

# 2020

## Impact Report



*the*  
**CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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



# Impact Report 2023

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Dear Friend,

It is no exaggeration to say that the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* is the blessed catalyst for the pastoral, educational and charitable works of our beloved archdiocese.

The funds raised in this campaign provide critical support to struggling parishes, many of which contribute to the growth of our Catholic presence throughout 10 counties. They also provide the seed money necessary to deliver abundant spiritual and material aid to our brothers and sisters in need and fulfill our gospel mandate to promote social justice. A significant portion of the proceeds is devoted to our parishes, religious education of youth, teens, young adults, and the ongoing formation of adults in the faith they have long practiced. Funds are also used for the robust Catholic schools in the archdiocese. We reserve a portion of the donated monies to form new parish priests through intensive study and training. And we take care of retired clergy who dedicated their lives to serving our people.

I am fortunate to see the tangible results of your loving response to this *Appeal* as I visit our parishes, schools, ministries, and charitable institutions every week. I am proud that we fund the wide-reaching efforts of the University Apostolate program in a city that can feel both exciting and overwhelming to college students committed to centering their young lives on our shared faith. And I am delighted to have the generous support of enthusiastic donors like Andrew Gauzza, who rediscovered the beauty of Catholicism as an adult and now, with his wife and family, help me “Share God’s Gifts Throughout the Archdiocese.”

With assurances of my deep appreciation for your ongoing support, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Tim. Card. Dolan*  
† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York



# Mission & 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.

The archdiocese covers the New York City boroughs of Manhattan, Staten Island, and the Bronx, as well as the counties of Dutchess, Orange, Sullivan, Westchester, Ulster, Rockland, and Putnam.

The *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, a critical component of the archdiocesan mission, raises funds to sustain the various ministries, institutions, and outreach programs that serve thousands of individuals and families across this extensive area.

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## MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

# The Catholic Center at NYU

Amid the din of life near Washington Square Park in New York's Greenwich Village, there is a bright welcoming space where collegians find both the calming silence of the Blessed Sacrament and the cheerful community of like-minded students.

The NYU Catholic Center serves Catholic students at most of the secular colleges and universities throughout Manhattan. The archdiocese entrusted the pastoral care of the students to the Dominican Fathers and provides crucial funding to the Center through the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*.

Dominican Father Isaiah Beiter is one of two priest chaplains who serve the Center alongside five lay missionaries from FOCUS, the Fellowship of Catholic University

Students. "New York City has a strong gravity that will pull people away to a lifestyle that's not compatible with living life with Jesus," he said. Students are drawn to the Center for community, to depend on one another, and to grow in their faith together.

The most popular program at the Catholic Center is Thursday Community Night, which includes evening Mass, a community dinner, and engaging formation talks that respond to the interests and concerns of the students. "They range from human and spiritual formation to the sacraments and liturgical seasons," Fr. Isaiah said. Recent programs have addressed alcohol use, emotions, prayer, confession, priorities, the structure of student life, and interactions with family over school breaks. Speakers are religious and lay people.

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The Catholic Center hosts a well-attended silent Holy Hour with Mass and confession, Monday through Friday. Father Isaiah said, "For many students, the Holy Hour becomes a rhythm of life."

On Sundays, the Catholic Center students are encouraged to attend Mass at nearby Saint Joseph Church, which is also under the care of the Dominican Fathers. "It gives students a chance to see and plug into the larger Catholic community," Father Isaiah said. "Saint Joseph's is a very active parish with young professionals who are living an earnest Catholic life and can be role models," he said.

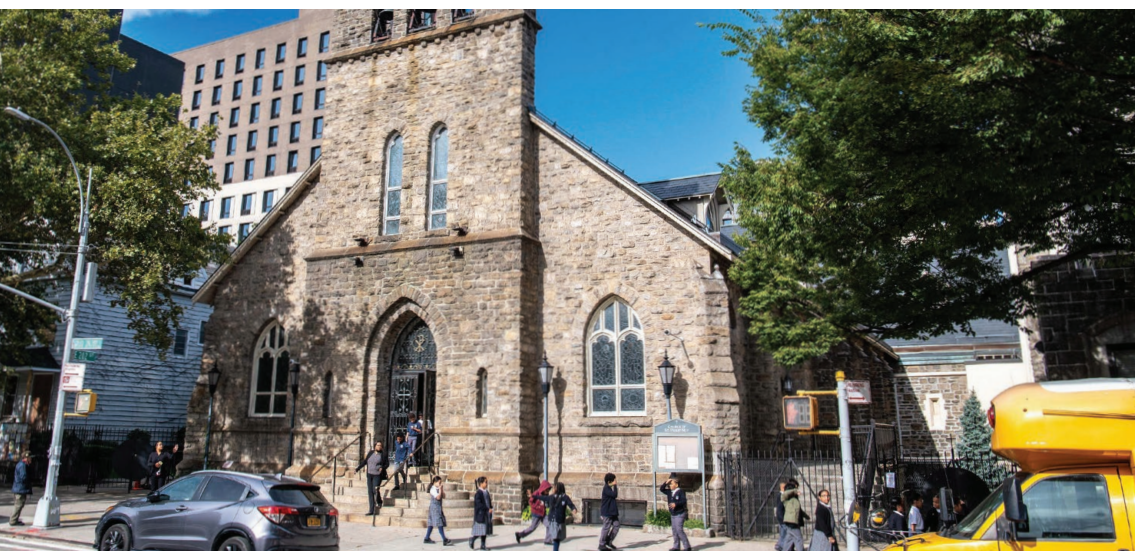
The Catholic Center sponsors an offsite fall retreat as well as regular trivia nights and a crowd-pleasing cultural cookoff that

reflects the broad diversity of the group's 650 registered members from various campuses.

Students participate in 10 different weekly Bible study sessions led by FOCUS missionaries. The FOCUS staff encourage dedication to prayer as the foundation of the students' lives of faith as adult Christians.

With the recent expansion of the NYU Catholic Center's responsibilities to encompass so many other campuses, Father Isaiah said the *Appeal's* funds are critical to the success of the program. "We've only begun to reach the many students who need this community. There is much more ground to cover!"





### Assistance for Financially Vulnerable Parishes

**\$9M**

Support from the *Appeal* makes it possible for parishes to carry out the mission of the Church at a local level. Cardinal Dolan understands the critical role pastors and their parishes play in developing and serving our vast archdiocese. Nearly half of the funds raised through the *Appeal* are made available to support parishes that are not financially independent. By providing them with essential resources, guidance, and financial aid, we help them to fulfill their mission effectively.

**“Without the *Appeal*’s support, our parishioners would not have a place to gather. Our church is the heart of our community.”**



### Charitable Outreach

**\$5M**

The *Appeal* allows the archdiocese the financial means to offer operational support to our charitable organizations who aid New York’s most vulnerable. The generous support of parishioners allows local parishes and organizations like Catholic Charities to secure the staff and resources needed to tackle the varying spiritual and material needs of our local communities. Services like food pantries, pop-up clinics, counseling services, and eldercare are a few examples of the Church’s commitment to social justice.

**“The *Appeal* has played a critical role in helping to sustain our operations. Their generous help is essential in challenging times.”**





## Evangelization, Communications, and Catholic Education \$4M

Planning and preparing for the future of the Church necessitate an ongoing investment in religious education programs and a commitment to the lifelong process of faith formation. Our religious education and faith formation programs are available to young and old in every region of the archdiocese. The *Appeal* fully supports the operating needs of these ministries, which play a vital role in parish life.

*“Thank you to the Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal for allowing our Catechists to help others respond to the call of Jesus Christ.”*



## Formation of New Parish Priests \$1M

In a world filled with rapid change, technological developments, and a growing secular culture, the need for faithful and holy shepherds, modeled after the Good Shepherd Himself, remains steadfast. At *St. Joseph’s Seminary and College*, the seminarians are taught how to be missionary disciples of Christ, both in person and digitally to their communities. Our seminarians are tomorrow’s priests, pastors, bishops, and cardinals. The *Appeal* helps fund their studies and preparation to ensure they are equipped with the proper tools and education to revitalize faith communities. In a complex world, our seminarians need their education to be extensive so they can serve the faithful throughout their lives.



## Care for Retired Parish Priests \$2M

The archdiocese endeavors to ensure retired clergy are provided a comfortable and safe home during retirement in gratitude for their devotion to serving our parish communities. We ensure that retired clergy live each day with dignity, independence, and the ability to practice their Catholic Faith in a brotherly community.





## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

# THE GAUZZA FAMILY

Maybe the Prophet Isaiah had the *Appeal's* supporter Andrew E. Gauzza III in mind when he said, "And a little child will lead them."

By his own description, Andrew was a baptized-but-not-very-Catholic dad, working hard to build a business and support his family in Dutchess County. His wife, Shannon, was the more active driving force whose faith was nurtured in her Italian-Catholic family. He said they sent their boys to St. Martin de Porres School in Poughkeepsie because it boasted a solid education at a reasonable price, but they were not very active in the parish.

Andrew was surprised when their younger son, Giovanni, at age seven began to urge Shannon to go to daily Mass with him. The little boy was clearly absorbing what he was learning in school!

Some challenges on the job made Andrew reflect on his life, and he realized that a higher power was helping him make good decisions. "I started to take religion much more seriously," he said.

"I'm a business guy and I never do things halfway," Andrew laughed. "I was confirmed in 2018, dove right in and got invested in the Church!" He began to take classes to better understand theology, philosophy, and spiritual direction. The whole family "organically morphed" to a point where the Church became central to their lives, he said.

Andrew is the CEO of Data in Science Technologies, a managed service provider that works with large research institutes. As their connection to the Church grew, Andrew and Shannon got involved with the *Appeal*. "God gave me a good talent to start businesses and

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be successful. Shannon is skilled in directly doing things for others. We give what we have," he said.

Andrew is drawn to the *Appeal's* tangible approach. He said the Church structure is based on community, which requires a balance of intellectual, emotional, spiritual and physical health. The *Appeal's* support for education, priests, and struggling parishes appeals to him.

"We have to have people and organizations to make good things happen. We have to fund our own structure. The other fruits will come if you invest in those things," he said.

One of those "other fruits" is Giovanni's vocation to the priesthood. He is now a student at the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at Saint Andrew's Hall in South Orange, New Jersey. The Archdiocese of

New York is blessed to send seminarians in their first stage of priestly formation to the program where they earn their college degree from Seton Hall University and get a strong foundation in theology and philosophy.

While Andrew did not anticipate that Giovanni would be drawn to the seminary, he said his son "is loving the path to priesthood."

Andrew and Shannon have been more active with the *Appeal* in recent years. He said there is a plethora of reasons to support the *Appeal*, but the single best, in his opinion, is its aid to disadvantaged parishes. "We can't abandon parishes for economic reasons. Everyone needs a place to go to worship, and if you take that away, you weaken the entire Church," he said.

"Our support of the *Appeal* is about being a part of the Church," he concluded.

# Ministry Offices and Programs

The mission of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* could not have been carried out to these vital areas without the support of our dedicated parishioners.

- **Adult Faith Formation**
- **ArchCare**
- **Archdiocese of New York Supportive Services**
- **Black Ministry**
- **Care for Retired Parish Priests**
- **Charitable Outreach**
- **Family Life**
- **Financially Vulnerable Parishes**
- **Formation of New Priests**
- **The Good Newsroom™**
- **Hispanic Ministry**
- **Respect Life**
- **The Sheen Center for Thought & Culture**
- **Support for Catholic Schools**
- **Young Adult Outreach**
- **Youth Faith Formation**

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