



ONE IN HOPE, ONE IN MISSION ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL CASE FOR SUPPORT

The Annual Diocesan Appeal offers Catholics in the Diocese of Youngstown an opportunity to respond to Jesus' teaching throughout the Gospels by ministering to those in need. The Appeal is the primary funding source that allows Catholic Charities to continue *Providing Help* and *Creating Hope* right here in our six-county diocese. In recent years, the number of families and individuals coming to Catholic Charities for help has increased while resources have decreased. This is especially true considering the challenges during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, when many more have found themselves unemployed or underemployed.

As a result, we are challenged to encourage more people of the diocese to respond generously to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Only with increased support can we effectively respond to the Gospel call that we serve the least among us in this time and place.

Catholic Charities efforts serve the neediest in our communities, regardless of faith tradition. This is accomplished through an administrative unit in downtown Youngstown and three direct-service agencies that minister to individuals and families throughout the diocese. In 2021, Catholic Charities agencies within the Diocese of Youngstown provided direct support to more than 35,000 individuals. **Sixty percent (60%)** of the funds raised in the Appeal are designated for Catholic Charities, which includes:

- Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County: 6,187 received direct service
 - Basic Needs Assistance: 2,298
 - Financial Wellness/Financial Literacy: 635
 - Housing Counseling: 416
 - Educational Opportunities: 182
 - Protective Services: 445
 - School-based Programming: 2,211
- Catholic Charities Regional Agency (Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties): 18,123 received direct service
 - Adoption Information, Referral, and Search: 12
 - Basic Needs Assistance: 5,810
 - Down Payment Assistance / Home Ownership: 91
 - Ex-Offender/ Prison Re-entry / Linkage Services: 194
 - First Step / Pregnancy Support Services: 289
 - Housing Counseling: 157
 - Homeless Outreach & Rapid Rehousing: 2,286
 - SOAR Project / Benefit Bank: 202
 - Senior Support Services: 454
 - Catholic Charities Senior Center: 142 people received 13,574 home delivered meals in the East Liverpool area
 - Christina House Domestic Violence Program
 - 67 people received shelter and 243 people received assistance obtaining protection orders
 - 2,288 people participated in educational/training opportunities or received legal advocacy services, response to crisis calls, or information and referral services



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- Catholic Charities Regional Agency (Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties), *continued*
 - Information & Referral: 5,795
 - Voice of Hope Homeless Shelter: 93
- Catholic Charities Serving Portage & Stark Counties: 10,974 received direct service
 - Basic Needs Assistance: 8,004
 - First Step Family Support: 2,515
 - Adult Day Services: 28
 - Furniture Program: 390
 - Educational Opportunities: 37
- Office of Catholic Charities Diocesan Offices
 - Immigration Legal Services: 64
 - Prison Ministry: 20-25 volunteers minister to hundreds of inmates in 10 correctional facilities located within the Diocese of Youngstown

Diocesan ministries impact all parishes and Catholics in our diocese. The support given during the Annual Diocesan Appeal makes evident our discipleship in Christ Jesus through the extension of our ministry to the evangelization and faith formation of individuals and families. **Forty percent (40%)** of the funds from the Appeal are designated for diocesan ministries, which in 2021 supported parishes in their ministry to parishioners through:

- 1,116 baptisms
- 1,125 First Holy Communions
- 1,290 confirmations
- 133 who entered the Church through RCIA
- 254 weddings
- 2,272 funerals

The diocesan ministries supporting parishes and parishioners include:

- Office of Communications
 - Facebook reaches 20,000 per month
 - Instagram reaches 3,000 per month
 - Twitter reaches 10,000 per month
 - YouTube reaches 800 per month
 - Pinterest near 500 impressions
 - LinkedIn near 300 impressions
 - TOTAL REACH: NEARLY 35,000 PER MONTH
- Office of Missionary Discipleship
 - Small groups are being formed at all parishes
- Department of Canonical Services
- Department of Clergy and Religious Services
 - Vocations and Seminary formation
 - 15 seminarians in formation



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- Department of Clergy and Religious Services, *continued*
 - Permanent Diaconate Formation
 - 9 aspirants in formation
- Department of Financial Services
 - Facilitate parish and school safety seminars
 - Conduct parish stewardship campaigns
- Department of Pastoral and Education
 - Catholic Schools
 - 22 elementary schools with 4,493
 - 6 high schools with 1,494 students
 - 1 university with 1,850 students
 - Diocesan Archives
 - Facility acquisition
 - Organized by the Curator of the Patrimony with plans to hire an archivist
 - Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry
 - 8,479 students in parish CCD programs
 - Webinars, workshops, retreats, and online courses for parish religious education directors and teachers
 - Training for new catechists and other lay parish staff members
 - Nourish & Network program for parish religious education directors
 - Certification courses for Catholic school teachers as well as parish religious education directors and teachers
 - Curation of the diocesan library
 - Pro-Life, Marriage, and Family Ministry
 - Annual diocesan White Mass
 - 2 annual diocesan Wedding Anniversary Masses
 - 2 annual diocesan Masses for Life
 - 120 couples participating in Engaged Couples Retreats
 - Walking with Moms in Need program
 - Worship
 - 53 liturgies planned and facilitated, including ordinations and confirmations
 - Youth & Young Adult Ministry
 - 1,511 students in High School Youth Ministry programs
 - 860 participants in young adult ministries across the diocese

To properly support the efforts of Catholic Charities and these important Diocesan ministries, this year's Annual Diocesan Appeal diocesan goal is **\$4 million**.