

Ways to Give

GIVE ONLINE — Scan the QR code or visit www.diospringfield.org/aca to make a one-time gift or pledge.



CHECK — Your personal check should be made payable to the Diocese of Springfield Annual Appeal.

PLEDGED GIFTS — Appeal gifts may be paid monthly throughout the year. Please provide your credit card details on the back of your pledge card, and consider including your first month's payment with your pledge. Kindly mail the enclosed gift/pledge card in the envelope provided to: **Annual Catholic Appeal • P.O. Box 9 • East Longmeadow, MA 01028-0009**

INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT (IRA) GIFTS — Under the current tax law, you must take your first required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year in which you turn age 72 (70½ if you reached it before January 1, 2021). You can give any amount up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA directly to a qualified charity without having to pay income tax on the money. This is known as an IRA charitable rollover. Please consult your tax adviser and kindly instruct your retirement account broker to make the check payable to the Diocese of Springfield Annual Appeal and mail to **Annual Catholic Appeal • P.O. Box 9 • East Longmeadow, MA 01028-0009**. Please call the appeal office at 413-452-0670 with any questions you may have.

MATCHING GIFTS — Each year, several local companies give generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal through matching gift programs. Please contact your human resource department to determine if your company will match your gift.

GIFTS OF STOCK — For further information on the transfer of stock, a bequest, or including the Annual Catholic Appeal in your will, please contact the Diocese of Springfield Annual Appeal Office at 413-452-0670.

*Your gift to the 2023 Catholic Annual Appeal is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.
Please call the Annual Appeal Office at 413-452-0670 for additional assistance.*

Annual Catholic Appeal Bishop's Society

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6: 19-21

When you make an annual gift or pledge totaling \$500 or more to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you are recognized as a member of the Bishop's Society. These leadership circles recognize and celebrate those who share the fruits of their God-given talent and abilities by investing significantly in the future of the Catholic faith community through the Annual Catholic Appeal. These heartfelt gifts make an extraordinary impact on countless lives and are gratefully recognized by Bishop William Byrne. Members are invited to one of three regional dinners where we celebrate our donors and the work they make possible. They are also remembered throughout the year in prayer by Bishop Byrne as he prays daily for the benefactors of the Diocese of Springfield.



- **SOCIETY OF ST. MICHAEL: \$10,000+**
- **SOCIETY OF APOSTLES: \$5,000+**
- **SOCIETY OF ANGELS: \$1,200+**
- **SOCIETY OF STEWARDS: \$500+**



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Radiate the **Light** of Christ



DIOCESSE OF SPRINGFIELD



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus told his disciples, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father," Mt 5:16

This Lenten season I look to you and ask you to be the light for others – shining in a world seemingly overcome by darkness.

At Mass we pray for our neighbors in need. As you leave Mass you don't hide your light of Christ under a basket. Rather, you carry it out into the world and compassionately and generously share it, profoundly blessing the lives of your neighbors in need across western Massachusetts.

Your faithful stewardship of the Annual Catholic Appeal is a beacon of light on a mountain. I look to you to join me in sharing God's love this year and *Radiating the Light of Christ* for the world to see.

With every good wish, I am,
Your friend in Christ,

William D. Byrne
Most Rev. William D. Byrne
Bishop of Springfield



SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLE

- Camp Holy Cross
- Catholic Scouting
- Education Support to Catholic Elementary and High School Students
- Homework House
- Newman Center
- Rick's Place
- Youth Center, Inc.
- Youth & Young Adult Ministry

PASTORAL & SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

- Catholic Communications Corporation
- Catholic Latino Ministries
- Diocesan Schools Office
- Ecumenical Commission
- Faith Formation
- Jericho-Bureau for Exceptional Children & Adults
- Ministry with the Deaf
- Office of Vocations
- Office of Worship
- Permanent Diaconate
- Seminary and Clergy Educational Support

SERVICES TO FAMILY & ELDERLY

- Alianza
- Alternatives
- Bethlehem House
- Clearway Clinic
- Harmony House
- New Direction Women's Center
- Pregnancy Support Service of Berkshire County
- Sisters' Retirement Fund
- Support for Retired Priests
- Take & Eat

SERVICES TO THOSE IN NEED

- Amherst Community Connections
- Catholic Charities
- Gray House
- Lorraine's Soup Kitchen
- Mercy Medical Center
- Montague Catholic Social Ministries
- Providence Ministries
- Residents Encounter Christ of Berkshire & Hampden County
- St. Vincent de Paul Westfield
- Sandwich Ministry

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS



Tens of thousands of individuals are brought closer to God by Catholic Communications programs. These include Chalice of Salvation, iobserve.org, Real to Reel, The Catholic Mirror, social media, radio and more.

PRIESTS & SISTERS RETIREMENT SUPPORT



Thirty-six retired priests rely on the diocese's support to care for them during their retirement. A majority of these priests were active clergy members for over 40 years.

MULTICULTURAL MINISTRIES



Eight Hispanic Apostolic Movements, including Cursillos de Cristianidad, Legion De Maria, Caballeros De Colon, Encuentro Juvenil, and Carismática Católica are currently active and run events throughout the year, engaging hundreds of individuals and families.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & YOUNG ADULT AND YOUTH MINISTRY



Over 3,600 students are enrolled in Catholic Education. In the last three years, the diocese went from having no young adult ministry to over 300 active participants in 2022, and the number of youth groups across the diocese has more than doubled.

PREGNANCY SUPPORT SERVICES



Five local pregnancy support services are supported by the ACA. These agencies, such as Bethlehem House in Easthampton help hundreds of women/families each year.

SOCIAL SERVICES



Through Catholic Charities, Gray House, Montague Catholic Social Ministries, Providence Ministries, and more, the Catholic Church in the diocese is currently helping provide assistance to over 300 refugees, utility aid to 150 families, and shelter to more than 100 families.

