

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As disciples of Christ, we are called upon to follow in His footsteps. When we answer His call, and share in the mission of the Church, lives are changed. I am grateful for your generosity and the gifts you share with others -- many of whom you may never meet.



The Annual Catholic Appeal, **Living Our Faith Through Acts of Charity**, offers us the opportunity to thank Him in return for all we have been given, by supporting vital ministries and programs and continuing the Gospel message. The Appeal is a source of hope and charity to those in need, and is for the future of the Church.

As your bishop, I prayerfully ask for your help so we can continue our Catholic journey. Together, we can transform lives.

I offer my daily prayers for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Edward J. Weisenburger".

Most Reverend Edward J. Weisenburger  
Bishop of Tucson



## HOW TO GIVE

together we build an enduring legacy of faith

Give "in proportion to the blessings  
which the Lord, your God, has  
bestowed upon you"

### Make your pledge or one-time gift...

- Check payable to Annual Catholic Appeal
- Monthly pledge
- Credit Card - Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express
- EFT: Automatic funds transfer from your checking or savings account
- Stock donations
- Complete donation form mailed to your home or available in the parish pews
- Text ACA to 41444 and complete the donation form from your cell phone
- Online: [www.cathfnd.org/donate](http://www.cathfnd.org/donate)
- IRA Rollover
- Call the Annual Catholic Appeal office at 520.838.2504

Your gift does make a difference!



### Annual Catholic Appeal

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## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

A large graphic with a colorful, abstract geometric background. The text "Living Our Faith Through Acts of Charity" is written in a large, white, serif font, with the "L" being particularly large and stylized.

Living Our Faith  
Through Acts  
of Charity



Diocese of Tucson

## Seminarian and Clergy Support

"Today's Church needs a faith-filled leadership, strengthened by quality formation of human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral components..." Fr. Al Laubenthal

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides critical support to offset the rising cost of education for seminarians (\$40,000 a year per seminarian), currently in formation to serve as priests in our diocese.

Also funded are programs that provide continuing education for priests, deacons and lay ministers.

*"... I give to the Catholic Foundation because I think it is really important to support our Seminarians ... I pray daily that God will choose people from our friends and relatives for ministry in the Catholic Church." Denise Carrasquillo*



## Community Outreach Caring for the poor and vulnerable

"Your Annual Catholic Appeal dollars help many who rely on the programs at Catholic Community Services (CCS) of Southern Arizona." Linda Hollis, Ph.D. - Executive Director, CCS - Tucson

The Appeal helps a vibrant network of dedicated Catholic social service programs that provide countless good works every day — each time a senior receives the care, love, and compassion they deserve, a family has a breakthrough, a marginalized person rebuilds a life of dignity, and a child finds safety and hope.



*"... I'm very grateful for the program that allowed me to be with my daughter. My hopes for the future are to have a steady career, move into a nice home ... and provide everything for my daughter ..." Moriah*

## Evangelization - Sharing the joy of the Gospel with others / Teaching our youth the rich faith traditions for our Church

Ensuring that the faith of our youth and young adults is fortified with rich Catholic traditions is important to the foundation and future of the Church. The Appeal supports programs and ministries where the faithful and those who wish to join our faith are guided at a deeper and more spiritual level.

Evangelization goes hand-in-hand with the efforts of all the ministries of the Church; including prison ministry and outreach to the community. Our acts of charity should never be separated from hope, love and faith.



## Annual Catholic Appeal Assessed Need: \$4,000,000

### Allocation of Funds

Each year, the Diocese of Tucson assesses its financial resources and its ability to respond effectively and with compassion to the needs of parishes, schools, and the community it serves.

This illustration is an overview of how Annual Catholic Appeal contributions will be distributed:

#### Diocesan Ministries.....\$2,860,000

Seminarian Education & Support, Vocations/Recruitment, Catechesis & Family Life, Dept. of Catholic Schools, Office of the Permanent Diaconate, Office of Religious Women, Human Life and Dignity, Office of the Tribunal, Pastoral Care Ministry, Hispanic Ministry, Youth & Young Adult, Archives Office, and the Bishop's Office.

#### Catholic Community Services.....\$500,000

#### Grants to Needy Parishes & Catholic Affiliates .....\$325,000

#### Native American Missions .....\$155,000

#### Detention Ministry .....\$75,000

#### Jordan Ministry Team .....\$50,000

#### Youth & Young Adult Ministries .....\$35,000



"... Grant funding exceeded our expectations ... with a vision to re-open the preschool ... we were able to benefit our St. Ambrose community in so many more ways."