

What is the purpose and monetary goal of the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal?

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 serve as a positive source for good in all facets of the Church in Philadelphia. The goal for the 2017 Appeal is \$12.5 million.

What types of organizations will my donation benefit?

The Catholic Charities Appeal will continue to raise the dollars necessary to fund the human service programs of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Money raised through the 2017 Appeal will benefit those among us seeking the gift of hope in five key areas:

- Education
- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

Who are the beneficiaries of the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal, and where can I find them listed?

A full list of beneficiaries can be found in the Catholic Charities Appeal brochure and on the website under “Beneficiaries.”

In order to maintain adequate funding to the traditional ministries which received Catholic Charities funding in the past, up to \$10 million will be reserved for their needs.

Why does Catholic Charities Appeal include funding for Seminarian tuition; I thought Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary had its own Annual Appeal?

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia has long supported the Philadelphia seminarians by helping them with their tuition. Catholic Charities Appeal, once it has surpassed \$10 million dollars, will help support this Archdiocesan expense. The Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal supports the operating budget of the Seminary, and does not help cover tuition of the seminarians.

Why am I receiving more than one Catholic Charities Appeal mailing?

There will be multiple mailings sent throughout the year to provide opportunities for you to donate at a time that is convenient to you. However, if you are receiving the same mailing more than once, please indicate this on the enclosed response card, or call 215-587-5650. Our data staff is working diligently to reduce waste and keep our database as accurate as possible.

I don’t currently receive Catholic Charities Appeal mailings. How can I make sure I receive these in the future?

You can call 215-587-5650 or email cca@catholicfoundationphila.org to ensure that you will be added to the Catholic Charities Appeal mailing list.

When does the 2017 Catholic Charities Appeal begin and end?

Catholic Charities Appeal kicks off the first weekend of February, and contributions may be made until December 31, 2017.

How do I donate to Catholic Charities Appeal?

There are a variety of ways that you can donate to Catholic Charities Appeal. You can donate:

- Online using our secure giving site at catholiccharitiesappeal.org
- At your local parish office or through the collection basket
- Using the response card and envelope included in your Catholic Charities Appeal mailings

You can contribute using your credit or debit card, a check made payable to “Catholic Charities Appeal” or through Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT), which can be arranged through the website. You can also make a pledged gift, and receive reminders throughout the year.

Where can I send my Catholic Charities Appeal donation?

All donations can be sent to:

Archdiocese of Philadelphia
CL# 4710
P.O. Box 95000
Philadelphia, PA 19191-4710

Please do not send cash.

How can I become a *Partner in Hope*?

Become a ***Partner in Hope*** and make an impact all year round. By donating \$1 a day, you will support virtually every aspect of Catholic life for enrichment and improvement. Just \$1 a day can help a child in need, retired senior citizens, homeless individuals and families, veterans, special needs children and so much more. By becoming a ***Partner in Hope*** you will continue to bring joy, hope and strength to many of your brothers and sisters in need throughout 2017. \$1 a day - \$30.42 per month - \$365 a year.

To become a ***Partner in Hope***, please visit www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org.

I can't give the amount I was requested to consider - what do I do?

Every gift to Catholic Charities Appeal is important and impacts the lives of so many in need. The amount requested is for your prayerful consideration. Please make a gift in whatever amount you feel called to give and that is proportionate to your circumstances. Remember that you can always pledge and pay in installments throughout the year, or contribute again at a later date.

Can I make sure my gift is only used for one of the areas of focus?

You can restrict your gift to any of the five areas of focus:

- Education
- Social Services
- Evangelization, Parish and Spiritual Life
- Clergy
- Local Mission Activities

If you are donating online you can select the area of focus from the dropdown menu on the donation page. If you are contributing through check you can write the area of focus on the check's memo line. If you have questions about further restricting your gift please contact us at 215-587-5650.

Will I get a receipt for my contributions?

Yes, you will be provided with a written acknowledgement of your donation to Catholic Charities Appeal. This acknowledgement also serves as the substantiation for your income tax charitable deduction.

How can I learn more about the Giving Societies?

Giving Societies were established to celebrate the significant generosity and loyalty of the Appeal's largest supporters. Without this generosity the Catholic Charities Appeal would not be able to effectively provide hope to so many in despair. The following Giving Societies recognize the deep commitment of those donors leading the way in reaching the \$12.5 million goal:

- Archbishop's Circle – Annual Gift of \$50,000+
- Saint Katharine Drexel Circle – Annual Gift of \$25,000 - \$49,999
- Saint John Neumann Circle – Annual Gift of \$10,000 - \$24,999
- Saints Peter and Paul Circle – Annual Gift of \$5,000 - \$9,999
- Stewards Circle – Annual Gift of \$2,500 - \$4,999

Where can I find more information about corporate matching gifts?

A partial list of matching gift companies can be found on our website under "Ways to Give." Please email us at matching@catholicfoundationphila.org, or call 215-587-5650 to reach out to us with any questions you may have about matching gifts. We are happy to help guide you through the steps to securing a corporate match for your donation.

How can I make a planned gift to Catholic Charities Appeal?

Gift planning allows individuals to incorporate estate and financial planning with their long-term philanthropic goals and includes bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust instruments, and gifts of retirement or life insurance assets. For more information, please call 215-587-5650 or email us at cca@catholicfoundationphila.org

Who do I call with questions about the Catholic Charities Appeal?

You can call 215-587-5650 or email cca@catholicfoundationphila.org with any questions or concerns you may have regarding Catholic Charities Appeal.

Parish FAQ's

Where can I find my parish's goal?

Parish goals were mailed to all Pastors at the beginning of January. These goals can also be found on the Catholic Charities Appeal weekly update report, beginning in March.

Where can I find Catholic Charities Appeal resources?

The Parish Manual, bulletin inserts, and other Catholic Charities Appeal resources are on the website under the "Resources" tab. The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia staff is committed to providing any support necessary to assist each and every parish in reaching its goal.

How can I request additional Catholic Charities Appeal materials?

Additional materials, such as brochures and posters, can be requested at any time by calling 215-587-5650 or emailing cca@catholicfoundationphila.org.