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***Impact Report 2019***



*The*  
**Cardinal's**  
Annual Stewardship Appeal

*Supporting His Church for 40 years*

# Impact Report 2019

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## LETTER FROM THE CARDINAL

May 15, 2020  
Month of Mary

My Dear People,

Never would I have imagined when we started our campaign in commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* last year, that the funds collected would be a source of assistance to so many parishes and ministries during the worst public health crisis of our lifetime. It's thanks to your generosity that we are able to do what the Church has always done in times of crisis: respond to our communities with the pastoral, charitable, and medical care they need.

With so many families in New York struggling in the wake of financial and medical challenges, the need is pronounced. Our Catholic schools, we know, will have to offer more scholarships and equipment for remote learning, especially in underserved communities. It's always the vulnerable who suffer the most when disaster strikes and it's no different with COVID-19. Families and individuals turn to our parishes and charitable services for guidance, for food, finan-



cial assistance, and care. If you are in a position to make a gift to the *Appeal* this year, I'd like to ask you to please consider the work ahead of us. Your role is indispensable and our gratitude, unwavering.

Please accept my blessing for your health and protection and for that of your loved ones, through the intercession of Our Lady, Help of Christians.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

+ *Tim. Card. Dolan*

Timothy Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York





## MISSION & LEADERSHIP

***“In our efforts to educate our youth in the faith, encourage vocations to the priesthood, and lend a helping hand to the hungry, the homeless, the elderly and the infirm, we give witness to our faith.”***

– Cardinal Egan

**T**he Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal exists to make Christ present in the world around us. Through the pastoral work in the 288 parishes of the Archdiocese of New York, the competitive education and spiritual formation in our 128 parish-based, Catholic schools, the wide-ranging ministries serving the community, and the charitable works that have become the cornerstone of the *Appeal*, our donors are helping us bring hope and care to those who are most in need every day.

The work of the *Appeal*, as we have discovered over the course of 40 years of service, adapts to the evolving needs of communities across the ten counties that comprise the Archdiocese of New York. The needs of each region

vary according to geography and population; and, in that sense, we depend on those who are aware of the needs in their neighboring communities to give generously. The work of the *Appeal* is accomplished in community; and, together, we ensure that those parishes serving the most vulnerable among us, have the assistance, the services, and resources they need.

The Leadership Committee is instrumental in this task. The committee consists of donors and volunteers who collaborate closely with the Executive Director of Development and the Director of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* to help the archdiocese achieve its mission of providing financial and ministerial support to the parishes of the archdiocese and the people of New York. Strategic planning, community outreach, and execution are fundamental aspects of their role in the *Appeal*.

If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Leadership Committee, please send an email to Juliette Picciano, Director of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* at [juliette.picciano@archny.org](mailto:juliette.picciano@archny.org)



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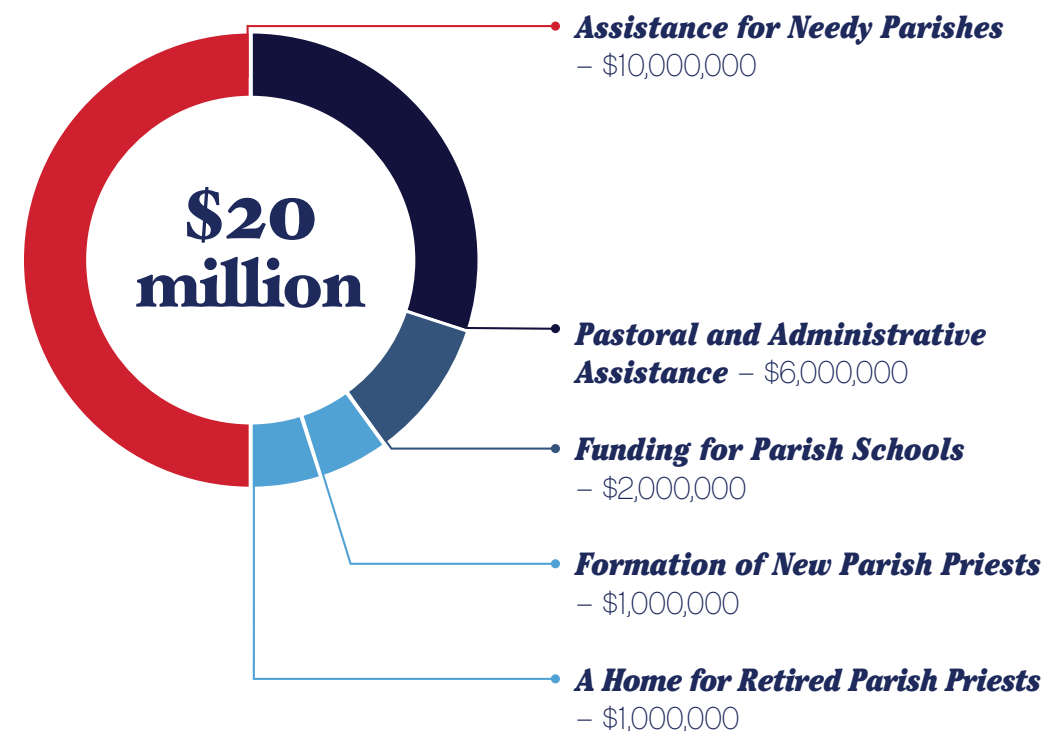




## AREAS OF SUPPORT

**T**he *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* seeks to respond to the changing needs of an archdiocese marked by continued growth and a diversity of cultures. These have been hallmarks of the region for generations. The areas of support vary according to the practical and ministerial priorities of the archdiocese as a whole, the parishes that comprise it,

and the constituencies they serve. The 2019 campaign focused on four areas essential to the Life of the Church in New York: Assistance for Needy Parishes, Pastoral and Administrative Support, Formation of New Parish Priests, Funding for Parish Schools, and the Home for Retired Priests, St. John Vianney Center. Here's a breakdown of assistance:







## FAITH

***“It's the task of every generation to take the Faith that we've received and share it with others.”***

– Cardinal Dolan

## PASTORAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE

**\$6,000,000**

**W**ith over 288 parishes across ten counties, the *Cardinal's Appeal* funds the administrative personnel and the infrastructure that help parishes effectively serve their communities. Through the *Appeal*, the archdiocese helps train and staff countless ministries with over 1,000 staff members and pastoral leaders supporting the mission of each parish and their unique financial goals. Your contributions also enable parishes to certify leaders of religious education programs for 74,735 children, provide programming for adult faith formation, and guide parishes in establishing youth and young adult ministries. They

are preparing the way for tomorrow's Church.

In times of crisis, this infrastructure allows parishes to mobilize and reach out to the community in ways that are needed the most. Since the outbreak of COVID-19, our priests have been ceaselessly ministering to their communities, offering pastoral care, guidance, and support. They are also making use of digital platforms to share the Mass and connect with their congregations. Trained staff members and ministries comprise existing networks of outreach and communication that allow parishes to maintain a sense of

community in times of social distancing while also serving as clear points of contact for those most affected by the crisis. Funerals, confession, last

rites, and charitable outreach are all made possible in these challenging times because of your generosity to the *Cardinal's Appeal* in 2019.





HOPE

***“Every ordination is a new sign of hope; it is a new sign of the Resurrection in the Church.”***

*– Cardinal O’Connor*

## FUNDING FOR PARISH SCHOOLS

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**\$2,000,000**

**O**ne hundred twenty-eight of our Catholic schools are based in parishes, offering the children in the community a blend of academic excellence, spiritual formation, and a social environment based on Christ-centered values. Our schools not only prepare their students for higher education with national statistics out-pacing many of their public school counterparts, but they are intentionally forming the leaders of tomorrow. The values afforded by a Catholic school education also provide an informed filter for the content and information

students encounter as they navigate a digital culture, giving them a greater sense of confidence in the world.

This school year brought with it unforeseen closures and record unemployment in New York and around the country. You’ll be glad to know that funds raised through the *Appeal* in 2019 are helping to bridge the financial divide for families. The needs remain great. We welcome your continued support to ensure that these students and their families are able to stay the course and reach their academic goals.



## FORMATION OF NEW PARISH PRIESTS

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**\$1,000,000**

**W**e have heard it said time and again: we need vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Thanks to your support of the *Appeal*, those who have been called, receive the education and formation that will enable them to become the pastors of tomorrow. At St. Joseph’s Seminary, 27 men

are currently attending classes, earning degrees and receiving the liturgical training required for their priestly call. In addition to this, they are receiving the administrative, technological, and interpersonal skills that every leader needs in order to succeed in today’s world.





***“I pledge the spiritual and material resources of this archdiocese to uplift the poor, especially the disadvantaged in our inner cities.”***

– Cardinal Cooke

## ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY PARISHES

**\$10,000,000**

**A**t any given time, up to 31 parishes receive financial assistance from your contributions to the *Cardinal's Appeal*. During the public health crisis that we are currently facing that number has grown to include more than half of our 288 parishes. With Masses suspended, the weekly collections that support the parishes have been greatly diminished. This, at a time when a great number of people in communities throughout New York City and the upper counties are facing medical, financial, and spiritual challenges as a result of the pandemic. Thanks to your support, the *Cardinal's Appeal* is there

to support our pastors and parishes on the frontlines of this crisis.

The most vulnerable among us are the ones who suffer the most during times of crisis. These communities, naturally, turn to their parishes for assistance, for guidance, and care, even in the best of times. Our sisters and brothers in underserved areas are looking to their church for assistance during this unprecedented time of need. And we will be there for them. Food pantries, homeless services, community outreach, and the operational infrastructure necessary to keep these programs running are found in

many of our parishes as a matter of course; this, in addition, to the liturgical life that gives these services sacramental expression. Your continued

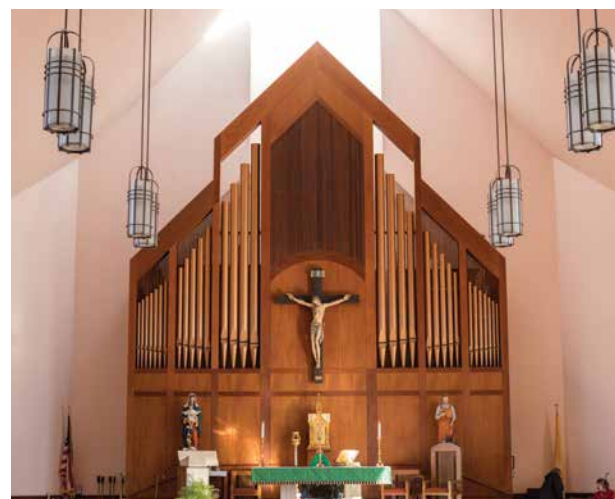
support of the *Appeal* ensures that we are equipped to serve all people in need when they approach our parishes for help.

## A HOME FOR RETIRED PARISH PRIESTS

**\$1,000,000**

**S**ixty-three of our beloved former pastors reside at the beautiful St. John Vianney Center. There, they can participate in daily Mass, socialize with their brother priests and live in accommodations designed for those with medical issues that limit their mobility. The Center is capable of providing more intensive treatment to those who require it in a 13-bed enhanced care unit. This is more impor-

tant today than ever before. With your support of the *Appeal*, we are able to make sure that these men - who devoted their lives to serving the faithful of the archdiocese - are provided with the appropriate shelter and care they need at this particularly difficult time for our seniors. We ask that you please keep our retired priests and their caregivers in your prayers during this public health crisis.

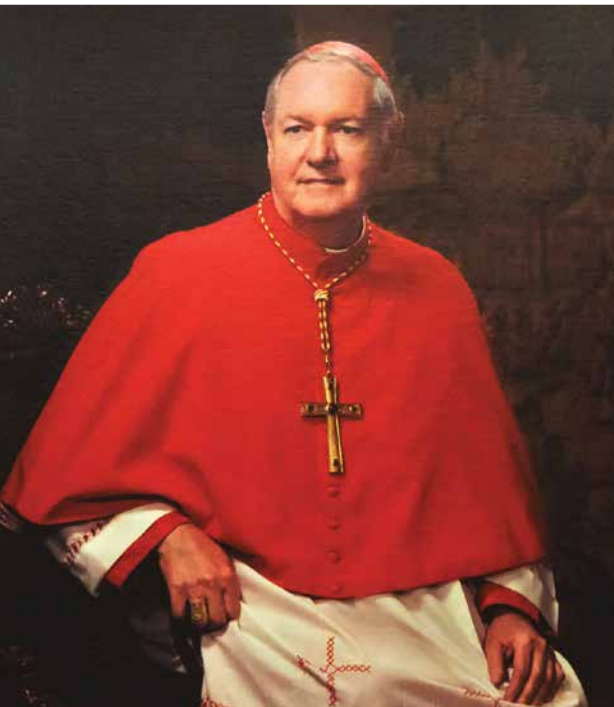




Terence J. Cardinal Cooke



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Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan



## GRATITUDE

### FORTY YEARS OPENING THE DOORS TO OUR FAITH

**I**n 1979, Terence Cardinal Cooke started the Cardinal's Archdiocesan Appeal to facilitate the pastoral, educational and charitable works of the Archdiocese of New York. In the 40 years since, the *Appeal* has raised many millions of dollars – every penny of which has benefited parishes and the 2.7 million Catholics of the Archdiocese of New York.

In his first public address, Pope Saint John Paul II called on all of us to “open wide the doors of Christ” – a call to personal holiness and conversion of heart, but also a call to invite others into the universal Church. This call is perhaps more resonant today than ever before. We pray that, together, we may continue opening the doors of our churches and our hearts to those who are most in need when they turn to us for comfort and assistance.

In commemoration of its 40th anniversary, the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* focused its fundraising efforts on keeping our parishes healthy and vibrant. Thanks to your generous donations to the *Appeal* in 2019, our parishes were equipped to mobilize resources to respond to their communities during the COVID-19 crisis. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who gave to the *Appeal* and supported us through your prayers. We thank and honor those who laid the groundwork for the *Appeal*, especially Cardinals Cooke, O'Connor, Egan, and the people of the archdiocese who supported their work with the *Appeal* these forty years, just as you so generously continue to support our own Cardinal Dolan today.





**19,620**  
Baptisms

**17,384**  
First Communions

**3,168**  
Marriages



**569**  
Archdiocesan priests

**186**  
Retired priests



**62,605**  
Students enrolled in Catholic schools

**27**  
Seminarians from the archdiocese at  
St. Joseph's Seminary

# 2019 *at a* Glance



**288**  
Parishes

**2,490**  
Religious women  
and men

**400,000**  
Sunday Mass  
attendeess





## MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT

### ***Donate Online Today and Become a Sustainer***

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***[cardinalsappeal.org/donate](https://cardinalsappeal.org/donate)***

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### SELECT YOUR GIFT

Select your one-time gift amount or write it in.

To become a sustainer, please select any of the monthly payment options in the "Number of Payments" menu.

### CHOOSE YOUR PARISH

Choose your parish from the online drop-down menu.

### DONATE

Enter your billing and credit card information, then click "Process". Once your electronic gift is processed, you should receive an email notification acknowledging your contribution.

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Your gift to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* is essential in promoting the growth and vitality of the Church in New York.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!

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