



## 2024 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



As the  
Father has  
sent Me,  
**SO I SEND  
YOU.**

JOHN 20:21



Catholic   
Services Appeal  
*Bringing Christ to Others*



# Welcome to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal!



My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord!

Since moving to Kentucky two years ago, I have come to love this beautiful region and its people. From the Ohio River, to the rolling hills of the Kentucky Holy Land, to the Tennessee border, the beauty of God's creation is evident in every corner and in every parish, large and small. Most inspiring to me is the devotion of the faithful here in Central Kentucky.

The Church is strong here because of each of YOU, my sisters and brothers, and I ask you to please join me in supporting the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal. The Appeal is the primary source of funding for the vital ministries and programs that we all depend on to sustain the Catholic Church in Central Kentucky for today and for future generations. In John 20:21 Jesus said, "*As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.*" Our generous outpouring of all that God has given us is our faithful response to Jesus' "sending" us out into the world. We make our gift with humble hearts as we strive to be Jesus' hands and feet here on earth today.

Together, as a Church community, we are bringing Christ to others. I ask you to give with a generous spirit, and I pray for God's blessing for you and your loved ones.

Know that I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Shelton J. Fabre'.

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre







# An Invitation to Give

Your support of the **2024 Catholic Services Appeal** strengthens parish communities and brings Christ's love to others, throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville. What one parish cannot do alone, we can do together. Did you know that **100%** of the donations made to the Catholic Services Appeal go directly toward funding YOUR parish and Christ's people throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville?

## WAYS TO GIVE

Your CSA gift may be made as a pledge or a one-time gift. A pledge may make it easier to share a larger gift by spreading your payments between now and June 2025.

### Making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal is easy:

- Cash or check
- Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express
- Automatic transfer from your bank account
- Transfer of stock
- Recurring/monthly gift
- At your parish (leave your CSA envelope and check made payable to CSA in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office)
- A secure gift online - visit [www.ArchLou.org/CSA](http://www.ArchLou.org/CSA) or scan the QR code with your cell phone



**“You are the Salt of the Earth.  
You are the Light of the World.”**

**Matthew 5:13-14**

The Salt and Light Giving Society honors donors who provide for the ministries of the Archdiocese of Louisville with an annual leadership gift of \$500 or more to the Catholic Services Appeal. A pledge of just \$50.00 per month for ten months is a Circle of Faith gift!

### Giving Circles of the Salt and Light Giving Society:

**Circle of Faith: \$500 - \$999**

**Disciple Circle: \$5,000 - \$9,999**

**Circle of Hope: \$1,000 - \$2,499**

**Steward Circle: \$10,000 - \$19,999**

**Circle of Charity: \$2,500 - \$4,999**

**Shepherd Circle: \$20,000+**

Members are recognized online for their generosity at [www.ArchLou.org/SaltandLight](http://www.ArchLou.org/SaltandLight).





# Seminarian Education Fund

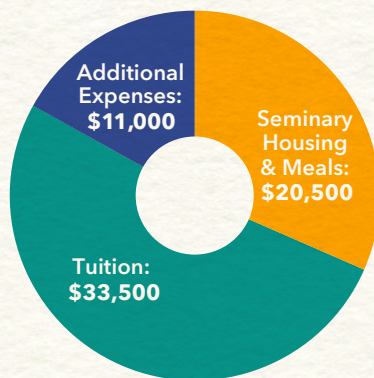
## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

***The number of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Louisville has increased again this year!*** We currently have 20 young men studying to become priests. What a wonderful blessing! With this blessing, however, also comes the need for a significant increase in funding. Seminarian education is already one of the Archdiocese's largest expenses, an amount that is even larger this year.

The cost to educate a seminarian is on par with the average cost a typical graduate student would incur, approximately **\$65,000** per year.

- **Tuition: \$33,500**
- **Seminary Housing & Meals: \$20,500**
- **Additional Expenses: \$11,000**

With the larger number of seminarians in formation, the projected budget for seminarian education is **\$1.3 million** this year.



Now more than ever, *we need your help* to ensure that our seminarians are provided for while they are in formation. Your financial support allows them the opportunity to focus on their education and spiritual growth, as they prepare for a life of service to God and the faithful in our Archdiocese through the vocation of priesthood.

### **A message from Very Rev. Martin Linebach, Vicar for Vocations and Director of the Office of Vocations:**

*"These young men are the ones who will baptize your children; they are going to officiate at the weddings of your children; they will be with your parents and grandparents on their deathbed. They are the future of our church. Please be generous when you give to the 2024 Catholic Services Appeal."*

**Thank you for your support of our seminarians!**





# How does the Catholic Services Appeal help MY parish?

A VIEW FROM YOUR PEW

**Youth and Young Adult Ministry** - retreats, college campus ministry, activities, training, and other events.

**Worship** - liturgical direction, liturgical minister formation, and parish resources for worship.

**Family and Life Ministry** - marriage preparation, resources for married couples, family counseling, safe environment training, etc.

**Parish Leadership Development** - Parish Council training, staff development, stewardship training, etc.

**The Record** - weekly Catholic newspaper mailed to all registered parish households.

**Seminarian Education** - costs for all diocesan priests are provided for their years of seminary formation as well as ongoing priest formation.

**The Office of Catholic Schools** - Curriculum, training and continuing education and formation for Catholic school teachers.

**Hispanic Ministry** - resources, translations, etc.

**Faith Formation** - catechesis, conferences, workshops, training sessions, and parish resources.

**Multicultural Ministry** - resources, translations, etc.

**Retired Priests** - funding support for retired diocesan priests.

**Parish Deacons** - funding provided for diaconate formation and continuing education.





# OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE



**1,715** Catholic School  
Leaders & Instructional Staff



**25** Weekly Masses  
in **12** Alternate  
Languages



**10** Diaconate  
Candidates were  
ordained Deacons  
in August 2024

**122** Diocesan Priests  
**10** Extern Priests  
**56** Retired Priests



**43** Order Priests  
**126** Permanent Deacons  
**20** Seminarians

**367** New Catholics  
**201** Catechumens  
**166** Candidates

**2,020** Baptisms  
**1,903** First Communions  
**1,807** Confirmations  
**1,554** Burials



**63** Faith  
Formation  
Classes with  
**939** Attendees



**3,144** Staff & Volunteers  
who work with children  
or youth received Safe  
Environment Training



**57,000** Households receive  
*The Record* newspaper



**30,000** Households  
receive the *Catholic  
Connection* electronic  
newsletter

**39** Catholic Elementary  
Schools  
**9** Catholic High  
Schools



**18,727** Catholic  
School Students



**231** Couples received  
Marriage Preparation  
Classes



**17** Men in the 2028  
Diaconate Cohort that are  
beginning their second  
year of formation



**9,623** Food Pantry  
interactions through the  
Sister Visitor Center







**2024  
CATHOLIC SERVICES  
APPEAL GOAL:**

**\$4.2 MILLION**

All contributions from the largest to the smallest are gratefully appreciated. All gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

**Our Promise To You**

The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal raised \$4.24 million dollars. These funds were used, without exception, to support the ministries and programs of the Archdiocese. It is our continuing pledge to you to use all funds received during the 2024 Appeal to provide these services in order to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese.

*Charity is that with which no one is lost,  
and without which no one is saved.*

– St. Robert Bellarmine



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