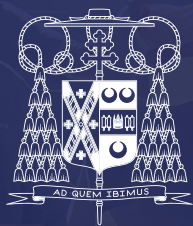


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IMPACT REPORT



the
CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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

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A Letter from the Vicar General

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your faith-filled generosity to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Enclosed is the 2025 Impact Report which describes the many ways in which the *Appeal* helps to bring our faith alive in the Archdiocese of New York.

All of us have been "impacted" by the self-sacrifice of generations of people, who each year make the *Appeal* a success. Through parish programs that encourage our faith, education in the faith in our Catholic schools and religious education programs, care for the infirm and challenged, and the way we cherish our elderly in facilities and programs, the *Appeal* makes it possible for our faith to come alive in practical ways.

I have been humbled and inspired by the goodness of the people of this

archdiocese in all the many assignments I have had, and in a unique way in this new mission of being vicar general.

As you read this report, please pray for those who benefit from your generosity, and please pray that our brothers and sisters in the archdiocese will continue to be good stewards of the gifts God has given by sharing those gifts with one another.

With the assurance of my continued prayers and my gratitude for yours,

Faithfully yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Edmund J. Whalen
Auxiliary Bishop and Vicar General

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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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Q&A with Archbishop Ronald A. Hicks

ON MISSION, STEWARDSHIP, AND THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Archbishop Hicks, the 11th Archbishop of New York, sat down with Fr. Michael Connolly, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Trinity in Poughkeepsie, to share his vision for the Archdiocese and the importance of the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

Q: As you reflect on your first few months in New York, what has most moved or surprised you?

ARCHBISHOP HICKS: The graciousness of the welcome. Strangers on the street, not only Catholics, stop me to say, "Welcome to New York, we're glad you're here." I've done nothing to deserve that; it has been a pure gift. This archdiocese is wonderfully diverse, and getting to know its many communities has been a real source of joy.

Q: What does a healthy, vibrant local Church look like to you?

ARCHBISHOP HICKS: First and foremost, we have to be a Church on mission. Jesus has given us a mission to make disciples. That means full churches where people are nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, and then empowered to put their faith into action by caring for the poor, the vulnerable, the unborn, and the marginalized.

Q: Stewardship is central to that missionary life. Why does generosity matter?

ARCHBISHOP HICKS: A life focused only on your own comfort and needs is a lonely one. When we follow Jesus' command to be generous, God magnifies what we give. It's counterintuitive. We think we'll be happier keeping everything for ourselves, but the saints, our grandparents, and our parents show us otherwise. They shared their time, treasure, and talent, and grew in joy. God is never outdone in generosity.

Q: How does the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal support the archdiocese?

ARCHBISHOP HICKS: The benefits are vast. The *Appeal* directly strengthens our parishes, our schools, the formation of young people and adults, and seminary education for future priests. It also cares for our retired priests who gave their whole lives in service; here in New York we have a beautiful facility where they live in community and continue their ministry.

Q: How can the Church continue to build trust and transparency with the faithful?

ARCHBISHOP HICKS: Trust is built one good decision after another. When people see that what the Church says it will do is actually happening, that builds trust. We must be good stewards of every gift; someone worked hard for that donation, and we cannot squander it. And we have to keep showing donors where their gift went and the impact it had.

Q: A final word for those who support this mission?

ARCHBISHOP HICKS: Two words: gratitude and encouragement. I am nothing but grateful for the generous people of this archdiocese who love Jesus, love the Church, and want to pass the faith on to the next generation. Thank you. Keep living your faith, being missionary disciples, and sharing that faith generously with others.

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\$2.5M

Charitable Outreach

The archdiocese supports Catholic Charities providing 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* sustains the people, resources, and daily work that keep vital services and programs available, especially to those who need them most.



"The *Cardinal's Appeal* is the oil that keeps the engine of our local church here in New York running. It supports so many worthy causes. It keeps many parishes open. It supports so many Catholic schools and believes that truly Catholic education is so important for the future of our church."

— Father Sean Connolly, Pastor

The Church of St. Margaret of Cortona-St. Gabriel, Bronx

\$3M

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.



\$9M

Financial Assistance for Struggling Parishes

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

**43 VULNERABLE PARISHES RECEIVED
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

\$3.5M

Pastoral Administration, Grants, and Services

Behind every vibrant parish is a network of pastoral, administrative, and financial support provided by the archdiocese. This includes formation for clergy and lay leaders; assistance with governance, finance, human resources, legal matters, facilities, schools, faith formation, and charitable ministries; and grants or direct aid that help parishes sustain vital services and ministries.

\$3M

Retired Priests, Priestly Education, and Formation Programs

Formation programs are vital for preparing compassionate, knowledgeable, and faith-filled lay and religious leaders to guide our parishes and communities. Your generosity supports St. Joseph's Seminary, enabling their spiritual, intellectual, and apostolic development.

Additionally, your gift ensures retired priests, who have dedicated their lives to serving the Church, are provided with a dignified retirement at the St. John Vianney Clergy Residence.



Program Spotlight: Sharing God's Gifts Pastoral Grants Program



How the Appeal-funded pastoral grants program is helping parishes across the Archdiocese of New York bring the Gospel to life.

It began, for one family, on vacation in Boston. Their nine-year-old son and seven-year-old daughter asked to attend daily Mass. The request was so unexpected, and offered with such devotion, that the local pastor stopped the parents afterward to commend their children's faith.

The children had spent the previous summer at *Our Discovery Mission Vocation Bible School* in New York, a four-day camp centered on prayer and Catholic formation. What their parents witnessed that morning in Boston wasn't a passing enthusiasm. It was, as their mother later put it, "a powerful reminder of the impact the camp had on our children, nurturing a love for the Eucharist and a deeper relationship with Jesus that extended beyond our parish and into our family life."

Moments like these are what the *Sharing God's Gifts* Pastoral Grants Program was created to produce.

Launched by the Archdiocese of New York and funded through the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*, the program

is dedicated to strengthening parish life. It invites parishes to reimagine faith formation, outreach, and engagement, supporting creative initiatives that meet the pastoral needs of today's Church across five key areas: **Adult Discipleship and Marriage Formation, Respect Life Initiatives, Youth Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry & University Apostolate, and Cultural Diversity in Ministry.**

Now in its second year, the program awarded **56 grants for a total amount of \$490,455.62** to parishes throughout the archdiocese in 2025. What those parishes have done with that support illustrates the range of what's possible when local communities are trusted to answer their own calls.

2025 Pastoral Grants Highlights

Strengthening Marriages

At *Sacred Heart-St. Patrick Parish* in Monroe, a seven-week Marriage Enrichment Series helped couples deepen their understanding of the Sacrament of Matrimony and grow together in faith. Through reflection opportunities and shared learning, participants strengthened their marriages and embraced God's vision for the vocation of marriage.



Deepening Adult Faith

In Staten Island, *Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St. Benedicta - St. Mary of the Assumption* used its grant to launch the *Mount Carmel Pastoral Institute*, offering weekly formation and scripture study for adult parishioners. The result is a growing group of laypeople equipped with the knowledge, leadership, and confidence to serve their community more fully.



Defending Life and Human Dignity

At *St. Paul and Holy Rosary Parish*, the *Pro-Vida, Pro-Familia* initiative, *Construyendo la Sociedad desde la Casa*, brought Dr. Pilar Calva, an internationally recognized speaker and professor, to New York for community conferences and private consultations exploring medical issues through the lens of human dignity and the sanctity of life.



Evangelizing Together

The *Central Harlem Cluster Evangelization Project* at *St. Charles Borromeo* represents something newer still: four Catholic parishes working as one. Together, they have brought their presence to community-wide gatherings like the African American Day Parade and hosted a Spanish Revival, leaving attendees, as organizers describe it, "spiritually revived and forever committed to continuing God's work for all."



Strengthening families

In Warwick, *St. Stephen the First Martyr* developed Shadow Box Stations and other family-centered gatherings under the banner *Embracing Your FIAT (Forming Inspired Apostles Today)*. These events are designed to deepen faith at home, strengthen bonds between families, and reconnect households to the life of the parish.



A Church Renewed, One Parish at a Time

Each grant tells a different story, but the underlying vision is the same: the Church is renewed one parish, one family, one child at a time. When a nine-year-old asks to go to daily Mass on vacation, the work is being done.

With even more grants expected in 2026, *Sharing God's Gifts* continues to reveal what it can do. For the parishes it supports, and the families whose lives are quietly transformed by their ministries, it is already answering the question at the heart of every stewardship appeal: *What happens when the gifts we've been given are shared?*

Ministry Offices and Initiatives Funded

Without the support of our dedicated contributors, offices and initiatives funded by the *Appeal* could not carry out their vital work:

- 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



Please scan the QR code to view past impact reports.



Ways to Support the Appeal

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*.

Giving Societies

Archbishop's Leadership Circle of Benefactors
\$25,000+

Patrons of St. Patrick
\$10,000–\$24,999

Bishop's Circle of Supporters
\$5,000–\$9,999

Faithful Stewards of the Archdiocese
\$1,000–\$4,999



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Broaden Your Impact

Matching Gifts

Boost your donation through employer matching programs, doubling or even tripling your impact.

Donor Advised Funds

Recommend grants to charities while enjoying tax benefits upfront.

Planned Gift

Leave a lasting legacy by including us in your will, life insurance policy, or charitable trust.

Stock Donations

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

Qualified Charitable Distribution

If you're 70.5 or older, make tax-free donations directly from your IRA. This method helps you meet your required minimum distribution without increasing taxable income.

To make a donation or if you have questions, contact us at: **646.794.3300** or **cardinals.appeal@archny.org**.

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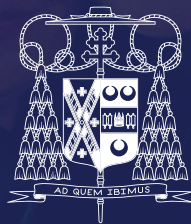
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