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*Annual Report* 2024







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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each year, the Catholic Charities Appeal (CCA) of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia stands as a powerful witness to what is possible when people of faith respond to Christ's call to love one another as He loves us. In 2024, despite economic challenges and growing needs, CCA remained a beacon of hope throughout our five-county region. Our ability to serve as that enduring light was possible because of your generosity.

With your support, we raised more than \$8 million to sustain vital charitable ministries and programs that serve **one in five** people across our region. This achievement is a testament to the strength of our shared faith and your commitment as a Missionary Disciple to bring Christ's compassionate love to the most vulnerable among us.

Your gifts brought life-changing help to countless neighbors. Families received nourishing meals. Individuals battling addiction found a path to healing. Children with special needs were welcomed into supportive schools. People experiencing homelessness found safe shelter. Your donations provided real hope to individuals and families facing immense hardships.

This 2024 Annual Report illustrates how lives were transformed by your compassion. Every story reveals how Christ works through your hands and heart to restore dignity and share His mercy.

Whether it's a senior receiving a warm meal, special needs children encountering the loving support and resources they need to flourish, or a mother finding courage during a time of crisis—these moments are possible because of you.

Thank you for embracing your role as a Missionary Disciple in today's world. Your support is a path for others to receive the love of Jesus Christ and to ensure our Church remains a beacon of tangible hope for all those in need.

Thank you for helping us in Giving Hope to All. Please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
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# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The 2024 Appeal raised \$8,795,846 from 37,111 gifts
- There were 4,102 donors who returned after being away for more than one year
- 657 new donors joined the Appeal
- The average gift\* was \$217.12
- 51 Parishes exceeded their 2024 goal

\*Excluding estates gifts

YOUR DONATION TO THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA IMPACTS PEOPLE SUPPORTED BY OVER 100 PROGRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE REGION. TO SEE A FULL LISTING OF BENEFICIARY AGENCIES, PLEASE VISIT CATHOLICCHARITIESAPPEAL.ORG.



# FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## CCA Special Fundraising Initiatives

Throughout the year, we embarked on three special fundraising efforts to provide for rising needs related to hunger, special education and senior services

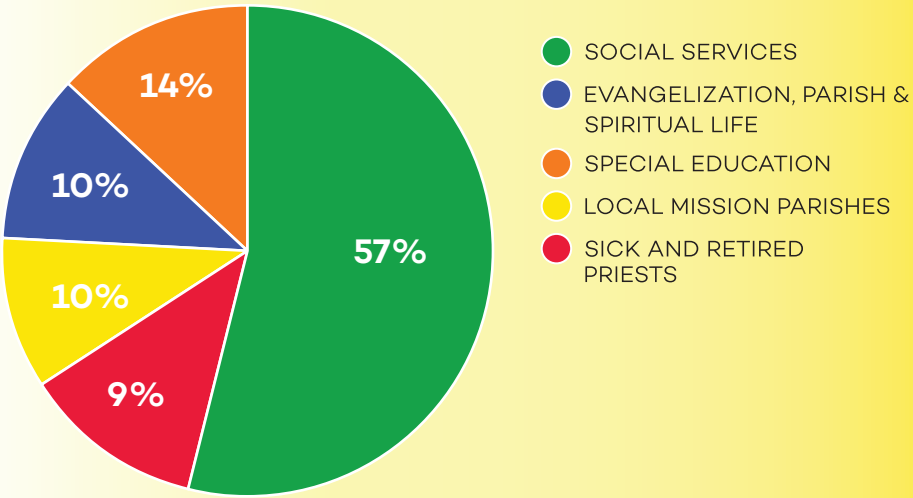
**Nutritional Development Services (NDS):** The need for food and food-related resources has grown significantly, affecting more individuals and children than ever before. In response, NDS expanded its reach to support those in need. **We are thrilled to share that during the Thanksgiving season, \$287,374 was raised through 3,574 generous gifts as part of this essential partnership between the CCA and NDS.**

**Schools of Special Education:** The Archdiocese of Philadelphia's three Schools of Special Education continue to provide exceptional care for God's most vulnerable children. **Through the remarkable generosity of donors like you, over \$234,239 was contributed through 3,154 gifts.** This past year presented many challenges, but your unwavering support ensured that children continued to receive a Catholic education, offering peace of mind to more than 140 families.

**Catholic Housing and Community Services:** Supporting senior adults with housing, meals, in-home support, mental health services and more remains a vital mission of Catholic Housing and Community Services. **Thanks to your generosity, \$171,267 was raised through 2,247 gifts, bringing hope and care to our beloved seniors.**



## Distribution Percentages



The Catholic Charities Appeal is committed to transparency and stewardship of your gifts. We work hard to keep fundraising and administrative expenses as well as investment fees as low as possible. With all expenditures included, the 2024 Appeal operated at an efficiency of 24 cents per dollar raised. The Better Business Bureau's standards recommend a charity spend no more than 35 cents per dollar raised on related fundraising expenses. While the Catholic Charities Appeal's total costs are below this benchmark, we continuously strive for additional fundraising efficiencies.



The Catholic Charities Appeal is recognized as a non-profit institution. As such, all gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. The CCA has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives an annual independent financial audit. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia affirms that no funds donated during this Appeal will be used to support the independent reconciliation and reparations program or associated expenses.







## BENEFICIARY HIGHLIGHTS

“Imagine for a moment you lived in a world where most of those you interacted with every day could not communicate effectively with you. Imagine wanting to worship in a language comfortable to you but not having a community in which to do so. Imagine hoping for spiritual guidance, sacramental blessings, or even the reception of the Eucharist but facing barriers to those things due to a lack of awareness of the language you speak. This is the reality for many within the Deaf Community. However, here in Philadelphia, we are blessed with the Deaf Apostolate, which provides pastoral care, sacramental preparation, religion education, and a regular schedule of Masses in American Sign Language (ASL) so that our deaf brothers and sisters are able to participate in their own language.”

Deacon Billy Griffin,  
Coordinator, Deaf Apostolate

**Thanks to the CCA, the Deaf Apostolate served more than 900 families across the Archdiocese in 2024, offering access to the sacraments, religious education, and weekly Masses in American Sign Language—ensuring full participation in the life of the Church.**



The Norris Square Senior Community Center is one of four senior centers operated by Catholic Charities of Philadelphia’s Catholic Housing and Community Services. These sites serve as a lifeline for seniors throughout the Archdiocese—providing opportunities for socialization, recreation, exercise, education and nutrition—all while promoting healthy living, independence and dignity.

Grupo Alegria, a dance group from the Norris Square site, performed at the Philadelphia Corporation of Aging’s inaugural “Carousel of Talent” show at El Concilio’s Hispanic Fiesta during the Wawa Welcome America festival in the summer of 2024. The group’s name, meaning “Group of Joy,” reflects their commitment to sharing happiness, culture, and connection through dance and community. This group is just one example of how the senior centers enrich the lives of older adults.

**With the support of the Appeal, Catholic Housing and Community Services provided seniors throughout the five-county region with housing, food, and compassionate care, helping them age with dignity.**

This past Christmas, students from Saint Lucy School shared their musical gifts during a heartwarming concert at Saint Jerome Church. The performance was a powerful witness to their dignity, talent, and joy. Through music, Saint Lucy’s empowers children with visual impairments to express themselves and grow in confidence.

As one of three Archdiocesan Schools of Special Education, Saint Lucy is the only Catholic school in the country dedicated specifically to children with visual impairments. With certified Teachers of the Visually Impaired and small class sizes, students receive personalized instruction that prepares them to succeed in life and faith.

**In 2024, your generosity supported the three Schools of Special Education in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia that provide a Christ-centered program to meet the individual needs of more than 140 students.**



## BENEFICIARY HIGHLIGHTS

“Some time ago, a person walking past the Church asked me, ‘What does your Church do?’ This is certainly a valid question that should cause all of us to pause to reflect on the lives of our individual parishes.

As a Church, we worship and praise Almighty God, and we feed His people with His Word and His Sacraments. We offer a place of prayer, refreshment, and devotion to His Holy Mother and the Saints. Along with our Churches of St. Athanasius and St. Benedict, our mission extends to our parish grade school and to our food pantry.”

Reverend Joseph F. Okonski  
Pastor, Saint Athanasius Parish

**In 2024, the St. Benedict pantry served over 1,000 households each month—more than 4,000 individuals including 1,700 children and 700 seniors. With support from the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, the parish purchased refrigeration units and employs dedicated staff to receive, stock, and distribute up to 8,000 pounds of food each week.**



For many families, Thanksgiving came with uncertainty. Rising grocery prices made it difficult to afford a holiday meal. Thanks to NDS, hundreds of households received turkeys, canned goods, and side dishes that turned their tables into places of joy and gratitude.

NDS addresses food insecurity throughout the five-county region by delivering over 30,000 pounds of food each month to more than 50 community food cupboards. In addition to non-perishable foods, NDS helps pantries expand their offerings by providing vital equipment like refrigerators to store fresh produce, protein and dairy.

**With support from the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, over 2 million meals were provided across 50+ food cupboards, shelters, senior centers and family service centers.**



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DONATION TO THE  
CCA, YOU ARE HELPING  
OVER 140 STUDENTS  
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## EVENTS

### CCA MASS AND CELEBRATION

On February 7, 2024, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez celebrated the Catholic Charities Appeal Mass of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Newtown. During the liturgy, he offered heartfelt thanks to supporters and highlighted the importance of the Appeal, which has served the Greater Philadelphia region for more than 65 years and remains the largest annual fundraising effort of our local Church.

Following Mass, donors gathered and met representatives from beneficiary ministries and heard firsthand how their generosity sustains vital, life-changing work in social services, evangelization, special education, mission parishes, and care for retired priests.

Archbishop Pérez spoke of how the Appeal fuels the Church's mission to imitate the love of Christ through service. These supported ministries reach **one in five** people across the five counties of the Philadelphia region, offering real help and lasting hope in every parish and neighborhood.

### CCA NIGHT WITH PHILLIES

On May 31, 2024, hundreds of faithful donors and friends gathered at Citizens Bank Park for a fun evening as the Philadelphia Phillies took on the St. Louis Cardinals.

The evening began with a stirring rendition of the National Anthem performed by the Good Shepherd Choir from Saint John's Hospice (SJH). Adding to the excitement, Alexander R., a student from the Holy Innocents Out-of-School Time Program (OST), took the mound for the ceremonial first pitch. Both SJH and Holy Innocents OST are ministries of Catholic Charities of Philadelphia and beneficiaries of the Appeal.

**These inspiring moments reminded attendees of the real lives touched by their generosity. In total, more than 1,100 tickets were sold, raising over \$8,800 to support the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.**

## INITIATIVES

### PROJECT MAGIS

Project Magis is a networking group of legal and financial services professionals dedicated to helping others in our local community by supporting the Catholic Charities Appeal of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Through fundraising events, Project Magis assists people in need by addressing issues such as hunger, homelessness, addiction, and more. The Sixth Annual Project Magis Networking Reception, hosted by Cozen O'Connor, was held on October 28, 2024. The event welcomed over 100 professionals in law, corporate restructuring, mergers and acquisitions, and financial services. The event raised funds to benefit Martha's Choice Marketplace, the largest food pantry in Montgomery County and a vital ministry of Catholic Charities of Philadelphia. During the reception, the Magis Award was presented to Lawrence McMichael, Chairman of Dilworth Paxson LLP, by Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez, Bishop Keith J. Chylinski, and Ernie Russom, CCA Board President, in recognition of his unwavering dedication to fostering unity, advocating for justice, and enhancing the welfare of the community.



#### #iGiveCatholic

For the fifth year in a row, the Appeal participated in #iGiveCatholic, a global Catholic day of giving. The CCA is thrilled to have once again topped the leaderboard both nationally and locally, thanks to the remarkable generosity of so many donors, raising an impressive \$603,503.

We are deeply grateful to all those who supported the Appeal during this special day of Catholic giving. Your generosity allowed the Appeal to provide essential support, such as feeding hungry families, offering quality Catholic education to children with special needs, providing safe housing for seniors, giving the homeless access to shelter, and so much more.

On behalf of the many Appeal beneficiaries impacted by your kindness, thank you!

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# DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

We celebrate the generosity of the tens of thousands of donors who gave hope to thousands of our brothers and sisters in need in 2024. In a special way, we recognize those who were able to contribute \$2,500 and more to change lives throughout the five-county Greater Philadelphia region.

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