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# GIVING HOPE To All



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The Catholic Charities Appeal is the Archdiocese of Philadelphia's single most important annual fundraising initiative and we're counting on your support. This year, the Catholic Charities Appeal will be a channel of hope for tens of thousands of people through countless organizations and ministries in the Archdiocese, and a positive source for good in all facets of the Church in Philadelphia. We ask you to look deep in your heart and be as generous as you can to help us reach our \$12.5 million goal. So many people are counting on us. So we're counting on you to give hope this year to those who need it the most.



## Supporting OUR PARISHES LOCAL MISSION ACTIVITIES



Sundays at Our Lady of Hope Church on North Broad Street are an amazing mix of multiculturalism. The 8:30 AM Mass features an African-American gospel choir. At 10:30 AM there's a Mass in Spanish. At 12:30 PM the Filipino faithful gather for Mass in their native Tagalog. And on special feasts, the entire parish community is brought together when these cultures are highlighted in the celebration of the Eucharist with different languages, truly celebrating "the Tables of Faith, Hope, and Love."

The pastor at Our Lady of Hope, Father Efen V. Esmilia, or simply Father Efen as everyone calls him, is committed to shaping this diverse and sprawling parish into one Eucharistic community. Father Efen and his Director of Parish Evangelization and Social Justice, Sr. Gertrude Borres, R.A., are dedicated to promoting inclusivity, embracing immigrants and creating a parish life that allows the world to see how the mission is lived.

One unique way Father Efen reaches out to the community is at the annual Broad Street Run. The race begins virtually at the front door of the church, and in recent years, Father Efen has celebrated a pre-race Mass and welcomed runners to attend. Each year it has become more and more popular among the runners and their family and friends.

Our Lady of Hope, one of 16 mission parishes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, runs on lay volunteers from all different backgrounds and ethnic groups. Most evenings the parish hall is busy with meetings and classes such as ESL (English as a Second Language) and even SSL (Spanish as a Second Language). Our Lady of Hope and other mission parishes throughout the Archdiocese are able to continue their work through the generosity of sister parishes and also through your generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal. Please help us continue the vital work of this and other mission parish communities.

Gifts made to the Catholic Charities Appeal will provide support needed to tens of thousands of people through countless organizations, programs and ministries throughout the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The beneficiaries are grouped into five key areas:

- EDUCATION
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- EVANGELIZATION, PARISH AND SPIRITUAL LIFE
- CLERGY
- LOCAL MISSION ACTIVITIES

To see a full listing of 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal beneficiaries visit [catholiccharitiesappeal.org](http://catholiccharitiesappeal.org).

## WAYS To Give

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. It has its own Employer Identification Number (EIN) and receives a separate financial audit. Besides gifts of cash, donors to the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal may contribute in many other ways, each offering tax advantages according to their circumstances:

- Pledge Gift
- Gifts of Cash
- Matching Gifts
- Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT)
- Gifts of Security
- Planned Gifts



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For more information about any of the ways you can support the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal, please call Sarah O. Hanley, Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships, at 215.587.5650 or email [cca@catholicfoundationphila.org](mailto:cca@catholicfoundationphila.org).