

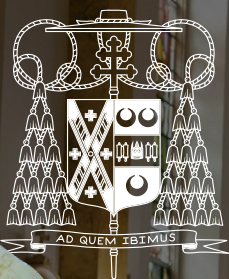


2024 Impact Report



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
*Sharing God's Gifts Throughout
the Archdiocese of New York*





A Letter from His Eminence

Dear Friend,

This year, our universal Church celebrates a Jubilee Year in which we are all called to be “Pilgrims of Hope.” I’m proud to say that the *Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal* (the *Appeal*) is the ongoing embodiment of the hope we have for the pastoral, educational, and charitable works of our beloved Archdiocese of New York. It is also the single greatest determinant of how many people we can reach with our critical assistance.

The *Appeal* helps sustain vibrant parishes where the light of our faith burns brightly in spite of financial challenges among their hard-working members. The funds also provide operational support for the programs that deliver charitable assistance, provide eldercare, and uphold the Church’s mission of service to our communities. Looking to the future, we devote considerable proceeds from the *Appeal* to the religious education of youth, teens, and young adults and to the ongoing faith formation of adults. We also support our robust Catholic schools, which are a hallmark of our archdiocese.

Each year, we use contributions from the *Appeal* to educate and prepare new parish priests and to care for the retired clergy who dedicated their lives to serving parishioners in our 10 counties.

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I am encouraged by the hope I see reflected in the people of the parishes, schools, and ministries I visit throughout the year, including those highlighted in this Impact Report. St. Mary and St. Andrew Parish in Ellenville is a beacon of faith that welcomes Catholics in an area that covers 288 square miles. It does so with inspired leadership, a tiny staff, scores of volunteers, and financial support from the *Appeal*. And I am profoundly moved by the support of benefactors like Fran and Ed Murphy of Our Lady of Loretto Parish in Cold Spring. Their determination to help others through the *Appeal* inspires us all to be pilgrims of hope.

With assurances of my prayers and deep appreciation, I am,

Faithfully yours in Christ,

† Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

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Mission and Leadership

The mission of the Archdiocese of New York is to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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 *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 throughout New York.

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MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Faith and Leadership in Ulster: Fr. Riello at St. Mary and St. Andrew Parish

St. Mary and St. Andrew Parish in Ellenville, Ulster County, is described by its pastor, Fr. Kenneth Riello, as a “country parish in the middle of nowhere” that covers 288 square miles. Weekend Masses at the parish’s picturesque main church in Ellenville and its mission church, Our Lady of Lourdes, Kerhonkson, are celebrated in English, Spanish, and Latin and draw 340 people weekly. The numbers swell with seasonal visitors to the Catskills region. Some worshippers travel at least half an hour to Mass.

“I look at the parish as a family,” Fr. Riello said. Families eat and socialize together, so throughout the year, the pastor organizes

potluck suppers, picnics, and a Corpus Christi procession through town followed by a meal. Nonetheless, the biggest draws are Oktoberfest and St. Patrick’s Day, when Fr. Riello, a former manager of his family’s Italian deli, prepares 200 pounds of sauerbraten or 200 pounds of corned beef (and baked ziti for the kids) for his parish family. Some of the events are fundraisers for parish projects, including sending children to Catholic summer camps.

The gatherings, impactful liturgies, home visits, sick calls, spiritual direction, and robust religious education have borne fruit in increased participation and deepened faith. Currently, 10 young men and women

“I look at the parish as a family,” said Fr. Riello.”

are in various stages of discernment about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

St. Mary and St. Andrew Parish community is a grateful recipient of Inter-Parish Finance funds, through which financially vulnerable parishes receive support from the archdiocese to fulfill their mission effectively. The *Appeal* in turn funds Inter-Parish Finance. “Our parishioners have always been generous to the *Appeal*, because the needs of others resonate with them,” Fr. Riello said. “We watch what we spend, and people give their time and talent to make the parish beautiful and vibrant.”

Fifty-two-year parishioner and longtime parish secretary Kathleen Smith said, “When Fr. Riello arrived at the parish in 2017, his goal was to make our parish feel like Jesus lives here—and it does!”

\$5M

Charitable Outreach

The archdiocese supports local charitable organizations that provide aid to New York's most vulnerable. Services like food pantries, pop-up clinics, counseling services, and eldercare are a few examples of the Church's commitment to accompanying those in need. Your steadfast support of the *Appeal* is crucial to ensuring these services and programs remain available to those who need them most, especially during times of crisis.

"It is outreach to everyone, not just the Catholics. It is outreach to anyone who is in need in this area."

**Fr. Michael Kissane, O.Carm.,
pastor at St. Simon Stock and
St. Joseph Parish in the Bronx**



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Evangelization, Communications, and Catholic Education

The Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of New York are dedicated to providing a Christ-centered, academically excellent, and welcoming environment where students are nurtured to become lifelong learners and leaders. The *Appeal* plays a crucial role in supporting the operational needs of our schools, ensuring they maintain their distinctive student-first approach and deliver exceptional outcomes.



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Assistance for Financially Vulnerable Parishes

The *Appeal* gives many parishes the resources they need to serve their local community and administer the sacraments. Cardinal Dolan understands the critical role pastors and their parishes play in developing and serving our vast archdiocese. By providing them with essential resources, guidance, and financial aid, we help them fulfill their mission effectively.

46 vulnerable parishes received financial assistance.

St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Bronx.



\$1M

Formation of New Parish Priests

The Archdiocese of New York is dedicated to ensuring a continuous line of new priests to serve our parishes. Your contribution to the *Appeal* is vital for the education and formation of priests at St. Joseph's Seminary and College. These seminarians are the future shepherds of our parishes, and your generosity makes their spiritual, intellectual, and apostolic formation possible.

52 seminarians received formation for the priesthood and six priests are pursuing higher studies.

65 retired clergy reside full-time at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence.

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Care for Retired Parish Priests

In gratitude for their lifelong service to the Church, the *Appeal* provides retired priests a dignified retirement in community with their brother priests. The St. John Vianney Clergy Residence is a place where they receive the proper care and respect that they deserve. With our support, the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence can provide a home for our pastors for years to come.





DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Frances and Edward Murphy: Guided by Faith, Giving with Heart

Fran and Ed Murphy are longtime parishioners and volunteers at Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Cold Spring, New York. Their persistent accents belie their proudly maintained roots—hers in East Boston and his in Flatbush, Brooklyn. Both were raised in active Catholic families where the Church was foundational and the support of parish initiatives was a natural part of their lives. “It’s something we inherited,” Ed said.

Ed had dual careers in the Army and finance. Fran was an educator and became a graduate school administrator. Their family includes six children, 13 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, with more on the way. “When we married 48 years ago, we started out scrimping, and now we’re comfortable,” Fran said. “We’ve been more than blessed. When we pray the rosary together every day, we shake our heads in astonishment at how God takes care of us.”

“Then, we think about the Cardinal’s efforts to maintain food pantries and Catholic schools, help struggling parishes, and care for retired priests.”



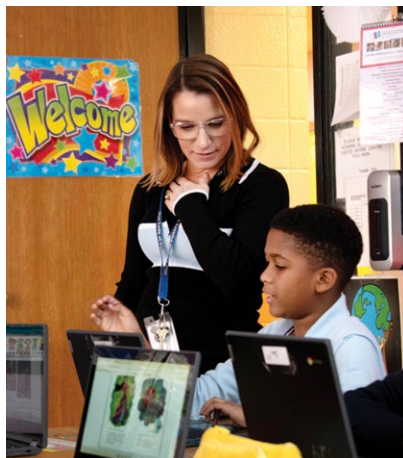
The Murphys are helping Cardinal Dolan take care of thousands of New Yorkers through the *Appeal*. Fran and Ed said they are drawn to the effort because the needs are so great and the *Appeal* is able to distribute funds effectively to many different projects without donors having to research and designate a specific one. “We know how expensive it is to run a household. And then we think about the Cardinal’s efforts to maintain food pantries and Catholic schools, help struggling parishes, and care for retired priests,” Fran said. Ed added, “The *Appeal* funds are not sitting in a pile! We’ve looked at where they go and are impressed with all the good that is being done.”

“We support the *Appeal* so others can benefit as we did,” Ed said with a smile.

Ministry Offices and Programs

Without the support of our dedicated contributors, the mission of the *Appeal* could not have been carried out to these vital areas:

- Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation
- Care for retired priests
- Catholic Education
- Charitable outreach
- Cultural Diversity Apostolate
- Financially vulnerable parishes
- The Good Newsroom™
- Respect Life Office
- Vocations and priest formation
- Youth/Young Adult Ministry and University Apostolate
- Youth Faith Formation



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Donating stock to the *Appeal* can maximize your impact while granting maximum tax benefits.

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We are blessed to have a community that generously supports the mission of our Church. Every contribution to the *Appeal*, whether modest or substantial, is deeply appreciated and vital to the services and programs offered by the many institutions of the Archdiocese of New York. For those who can give at higher levels, we have established special giving societies to recognize their extraordinary commitment to the *Appeal*.

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