

2021 Impact Report



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*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*

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Dear Friend:

May the Lord give you His peace. With gratitude, we pause to look back at the good works your generous support of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* made possible in the Archdiocese of New York. Despite the many changes and crises in the world today, we take solace in knowing our Lord is the same yesterday, today, and every day. His call to serve is the constant around which we all gather. Guided by the wisdom of Matthew 25:40, "Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me," our heroic priests, deacons, men and women religious, teachers, lay staff, caseworkers, ministry leaders, and health chaplains continued their life-giving work in communities throughout the ten counties of the archdiocese.

Recently, I visited refugees and the Catholic organizations on the ground serving them in Ukraine and its bordering countries. Knowing firsthand how difficult it is to mobilize resources and get them to those in need promptly and efficiently in times of crisis, I have great admiration for the work being done in that part of the world right now. We did it every day, here in New York, through the ministries, schools, parishes, and charitable organizations supported by the *Cardinal's Appeal* in 2020 and throughout 2021 as COVID-19 ebbed and flowed throughout our region.

Thanks to your firm commitment to the work of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, we had the network of resources in place to minister to the sick, the hungry, the jobless, and the grieving. In partnership with Catholic Charities, our parishes and pantries were able to distribute food to millions and offer essential human services to our communities. Our Catholic schools remained open, educating students in safe, adaptable environments. Our parishes, of course, remain on the frontlines of any crisis, ready to minister spiritually and materially to those in need.

As we continue our journey through these complicated times, may we – together – continue to make present the love of the Good Shepherd in a world so starved for His Presence. Thank you, once again, for your continued support of the *Cardinal's Appeal*.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Tim. Card. Dolan*

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

MISSION AND LEADERSHIP

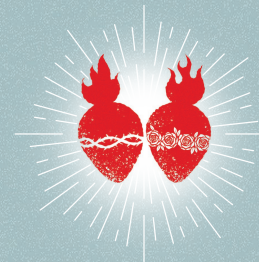


The mission of the Archdiocese of New York is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, aware of the local area and the world, the spiritual and the material, the present and the future. We do this through ministry, service, prayer, and community. We support pastors, parish staff, and volunteers at nearly 300 parishes.

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* is a direct appeal from His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, to our parishioners and friends seeking financial support for the mission, ministries, and charitable works of the archdiocese. The success of the *Appeal* ensures that the archdiocese is able to provide assistance to financially vulnerable parishes, to care for retired parish priests, and to form and educate our seminarians. The *Appeal* helps sustain our Catholic schools, support charitable outreach through Catholic Charities and parishes, and ensure that ministries, such as Youth Formation and Catechesis, Young Adult Outreach, Family Life and Respect Life, and Adult Faith Formation, remain vibrant as we serve the faithful.

"The response of the archdiocese was vital to ensuring that our Catholic schools remained open at the height of the pandemic, when many school districts were fully remote, and aided local communities experiencing a surge in demand for food and other essentials. The success of the *Appeal* remains vital to the continued recovery of our parishes and schools."

— Joseph Fonti
Chair, CASA Leadership



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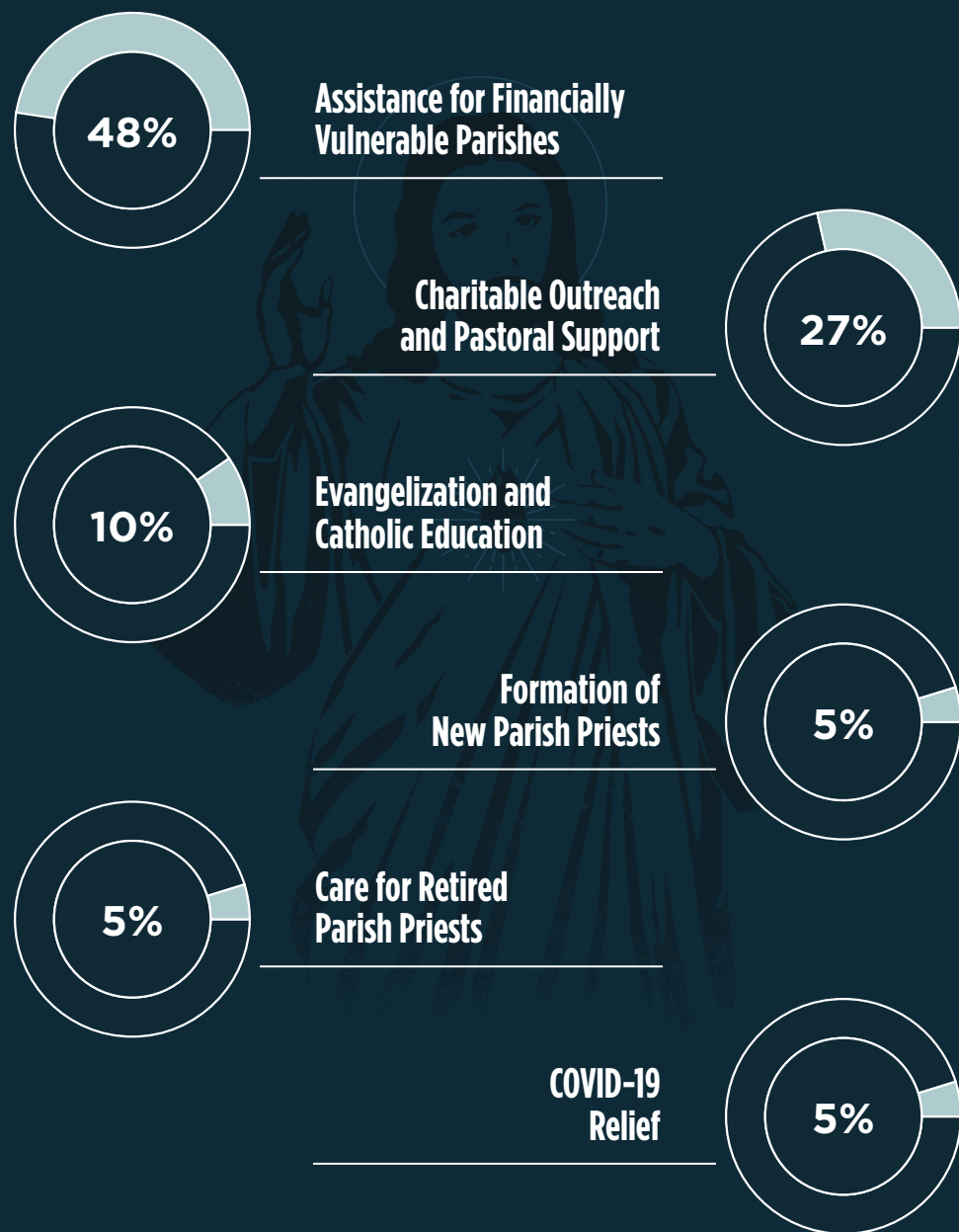
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HOW YOUR 2021 GIFT WAS ALLOCATED



AREAS OF SUPPORT

Ours is a missionary Church, driven by a missionary call to make our Lord present in diverse parish communities throughout our great archdiocese. As a diocese, New York stands alone – serving the beautiful Hudson Valley all the way down to the most populous city in the United States. Every parish heroically responded to the needs of people in crisis during 2021, the second year of the global pandemic. Parishes, schools, health organizations, and

local community outreach centers worked with one another to meet individuals and families “where they are” and minister to them in their moment of need. The Archdiocese of New York faced the challenges of the pandemic head-on to care for the spiritual and material needs of God’s people. All of this was made possible through the support of the *Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal* and the financial contributions detailed to the left.



ASSISTANCE FOR FINANCIALLY VULNERABLE PARISHES

\$10M

Parishes in financially vulnerable areas of the archdiocese were very much on the frontlines of crisis response during 2021. Many of these parishes became the most accessible venues for mobile clinics where COVID-19 testing and vaccinations were made possible. Others partnered with Catholic Charities, generous neighbors, and local restaurants to aid in hunger relief. More often than not, the most poignant stories that emerge from financially vulnerable parishes center on the generosity arising from within those communities. Parishioners, who understand the weight of joblessness, mounting bills, and hungry mouths, stepped up heroically. They called in on neighbors, gathered at Mass to pray for one another, and sacrificed their time, a most valuable commodity these days, to support their dear priests.

Every year, assistance for financially vulnerable parishes tops the list of the *Cardinal's Appeal's* priorities. The need for ministry, outreach, and support is pronounced in these parishes, and staffing is limited. These parishes serve as hubs of crisis response in their communities. "Whatever you did for the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did for me" is written on the hearts of the priests who serve these vulnerable communities. They are able to do so thanks to the generosity of our donors.



"One of the first things I noticed when I arrived here, one of the things that brings the two parishes together, is this desire to be of service to others."

—Bishop John Bonnici,
Pastor of Saint Augustine and
Saints John and Paul parishes

\$6M

CHARITABLE OUTREACH AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

The COVID-19 crisis highlighted the critical role our parishes play in addressing the needs of their communities. There are 284 parishes in the Archdiocese of New York, and they all carry out charitable work through parish-based ministries. These ministries partner with the archdiocese, local agencies, and Catholic Charities to ensure they have personnel and resources to address the diverse needs of each community. From the drug-prevention services facilitated through Catholic Charities in Sullivan County to the local Midnight Run at St. Augustine in Larchmont, charitable outreach is at the core of the missionary

work that drives outreach in the Archdiocese of New York.

Charitable services, such as food pantries, pop-up clinics, counseling services, immigration support, eldercare, and many others, are facilitated through the parishes and archdiocesan-led ministries and initiatives. The *Cardinal's Appeal* ensures the funds required to respond to crisis at the grassroots level are secure. This proved particularly effective during the fluctuating COVID-19 crisis in 2021.



EVANGELIZATION AND CATHOLIC EDUCATION

\$2M

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York were at the forefront of the pandemic in 2020 and 2021. They pioneered hybrid learning, ensured the timely return of our students to school, and with the help of the *Cardinal's Appeal*, provided struggling families with the tuition assistance necessary to keep their children in school. They achieved this under the leadership of Michael Deegan, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, who observed, "Our schools were heralded across the nation as a model for all schools, including public and government schools, for how to reopen schools safely and effectively, while maintaining an excellent standard of teaching for our students." A three-dimensional focus on Catholic identity, superior standards for teaching and learning, and a personalized approach that addresses the unique needs of each student enabled classroom and school leaders to achieve the extraordinary results we all witnessed in our schools in 2021.

Early childhood education programs expanded in Central Westchester, Dutchess, and Rockland counties. Special Education programs remained a priority, with schools offering students daily instruction tailored to the needs of individual children and families. In 2021, our Catholic schools launched the crucial Suicide Prevention Program. Spearheaded and developed by the Archdiocese's Office of Family Life and a team of experts, this program is designed both to protect the students in our schools and equip parents with the resources necessary to address mental health issues among young people. The response from parents was overwhelming, and the archdiocese plans to expand its mental health programs and resources in schools and parishes. All of this is made possible, of course, through the generous support of our donors to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*.



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FORMATION OF NEW PARISH PRIESTS



Today's seminarians will lead the Archdiocese of New York through unprecedented technological and cultural changes. They are being educated and formed to be missionary disciples for Christ to reach out to their communities, both in-person and digitally, as evangelizers. Gone are the days when churches were filled by a sense of obligation to the faith passed on by parents and grandparents. Our priests are tasked with being Good Shepherds who revitalize faith communities with compassion, wisdom, and love. In many ways, it is a return to the discipleship of the first Apostles, but the landscape is New York. Bishop James Massa, Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary, is ensuring each seminarian is prepared to become the priest God is calling him to be.

"The demands of their vocation require their formation be more comprehensive and their education more competitive than generations before as they are inheriting a world more complex and in need of spiritual direction than ever before. Your gift to the *Appeal* has the long-term effect of ensuring our churches remain open and there are fully formed, devoted priests to serve and administer the sacraments."

— Bishop Massa,
Rector of St. Joseph's Seminary



CARE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

\$1M

Situated on the banks of the Hudson River, the St. John Vianney Center for Retired Priests in the Riverdale section of the Bronx was at one point a convent for religious sisters and a dormitory and school for seminarians. Today, it serves as a home for our priests to retire. It is here that the men who devoted their entire lives to serving the Church of New York and shepherding her faithful are met with proper care and fellowship in their later years. The facilities include bedroom suites with private bathrooms, chapels for prayer and reflection, dining rooms, a gym, and

plenty of outdoor space for fresh air and fellowship. There are dedicated spaces for those who require intentional medical care and nurses on staff to serve them. Your gift to the *Appeal* made a significant difference this second year of the pandemic as these men continue to be among the most vulnerable to COVID-19.

What is most important to note is the joy and gratitude our priests have in knowing there is a place for them at the end of the road, a home provided by the people they once served.



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COVID-19 RELIEF

Faced with the ongoing effects of the pandemic, the Catholic Church provided much-needed relief to parishioners and community-members across New York. The archdiocese made use of its expansive geographic reach, existing network of parishes and charitable organizations, and millions of dedicated followers to reach communities throughout the state, covering most of

the neighborhoods in Manhattan, Bronx, Staten Island and all the way to Dutchess, Sullivan, and Ulster counties. The archdiocese served as a beacon of hope for many struggling with the lingering crisis, offering not only physical and medical care but spiritual solace. In a time of uncertainty and fear, our parishes served as homes not only to our faithful, but to all our neighbors in search of healing and care.



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