



2025 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL



Catholic 
Services Appeal
Bringing Christ to Others

Welcome to the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal!



My dear friends in Christ,

Greetings in the Lord! As we celebrate this Jubilee Year of Hope, we renew our commitment to sharing the hope of the Lord and living a life of faith in service of others. This year's Catholic Services Appeal theme, "Giving Hope to All," captures the essence of our faith journey as pilgrims of hope. Our lives, our generosity, and our service bring the hope of Christ to others. When you make a gift to the CSA, you extend God's mercy and compassion to those most in need and impact every parish throughout the Archdiocese.

Your support makes it possible to:

- **Provide essential outreach to the poor, the hungry and the needy**
- **Form and educate our seminarians, deacons and lay leaders**
- **Support Catholic schools and religious formation programs for all ages**
- **Offer pastoral care to the sick, the elderly and the lonely**
- **Sustain ministries that strengthen families and uphold the dignity of life**

I invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. Your contribution, no matter the amount, is an act of hope that will echo in the lives of many. Your donation is not merely financial support; it is a testament to the strength of our faith community.

Thank you for sharing your gifts
and for your willingness to bring
the hope of Christ to others.
I pray daily for God's blessings
for you and your loved ones.

Know that I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord,

Archbishop Shelton J. Fabre





An Invitation to Give

Your support of the **2025 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. Specifically, your gift helps to fund over 100 programs and ministries that provide resources to every parish. Did you know that **100%** of the donations made to the Catholic Services Appeal go directly toward helping 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 2026.

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 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.



Seminarian Education Fund

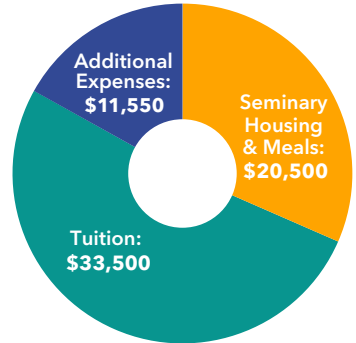
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

We are excited to announce the number of seminarians in the Archdiocese of Louisville has increased again this year! We currently have 22 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.

When you support the Seminarian Education Fund, your generosity helps to make the education and formation of our future priests possible. Your continued support and prayers are essential in building up a "culture of vocations" within our archdiocese.

The cost to educate a seminarian is on par with the average cost a typical graduate student would incur, approximately **\$65,550** per year.

- **Tuition: \$33,500**
- **Seminary Housing & Meals: \$20,500**
- **Additional Expenses: \$11,550**



With the larger number of seminarians in formation, the projected budget for seminarian education is **\$1.44 million** this year.

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 the priesthood. We are committed to ensuring that financial barriers do not stand in the way of a young man's discernment, and your generosity helps us to remove these obstacles.

A message from Deacon Evrard Muhoza, seminarian in the Archdiocese of Louisville who will be ordained a priest in 2026:

"I want to thank you from the deepest part of my heart for your support. I have been able to study and continue my formation because of your help. I look forward to being able to say Mass and to accompany people on their journey with Christ in the years to come."

Thank you for your support of our seminarians!



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

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.

Catholic Charities - providing support and assistance to individuals and families in need.

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



Multicultural Ministry - resources, training and the Catholic Enrichment Center.

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

Hispanic Ministry - resources, training, translations, faith formation, etc.

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



Retired Priests - funding support for retired diocesan priests.



The Catholic Services Appeal funds vital ministries and services - walking with you throughout the journey of life and *Giving Hope to All.*

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



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.

OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE

1,872 Catholic School
Leaders & Instructional Staff



16 Diaconate Candidates
in Formation (including
5 in the Hispanic Cohort)

25 Weekly Masses
in **12** Alternate
Languages



46 Order Priests
128 Permanent Deacons
22 Seminarians

171 Diocesan Priests
12 Extern Priests
57 Retired Priests



2,082 Baptisms
2,127 First Communions
1,747 Confirmations
1,364 Burials

477 New Catholics
252 Catechumens
225 Candidates



3,145 Staff & Volunteers
who work with children
or youth received Safe
Environment Training

121 Faith
Formation
Classes with
831 Attendees



31,000 Households
receive the *Catholic
Connection* electronic
newsletter

57,000 Households
receive *The Record*
newspaper



18,973 Catholic
School Students

39 Catholic Elementary
Schools
9 Catholic High
Schools



220 Couples received
Marriage Preparation
Classes

25,000 Food Pantry
interactions through the
Sister Visitor Center



156 Married couples
celebrated a combined
total of **8,418** years at
the Anniversary Mass



**2025
CATHOLIC SERVICES
APPEAL GOAL:**

\$4.35 MILLION

*"Christ has no body now on earth, but yours;
no hands, but yours; no feet, but yours."*

– St. Teresa of Avila

Your sacrificial giving of any amount helps to give HOPE to all in Christ's Church and transforms lives in our parishes, our communities, and throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville.

All gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Our Promise To You

The 2024 Catholic Services Appeal raised \$4.48 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 2025 Appeal to provide these services in order to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese.



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