – Ministries that will be supported through Re-Igniting Our Faith are outlined in more detail on the subsequent pages. 	<p>All proceeds from The Bishop's Appeal are distributed to the various ministries, based on budgetary needs, such as: Catholic Charities, Diocesan Vocations, Catholic Schools, and many other large-scale programs which a single parish could not fund or operate on its own. Additional details on how the proceeds are allocated are outlined on the subsequent pages.</p>

<p>How will the donations be allocated among the ministries?</p>	<p><u>Breakdown of allocation 30% (\$13.5 million)</u></p> <p>The distribution of the 30% of funds raised will be determined annually by the Trustees of the Re-Igniting Our Faith Foundation and allocated to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide critical funding to assist our retired priests; • Enhance support for vocations; • Invest in our future; and, • Develop Catholic schooling resources. 	<p><u>Breakdown of Gifts to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Support Services</td> <td>\$2,293,611</td> <td>29%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pastoral Services</td> <td>\$1,359,054</td> <td>18%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education</td> <td>\$1,281,127</td> <td>17%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Catholic Charities</td> <td>\$965,607</td> <td>13%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Religious Personnel Development</td> <td>\$816,541</td> <td>11%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vocations</td> <td>\$646,051</td> <td>9%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Diocesan Responsibilities</td> <td><u>\$216,000</u></td> <td>3%</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="3" style="text-align: right;">Total: \$7,577,991</td> </tr> </table>	Support Services	\$2,293,611	29%	Pastoral Services	\$1,359,054	18%	Education	\$1,281,127	17%	Catholic Charities	\$965,607	13%	Religious Personnel Development	\$816,541	11%	Vocations	\$646,051	9%	Extra Diocesan Responsibilities	<u>\$216,000</u>	3%	Total: \$7,577,991		
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<p>What is the purpose and intended impact for each of the ministries?</p>	<p><u>Critical Funding for Retired Clergy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priests continue to serve our parishes well beyond retirement. • Retired priests require adequate income and housing. • Current funds do not meet the needs of the increasing number of retired clergy. • Priest pensions are not assisted by The Bishop's Appeal. <p><u>Enhanced Support for Vocations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priestly vocations have increased dramatically. • As numbers of aspirants and seminarians rise, more funds are required for their formation and education. • The Bishop's Appeal funds no longer meet the growing needs for preparing our future priests. 	<p><u>Support Service</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architecture and Building Commission • Archives Office • Real Property • Cathedral • Chancery Operations • Contingencies • Stewardship Office • Information Technology • Office of Human Resources <p><u>Pastoral Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apostolates and Ethnic Ministries • Campus Ministry • Communications Office • Ecumenical Commission • Parish Services • Pastoral Health Care • Pastoral Planning • Prayer and Worship • Scouting • Tribunal • Youth Recreation 																								

<p>What is the purpose and intended impact for each of the ministries (continued)?</p>	<p><u>Investment in Our Future</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Re-igniting our faith:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Updated resources including video, web and distance learning. – Dynamic retreats and renowned speakers. – Pilgrimages to the Shrine of our Lady of Martyrs and beyond. • <i>Youth and young adult ministries:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Innovative young adult events. – Support for new and existing service ministries. – Access for all participants to attend conferences, rallies and events. • <i>Evangelization and communications:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Workshops: Coaching and mentoring leaders on how to evangelize. – Innovative marketing: advertising, social media, direct mail. – Universal access to video and communications resources. <p><u>Catholic Schooling Resource Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for Beacon of Hope Scholarships: assisting families of poor and modest means to afford a Catholic education. • Development of innovative, flexible and traditional models of Catholic education. • Building of stronger alliances among communities, schools, families and students. 	<p><u>Education</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Office of Catholic Faith Formation and Education • The Catholic School Office • St. Bernard's Institute <p><u>Catholic Charities</u></p> <p><u>Religious Personnel Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Services • Vicar for Clergy • Initial & Ongoing • Vicar for Religious • Formation • Vicar for Vocations • Permanent Diaconate <p><u>Extra-Diocesan Responsibilities to the Larger Church</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Holy Father • The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) • The New York State Catholic Conference
<p>How can I get involved?</p>	<p>Your gift to Re-Igniting Our Faith will enable and empower your parish community now and for years to come. Please pray for the success of Re-Igniting Our Faith and consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inviting members of your community to Mass and Church gatherings. • Making a financial contribution to the campaign. • Serving as a campaign volunteer. 	<p>Your gift to The Bishop's Appeal assists your parish in meeting its contribution toward supporting the day-to-day operation of ministries which carry out the Gospel mission of the Church to teach, to protect the vulnerable, to heal the sick and to sanctify.</p>