



One Body IN CHRIST

Moving Forward in Faith



Welcome to the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal!



My dear friends in Christ,

As we continue our journey of faith together, we are reminded that we are truly ***One Body in Christ***, united in mission and called to move forward together in hope. The Catholic Services Appeal is an invitation to live out that unity in a tangible way—supporting one another and strengthening the life of the Church across the Archdiocese.

When you make a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal, you join with thousands of others in bringing Christ's love to life. Together, as one body, we care for those in need and ensure that our many vital ministries may continue to serve with faith and compassion.

Your generosity:

- Brings hope and healing to those who hunger and thirst, either physically or emotionally
- Nurtures and educates those called to serve as priests, deacons, and lay leaders
- Inspires faith and learning through our Catholic schools and Catholic formation at every stage of life
- Provides for those who are sick, elderly, or alone with compassion and care
- Strengthens families and upholds the sacred dignity of every human life

I invite you to prayerfully consider making a gift to the Catholic Services Appeal. No matter the amount, your contribution is a meaningful expression of unity—an act of faith that helps move our Church forward together.

Thank you for the many ways you share your gifts and for your commitment to building up the Body of Christ. Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely in the Lord,

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre
Archbishop of Louisville



An Invitation to Give

Your support of the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal strengthens our faith community and brings Christ's love to others throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville. As ***One Body in Christ***, we are able to accomplish far more together than any one community could on its own. United in mission, your generosity supports a wide range of ministries and programs that serve people across the Archdiocese and make a lasting difference in countless lives.

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 2027.

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
- IRA gifts: Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) or Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- At your parish (leave your CSA envelope or check made payable to CSA in the collection plate or drop it off at the parish office)



To make a gift online, visit [ArchLou.org/CSA](https://www.ArchLou.org/CSA) or scan the QR code above with your cellphone.

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

Circle of Hope

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Circle of Charity

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Disciple Circle

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Steward Circle

\$10,000 - \$19,999

Shepherd Circle

\$20,000+

***"You are the Salt
of the Earth.
You are the Light
of the World."***

—Matthew 5:13-14

Members are recognized online for their generosity at www.ArchLou.org/SaltandLight.

Thank you!

Seminarian Education Fund

We currently have **27** young men studying to become priests.
This is vitally important to the future of our Archdiocese!

Current Statistics:

- The Archdiocese of Louisville has over **100 parishes** and fewer than **60** actively serving archdiocesan priests.
- **45%** of our priests serve more than one parish.
- **More than half** of our retired priests are working nearly full-time.
- **30%** of our archdiocesan priests are eligible for retirement within the next ten years.

Therefore the growing number of seminarians is a tremendous blessing, but also requires more funding. With the larger number of seminarians in formation, the projected budget for seminarian education this year is nearly **\$2 million**. Your support allows our seminarians the opportunity to focus on their education and spiritual growth, as they prepare for a life of service through the vocation of priesthood.

"I am deeply grateful for the generosity of those who support seminarian education. Your sacrifices make it possible for me and my brother seminarians to fully devote ourselves to discerning God's call and preparing for a life of ministry."

Deacon Cuong Le



"My time in seminary has been a profound blessing, bringing me closer to Christ as I answer the call to serve His people. I am incredibly grateful for your support. Thank you for being a part of this journey with me—it means more than I can express."

David Hairston



"I am so thankful to those who support seminarian education. It is because of you that I am able to fully embrace this time of preparation and growth. Thank you for your kindness, your support, and your belief in vocations like mine."

Thomas Wichmann



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR SEMINARIANS!

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ONE JOURNEY. ONE CHURCH. *ONE BODY IN CHRIST.*

From the moment we are welcomed into the Church through baptism, God walks beside us through every stage of life. In moments of joy and sorrow, growth and challenges, the sacraments strengthen us, guide us, and remind us that we never journey alone.

The Catholic Services Appeal helps ensure that this journey of faith continues for thousands across the Archdiocese every day.



BAPTISM

A new life begins.
Water is poured, a candle is lit, and through Baptism, we are welcomed into God's family.



FAMILIES & FAITH FORMATION

Faith is nurtured at home and in the community. Family, catechists, teachers, and parish leaders pass on faith.



EUCCHARIST

Christ nourishes us.
Every Mass reminds us that we are *One Body in Christ.*



CONFIRMATION

Faith becomes our own.
The Holy Spirit empowers young people and adults to live as disciples.



MARRIAGE

Love becomes a witness.
Couples begin a lifelong vocation rooted in Christ's faithful love.



ETERNAL LIFE

The journey continues in Christ.
Every step in life leads us closer to the eternal embrace of God.



Every sacrament tells the story of a life touched by God's grace. Every ministry supported by the Catholic Services Appeal helps make those encounters possible.

Because of your generosity, the Church continues to walk with people through every beginning, every milestone, every hardship, and every celebration.

Together, as *One Body in Christ*, we move forward in faith.



OUR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY AT A GLANCE



39

Catholic Elementary Schools



9

Catholic High Schools



18,747

Catholic School Students



1,932

Catholic School Leaders & Instructional Staff



176

Priests

55 Archdiocesan Priests

60 Retired Priests

49 Order Priests

12 Extern Priests

153

Married couples celebrated a combined total of **6,562** years at the anniversary Mass

245

Couples received Marriage Preparation Classes

148

Faith Formation Classes with **1,132** Attendees

56,500

Households receive *The Record* newspaper



2,050

Baptisms

1,998

Confirmations

2,263

First Communions

1,376

Burials



32,000

Households receive the *Catholic Connection* electronic newsletter



294

Students participate in campus ministry at the University of Louisville with **24** Bible Studies held each week.

20

Weekly Masses in **9** Alternate Languages

27

Seminarians

123

Permanent Deacons

12

Diaconate Candidates In formation (including **5** In the Hispanic Cohort)

511

New Catholics



2026 Catholic Services Appeal Goal

\$4.35 MILLION

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"One Body in Christ" has a particular significance this year as we address the needs of an ever-changing church through the Archdiocese of Louisville parish planning process. In the midst of change, Christ does not abandon His people. We remain one family in Him, one body, one Christ. The Catholic Services Appeal, at its core, supports the body of Christ throughout central Kentucky, recognizing that we are one church, united in our mission.

Through the CSA, parishes of every size, rural and urban, growing and transitioning, join together to support the programs and ministries that no single parish can sustain alone.

Your support in any amount strengthens ministries that proclaim the gospel, form disciples of all ages, care for those most in need, nurture vocations, support our clergy, and equip parish and ministry leaders.

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

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

The 2025 Catholic Services Appeal raised \$4.7 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 2026 Appeal to provide these services to meet the needs of our sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese.

"In the One, we are one."

— Pope Leo XIV



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