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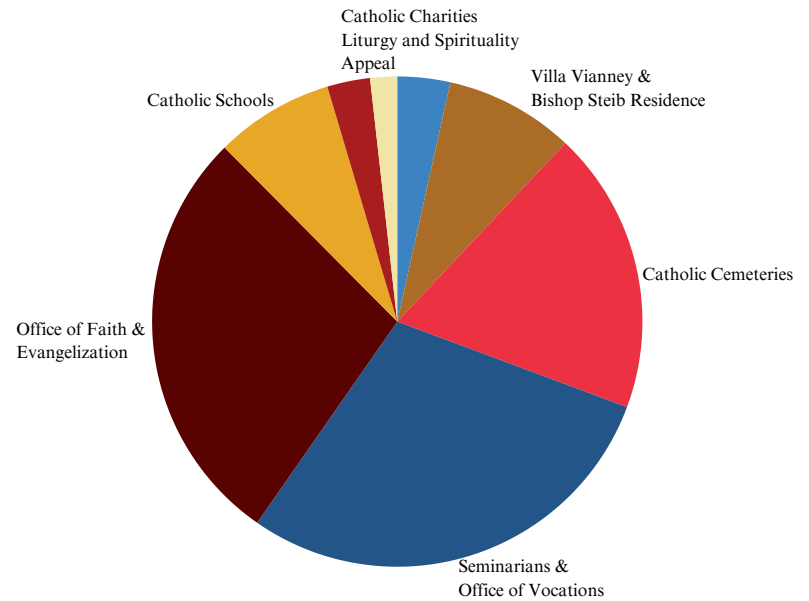
# 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

Year End Report



## 2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CASE COMPONENTS



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you who generously supported our Annual Catholic Appeal. Your commitment to our faith community is truly inspiring. Through your selfless contributions, we are able to continue our mission of spreading love, compassion, and faith.

Your support ensures that our Diocese will continue its mission of helping the faithful encounter the living Christ through conversion, communion, service, and unity. Together, we are making a positive impact on the lives of many, embodying the spirit of Christ's teachings.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity and may the love you've shown to our community be returned to you a hundredfold. I am yours

In the light and the love of the Lord,

*+ David P. Talley*

Most Reverend David P. Talley, M.S.W., J.C.D.  
Bishop, Catholic Diocese of Memphis

## OUR DIOCESE



Number of Parishes & Missions

47



Number of Catholics

70,000



Number of Schools

15



Number of Religious Orders

11



Number of Nationalities Represented

20+



Number of Priests Ministering in the Diocese

81

# OUTSTANDING PARISH PERFORMERS

## Top 10 by Percentage of Goal

Church	City	Goal	Amount Pledged	% of Goal
Immaculate Conception	Union City	\$16,000.00	\$21,154.00	132.21%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Germantown	\$197,000.00	\$254,212.33	129.04%
St. Patrick	Memphis	\$35,000.00	\$44,599.23	127.43%
St. Mary	Camden	\$6,000.00	\$7,405.00	123.42%
St. Michael	Memphis	\$65,000.00	\$79,809.53	122.78%
Ave Maria	Ripley	\$3,000.00	\$3,665.00	122.17%
St. Mary	Memphis	\$11,000.00	\$13,128.00	119.35%
Church of the Ascension	Memphis	\$12,000.00	\$14,138.00	117.82%
St. Jude	Martin	\$14,000.00	\$16,213.00	115.81%
Our Lady of the Lake	Counce	\$11,000.00	\$11,995.00	109.05%

## Top 10 by Amount Pledged

Church	City	Goal	Amount Pledged
St. Louis	Memphis	\$360,000.00	\$305,418.91
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Germantown	\$197,000.00	\$254,212.33
St. Francis of Assisi	Cordova	\$215,000.00	\$158,744.00
Church of the Holy Spirit	Memphis	\$182,000.00	\$140,125.39
Church of the Incarnation	Collierville	\$160,000.00	\$113,873.81
Holy Rosary	Memphis	\$112,500.00	\$92,280.00
St. Michael	Memphis	\$65,000.00	\$79,809.53
St. Mary	Jackson	\$80,000.00	\$72,188.00
St. Ann	Bartlett	\$81,000.00	\$66,300.00
St. William	Millington	\$56,000.00	\$60,685.00

## Top 10 by Percentage of Participation

Church	City	Parish Households	Total Pledges	% of Participation
Ave Maria	Ripley	19	16	84.21%
St. Mary	Bolivar	44	20	47.73%
St. Anne	Memphis	102	47	46.08%
St. Andrew the Apostle	Lexington	50	23	46.00%
Immaculate Conception	Union City	168	73	43.45%
St. Regina	Parsons	28	11	42.86%
St. Jude	Selmer	38	16	42.11%
St. Alphonsus	Covington	112	43	38.39%
Church of the Resurrection	Memphis	311	119	38.26%
Church of the Ascension	Memphis	127	60	38.22%

## DIOCESAN TOTALS



Pledges  
4240



Amount Pledged  
\$2,113,823.12



Average gift  
\$498.54



% of pledges fulfilled  
87%



Amount paid  
\$1,946,100.05

# ACA SUMMARY REPORT

12/1/2023 REPORT

Parish	Census	Pledger	% Part	Parish Goal	Amt Pledged	% Goal	Avg Pledge
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	411	90	21.90%	\$70,000.00	\$56,676.00	80.97%	\$629.73
Blessed Sacrament Church	95	16	16.84%	\$20,000.00	\$6,365.00	31.83%	\$397.81
Church of the Ascension	157	60	38.22%	\$12,000.00	\$14,138.00	117.82%	\$235.63
Church of the Holy Spirit	721	201	27.88%	\$182,000.00	\$140,125.39	76.99%	\$697.14
Church of the Resurrection	311	119	38.26%	\$33,000.00	\$35,658.75	108.06%	\$299.65
Holy Rosary Church	602	164	27.24%	\$112,500.00	\$92,280.00	82.03%	\$562.68
St. Theresa Church	175	22	12.57%	\$19,000.00	\$7,345.00	38.66%	\$333.86
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1259	275	21.84%	\$197,000.00	\$254,212.33	129.04%	\$924.41
Our Lady of Sorrows Church	155	33	21.29%	\$15,000.00	\$9,287.00	61.91%	\$281.42
Sacred Heart Church - Memphis	388	65	16.75%	\$17,000.00	\$17,896.00	105.27%	\$275.32
St. Ann Church - Bartlett	1041	182	17.48%	\$81,000.00	\$66,300.00	81.85%	\$364.29
St. Anne Church - Highland	102	47	46.08%	\$32,000.00	\$32,696.00	102.18%	\$695.66
St. James Church	292	72	24.66%	\$14,000.00	\$14,094.00	100.67%	\$195.75
St. John Church	56	20	35.71%	\$8,000.00	\$8,278.00	103.48%	\$413.90
St. Joseph Church	281	3	1.07%	\$4,000.00	\$4,042.00	101.05%	\$1,347.33
St. Louis Church	2038	401	19.68%	\$360,000.00	\$305,418.91	84.84%	\$761.64
St. Mary Church - Memphis	100	27	27.00%	\$11,000.00	\$13,128.00	119.35%	\$486.22
St. Michael Church	1660	239	14.40%	\$65,000.00	\$79,809.53	122.78%	\$333.93
St. Patrick Church	250	69	27.60%	\$35,000.00	\$44,599.23	127.43%	\$646.37
St. Paul Church	449	110	24.50%	\$30,000.00	\$27,340.00	91.13%	\$248.55
St. Peter Church	489	69	14.11%	\$65,000.00	\$51,797.00	79.69%	\$750.68
St. Augustine Church	297	106	35.69%	\$32,000.00	\$32,543.00	101.70%	\$307.01
St. William Church	457	127	27.79%	\$56,000.00	\$60,685.00	108.37%	\$477.83
Holy Angels Church	155	53	34.19%	\$18,000.00	\$18,695.00	103.86%	\$352.74
Holy Cross Church	329	48	14.59%	\$19,000.00	\$10,949.00	57.63%	\$228.10
Immaculate Conception - Union City	168	73	43.45%	\$16,000.00	\$21,154.00	132.21%	\$289.78
Sacred Heart - Humboldt	135	16	11.85%	\$9,000.00	\$3,925.00	43.61%	\$245.31
St. Mary's Church - Jackson	1051	239	22.74%	\$80,000.00	\$72,188.00	90.24%	\$302.04
St. Mary's Church - Savannah	158	33	20.89%	\$13,000.00	\$8,630.00	66.38%	\$261.52
St. Alphonsus	112	43	38.39%	\$14,500.00	\$14,985.00	103.34%	\$348.49
Ave Maria	19	16	84.21%	\$3,000.00	\$3,665.00	122.17%	\$229.06
St. John - Brownsville	78	14	17.95%	\$2,500.00	\$2,510.00	100.40%	\$179.29
St. Mary's Church - Camden	73	19	26.03%	\$6,000.00	\$7,405.00	123.42%	\$389.74
St. Jude - Selmer	38	16	42.11%	\$6,200.00	\$5,079.00	81.92%	\$317.44
St. Mary's Church - Bolivar	44	21	47.73%	\$7,000.00	\$6,210.00	88.71%	\$295.71
Church of the Incarnation	1241	266	21.43%	\$160,000.00	\$113,873.81	71.17%	\$428.10
Church of the Nativity	453	115	25.39%	\$45,000.00	\$30,438.00	67.64%	\$264.68
St. Jude - Martin	214	49	22.90%	\$14,000.00	\$16,213.00	115.81%	\$330.88
St. Philip the Apostle	330	89	26.97%	\$40,000.00	\$34,652.00	86.63%	\$389.35
St. Matthew - Milan	67	13	19.40%	\$5,000.00	\$4,380.00	87.60%	\$336.92
St. Andrew the Apostle	50	23	46.00%	\$7,000.00	\$5,465.00	78.07%	\$237.61
St. Regina	28	12	42.86%	\$5,000.00	\$4,015.00	80.30%	\$334.58
St. Francis of Assisi	2789	356	12.76%	\$215,000.00	\$158,744.00	73.83%	\$445.91
Holy Family Church	38	14	36.84%	\$2,500.00	\$2,115.00	84.60%	\$151.07
St. Brigid	804	28	3.48%	\$50,000.00	\$8,539.00	17.08%	\$304.96
Our Lady of the Lake	61	23	37.70%	\$11,000.00	\$11,995.00	109.05%	\$521.52
Misc. Non-Registered Givers	1	128	12800%	\$79,300.00	\$172,033.17	216.94%	\$1,344.01
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Bells	66	16	24.24%	\$1,500.00	\$1,251.00	83.40%	\$78.19
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20288</b>	<b>4240</b>	<b>20.90%</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>	<b>\$2,113,823.12</b>	<b>91.91%</b>	<b>\$498.54</b>



## THE IMPACT YOUR SUPPORT HAS ON THE PEOPLE OF WEST TENNESSEE



"I was raised in a devout Baptist home, but in college, I took a class that encouraged me to study my faith deeper. I soon found myself with more questions than answers, but still had a deep desire for the truth. After a long period of study and prayer, I found my way home to the Catholic Church. At the Easter Vigil in 2018, I was received into the Church and continued to grow in my faith and get involved with my college parish. Soon after, I felt the Lord calling me to a life of prayer, service, and total self-giving to Him. Since then I have been studying at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans.

Throughout this time of discernment, one of the most inspiring and humbling things for me has been knowing of the numerous prayers and sacrifices people make on a daily basis specifically for seminarians. Without this, I know it would be impossible to continue. Because of your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are able to freely discern the Lord's calling in our lives, and continue learning how to better serve the people of our community. The future of the Church in West Tennessee is bright because of you!"

Jarrett McBride, Seminarian



“Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center is very grateful to everyone

that helps us accomplish our mission through the Annual Catholic Appeal. With this support, we are able to provide a beautiful, holy and spirit filled experience for everyone in our Diocese to Encounter Jesus Christ - through peaceful time alone, one of our many directed retreats or a day away with your parish team to plan for the future. During these last few months, Queen of Peace has provided a place for Catholics from different cultures, who otherwise may not worship together, to come together and celebrate their Universal Faith.

One example is the recently held Camino a la Paz. On November 4th, we had over 380 people from various parishes and ethnic backgrounds celebrate Mass and participate in a Eucharistic Procession to, together, Pray for Peace and Healing in our world. United together, we joined together to practice our Catholic faith and unite in a shared mission of a Peaceful world.”

Steve Fracchia, Director of Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center



“I came to Memphis for the first time for Thanksgiving of 2019, and

after prayers, I decided to join the diocese as a seminarian in January 2020. Since that time, I fell in love with West Tennessee, especially the faithful of our 47 parishes. Last June, Bishop Talley ordained me to the Transitional Diaconate. By ministering to the People of Holy Rosary, Ascension, Incarnation, and Saint Louis, I feel that I am a part of the flock of the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. This coming May, I will graduate from Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology, located in Indiana, and with the help of God, I will be ordained a Priest for the Diocese of Memphis.

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank all of you who are supporting the ministry of our diocese, especially the formation of future priests. Thanks to your support, I can prepare myself to serve all of you and to give thanks to Almighty God for the Gift we all received, which is our Catholic Faith.”

Deacon Kacper Wojcieszko, Seminarian



“Thank you so much for donating to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Through your generous donations, the Office of Youth Ministry is able to provide training for our youth ministers across the Diocese, supporting them in their parishes and helping them to grow in spirituality and knowledge as they work to bring the youth in our Diocese closer to Christ. Our office also hosts Diocesan youth retreats and events that allow our youth to encounter Christ in a very personal way and encourage them to become disciples of Christ. Many times, these retreats have such an impact on the lives of the youth, that they return to work future retreats in the hope of helping their peers or younger youth have an encounter with Christ like they previously did. Your donations help to build up the young Church of today!”

Rebecca Talarico, Associate Director of Youth Ministry



“As Campus Minister, my primary role is allowing students opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ and live authentic discipleship. This happens through a variety of ways: FOCUS Bible Studies with our missionaries, fellowship opportunities and sharing meals together, service projects, or most importantly, daily access to the Sacraments. Thanks to all of the generous supporters of the Annual Catholic Appeal, we are able to continue empowering students to live for the person of Jesus Christ and to engage the Gospel at the heart of their lives.”

Rebekah Zachary, Campus Minister at University of Memphis



“The Tuesday of Holy Week each year, we, the Church of Memphis, in Tennessee, celebrate the Chrism Mass. At the Chrism Mass, high grade, extra-virgin olive oil is brought before the bishop. One vessel contains what will be the Oil of the Sick (OI). One container contains what will be the Oil of the Catechumens (OC). One vessel contains what will be the Sacred Chrism (SC). After the Mass, our Priests obtain sufficient quantities of each for use in each parish. The Oil of the Sick that is used each time the Anointing of the Sick is celebrated, comes from the Chrism Mass. Each time baptism is celebrated, whether infants or adults, the Oil of the Catechumen from Chrism Mass is used. Each time baptism is celebrated, each time confirmation is celebrated, Sacred Chrism from the Chrism Mass is used. When the Dedication of a Church and Altar is celebrated, as it was this past October 15 at St. Francis of Assisi, Sacred Chrism from the Chrism Mass is used. Every priest who is ordained, including our two seminarians who will be ordained January 6, has his hands anointed with Sacred Chrism from the Chrism Mass. Your support of the ACA makes possible the oil used at Chrism Mass and the gathering of the priests and deacons and all of us for Chrism Mass. Your support of the ACA touches thousands of lives. Thank you for your support!”

Steve Peterson, Diocesan Sacristan



“After being at the Chancery just over a year, I am amazed at the generosity of my fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Memphis. I see every single pledge and payment that comes to the Catholic Center and each time I am humbled by your dedication to our Diocese. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you have done for all the people here in West Tennessee who benefit in some small way from the ministries supported and funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal.”

Allison Thron, Assistant Director of Development

# WHAT DID THE APPEAL SUPPORT IN 2023?



El Camino at Our Lady Queen  
of Peace Retreat Center

## Did you know...

In the Catholic Diocese of Memphis this year there were 1,082 Baptisms (adult and infant), 927 First Communions, 1,061 Confirmations and 308 Marriages.

2,974 Students attend our Diocesan Catholic schools and 4,695 children are enrolled in PRE.

We have 12 men currently enrolled in Seminary programs to become priests and 26 men are preparing to become permanent deacons for the Diocese of Memphis.

Our parishes and missions offered 34,840 hours of Adoration and 5,460 hours of Reconciliation.

Catholic Charities served more than 50,000 people in need of emergency and non-emergency services.

We have three campus ministries at University of Memphis, Rhodes College, and University of Tennessee at Martin. There are four Focus missionaries serving our Diocese and four more young adults are in the interview process to become missionaries. More than 100 college students have attended the campus bible study and nearly 130 Sunday meals were served.

There are 26 active parish youth groups. Over 150 Junior and Senior High Students attended a Quest or Search Retreat.

Villa Vianney is home to 8 of our retired Priests. Each priest has their own living quarters consisting of a bedroom and bathroom, living room, kitchen and office. There is also a chapel for them to say daily Mass.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center has hosted 57 public retreats and 13 private retreats that ministered to more than 1,300 people.

At the three catholic cemeteries in our Diocese, 200 souls were laid to rest. Let us continue to pray for the repose of their souls.



## MISSION OF THE APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal is directed and operated by the Office of Development and the ACA Committee

The Annual Catholic Appeal is a fundraising initiative designed to support the various offices and ministries within the Diocese. The mission of this annual campaign is to gather financial contributions from members of the Catholic community in West Tennessee to sustain and enhance the diverse programs and services offered by the Diocese. These contributions play a crucial role in funding activities such as education, outreach, pastoral care, and charitable endeavors. The Annual Catholic Appeal aims to foster a sense of community and shared responsibility among Catholics, encouraging them to contribute to the collective well-being and mission of the Diocese. Ultimately, the campaign seeks to strengthen the Church's ability to fulfill its spiritual, educational, and charitable mission in the local community.

The Annual Catholic Appeal funds the various and vital offices of the Diocese in several ways: through the salaries and benefits of the department members, office support and supplies, expenses related to training and education, maintenance of and upkeep of the various buildings belonging to the Diocese such as campus student centers, technology and IT support, and so much more.

The Chancery offices work diligently to provide the means to teach and evangelize the faithful in West Tennessee, to support and enhance the programs offered at the parishes, provide the needed assistance and access to the sacraments, and to continue to care for the needs of this community.



## APPEAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Allison Thron  
*Assistant Director of Development*

Rev. Carl Gregorich  
*Chairman*

Rev. Dennis Schenkel

Rev. Joey Kaump

Rev. Ben Bradshaw

Rev. Robbie Favazza

Rev. Yoelvis Gonzalez

Rev. Jacek Kowal

Lyssete Candia

Alexandra Wallace

None of us alone can make a full impact on the needs of our Diocese. But, united, we can make great things happen! We are grateful for your support in the Lord's work.  
Thank you.