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Campaña Católica Anual
Santidad y Servicio



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Annual Catholic Appeal
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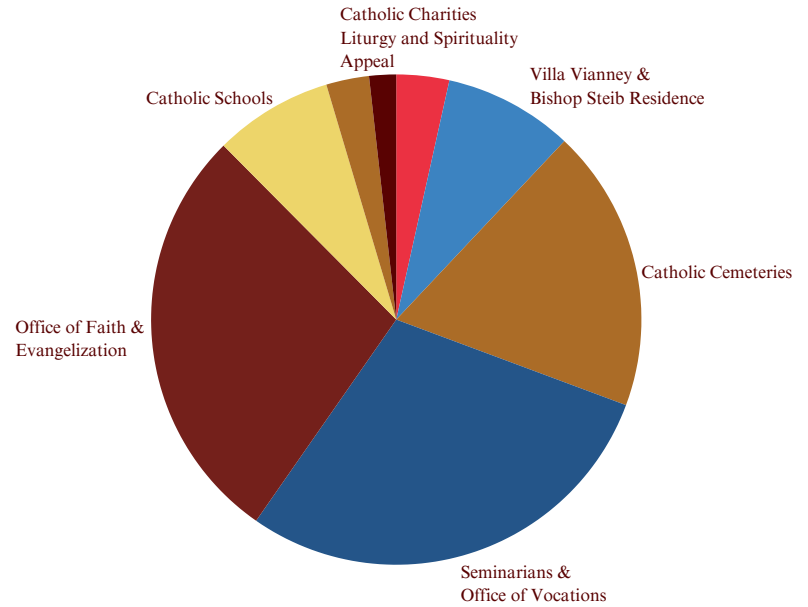
2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

Year End Report



2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL CASE COMPONENTS



My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each of you who generously supported our Annual Catholic Appeal. Your dedication to our faith community is truly inspiring. Through your gifts, no matter how big or small, we demonstrate how working together can achieve the extraordinary.

Your support empowers our Diocese to continue its mission of helping individuals encounter the living Christ through conversion, communion, service, and unity. Together, we're making a meaningful difference in countless lives, embodying the spirit of Christ's teachings.

May God bless you abundantly for your generosity, and may the love you've shared with 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

46



Number of Catholics

70,000



Number of Schools

13



Number of Religious Orders

10



Number of Nationalities Represented

20+



Number of Priests Ministering in the Diocese

88

OUTSTANDING PARISH PERFORMERS

Top 10 by Percentage of Goal

Church	City	Goal	Amount Pledged	% of Goal
St. James	Memphis	\$17,000	\$38,140	224%
St. Michael	Memphis	\$90,000	\$145,502	162%
Church of the Incarnation	Collierville	\$222,000	\$340,839	154%
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Memphis	\$60,000	\$79,051	132%
St. Patrick	Memphis	\$41,000	\$53,554	131%
St. Joseph	Memphis	\$5,000	\$6,467	129%
St. Anne	Memphis	\$32,000	\$40,779	127%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Germantown	\$197,000	\$248,625	126%
Our Lady of the Lake	Counce	\$11,000	\$13,829	126%
Sacred Heart	Humboldt	\$6,000	\$7,336	122%

Top 10 by Amount Pledged

Church	City	Goal	Amount Pledged
St. Louis	Memphis	\$330,000	\$351,219
Church of the Incarnation	Collierville	\$222,000	\$340,839
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Germantown	\$197,000	\$248,625
St. Francis of Assisi	Cordova	\$210,000	\$199,218
Church of the Holy Spirit	Memphis	\$139,000	\$163,328
St. Michael	Memphis	\$90,000	\$145,502
St. Ann	Bartlett	\$80,000	\$90,372
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Memphis	\$60,000	\$79,052
St. Mary	Jackson	\$86,000	\$78,988
Holy Rosary	Memphis	\$106,000	\$67,560

Top 10 by Percentage of Participation

Church	City	Parish Households	Total Pledges	% of Participation
St. John	Memphis	54	\$10,221	180%
St. Anne	Memphis	87	\$40,779	85%
Ave Maria	Ripley	19	\$4,261	79%
Our Lady of the Lake	Counce	50	\$13,829	64%
St. Joseph	Memphis	282	\$6,467	63%
St. Mary	Bolivar	46	\$6,438	59%
St. Theresa	Memphis	98	\$19,936	56%
Holy Angels	Dyersburg	124	\$20,990	48%
St. Jude	Selmer	36	\$5,083	44%
Immaculate Conception	Union City	168	\$16,268	42%

DIOCESAN TOTALS



Pledges
5916



Amount Pledged
\$2,495,492



Average gift
\$422



% of pledges fulfilled
88%



Amount paid
\$2,226,161

ACA SUMMARY REPORT

11/1/2024 REPORT

Parish	Census	Pledgers	% Part	Parish Goal	Amt Pledged	% Goal	Avg Pledge
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	478	128	27%	\$60,000	\$79,051	132%	\$618
Blessed Sacrament	50	20	40%	\$17,000	\$9,465	56%	\$473
Church of the Ascension	122	30	25%	\$18,000	\$10,363	58%	\$345
Church of the Holy Spirit	713	257	36%	\$139,000	\$163,329	118%	\$636
Church of the Resurrection	357	91	25%	\$36,000	\$33,462	93%	\$368
Holy Rosary	588	171	29%	\$106,000	\$67,560	64%	\$395
St. Theresa	98	55	56%	\$17,000	\$19,936	117%	\$362
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1274	336	26%	\$197,000	\$248,625	126%	\$740
Our Lady of Sorrows	176	49	28%	\$14,000	\$11,638	83%	\$238
Sacred Heart - Memphis	402	76	19%	\$20,000	\$17,306	87%	\$228
St. Ann - Bartlett	1013	265	26%	\$80,000	\$90,372	113%	\$341
St. Anne - Highland	87	74	85%	\$32,000	\$40,779	127%	\$551
St. James	352	104	30%	\$17,000	\$38,140	224%	\$367
St. John	54	97	180%	\$10,000	\$10,221	102%	\$105
St. Joseph	282	179	63%	\$5,000	\$6,467	129%	\$36
St. Louis	2057	602	29%	\$330,000	\$351,219	106%	\$583
St. Mary - Memphis	105	27	26%	\$13,000	\$10,903	84%	\$404
St. Michael	2351	685	29%	\$90,000	\$145,502	162%	\$212
St. Patrick	261	57	22%	\$41,000	\$53,554	131%	\$940
St. Paul	383	67	17%	\$30,000	\$23,915	80%	\$357
St. Peter	471	68	14%	\$53,000	\$46,019	87%	\$677
St. Augustine	320	73	23%	\$33,000	\$24,277	74%	\$333
St. William	444	144	32%	\$55,000	\$62,750	114%	\$436
Holy Angels	124	59	48%	\$21,000	\$20,990	99%	\$356
Holy Cross	297	71	24%	\$19,000	\$20,620	109%	\$290
Immaculate Conception - Union City	168	70	42%	\$22,000	\$16,268	74%	\$232
Sacred Heart - Humboldt	135	26	19%	\$6,000	\$7,336	122%	\$282
St. Mary - Jackson	1154	273	24%	\$86,000	\$78,988	92%	\$289
St. Mary - Savannah	153	47	31%	\$14,000	\$11,146	80%	\$237
St. Alphonsus	105	37	35%	\$16,000	\$17,104	107%	\$462
Ave Maria	19	15	79%	\$4,000	\$4,261	107%	\$284
St. John - Brownsville	78	18	23%	\$3,000	\$3,045	102%	\$169
St. Mary's - Camden	74	21	28%	\$7,500	\$8,030	107%	\$382
St. Jude - Selmer	36	16	44%	\$7,000	\$5,083	73%	\$318
St. Mary - Bolivar	46	27	59%	\$8,000	\$6,438	80%	\$238
Church of the Incarnation	1721	503	29%	\$222,000	\$340,839	154%	\$678
Church of the Nativity	439	123	28%	\$39,000	\$37,261	96%	\$303
St. Jude - Martin	235	43	18%	\$18,000	\$17,838	99%	\$415
St. Philip the Apostle	347	99	29%	\$47,000	\$45,091	96%	\$455
St. Matthew - Milan	66	16	24%	\$5,000	\$4,753	96%	\$297
St. Andrew the Apostle	44	17	39%	\$7,000	\$4,560	65%	\$268
St. Regina	34	12	35%	\$5,000	\$4,300	86%	\$358
St. Francis of Assisi	2896	511	18%	\$210,000	\$199,218	95%	\$389
Holy Family	41	12	29%	\$3,000	\$2,625	88%	\$219
St. Brigid	1220	47	4%	\$54,000	\$11,458	21%	\$244
Our Lady of the Lake	50	32	60%	\$11,000	\$13,829	126%	\$432
Misc. Non-Registered Givers	707	151	21%	\$60,000	\$48,596	81%	\$322
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Bells	672	15	21%	\$2,000	\$962	48%	\$64
TOTALS	22,699	2,916	26%	\$2,309,500	\$2,495,492	108%	\$369



THE IMPACT YOUR SUPPORT HAS ON THE PEOPLE OF WEST TENNESSEE



“My name is Luiz Dutra, I am a seminarian for the Diocese of Memphis, and I am studying at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans. I am from Brazil, but I have spent the last seven years of my life here in Memphis. I would like to thank you for your donations, not only for your local parish ministries in west Tennessee, but especially for your support towards the education and formation of seminarians like me. Formation is what we understand as the development of all aspects of the human person, which means: intellectually, pastorally, humanly and spiritually.

So far, I have experienced, being in my fourth year of formation, so much growth in all of these areas, and I know how much more I can still grow in each of them. I am, at once, a wholly changed man, but also the same Luiz who came here in 2017 to play soccer and study mechanical engineering at CBU. To this point, I have learned how much of the parish life and of my own life is meant to serve the faithful people of God. And all this is possible thanks to your support for the diocese. For this reason, I thank you for the consideration and prayers for the ACA, so that we may continue to see the fruits of the dedication of all. Let us remain anchored in the Truth that is Jesus Christ, that is, Our Catholic Faith! Please pray for seminarians.”

Luiz Dutra, Seminarian



“On behalf of our staff in the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation, I want to thank all of you for supporting the work of our Bishop and the support staff of the Chancery. Your prayerful contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to continue evangelization formation work throughout West Tennessee.

Our office began launching a brand-new updated Marriage Prep course which has been well received by 100 engaged couples and counting. We have plans to train parishes to offer their own marriage prep as well as multiple retreat weekends for engaged couples in the coming year. Our youth retreats are seeing a resurgence with Voyage for 7th & 8th graders and SEARCH for 11th and 12th graders started waiting lists due to the high demand. Our Quest retreat for Freshman and Sophomores will not be far behind once the program is re-launched in the Spring of 2025. We are also hard at work launching a new 3-Day retreat for first time parents to explore ways in which they can intentionally build a domestic church in their own homes.

If you have a family member who needed last rites after hours and needed a priest, then you know how fortunate we are to have a system for chaplains to find a priest when our loved ones are near death. That program has been updated and more training has been provided to our priests to administer the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in Spanish. We completed our participation in the Synod for a Synodal Church this Spring. We were able to organize a trip of pilgrims to the historic National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this Summer, including laypeople, seminarians, deacons, and priests from around West Tennessee deepening and renewing their love of the eucharist.

The University of Tennessee at Martin dedicated their brand-new Newman Center this fall as they are enjoying an increase in participation in ministry. The University of Memphis is seeing increased participation in weekday Mass and student events, but most impressive is the involvement of our students in Bible studies led by FOCUS Missionaries and fellow students. Young Adult Ministry groups are forming at three new parishes and there are multiple offerings per month for formation, fellowship, prayer, and service. As our Strategic Pastoral Plan is adopted and implemented throughout the Diocese in the coming years, it will make even more initiatives at the parish level to enhance and renew Evangelization and Faith Formation.”

Sam Mauck, Director of Evangelization and Faith Formation



"Born in Lexington, Tennessee, and raised in the Baptist tradition, I encountered the Catholic faith for the first time during my college years, and it was through this journey that I felt called to the priesthood. The path to becoming a priest involves years of study, reflection, and prayer, and it is only possible with the support of people like you. Your donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal allow seminarians like me to dedicate ourselves fully to discernment and formation.

As I study and prepare for the priesthood, I am constantly reminded of the incredible gift of our diocesan family and the support that enables me to respond to God's call. Every contribution, whether large or small, helps sustain my journey and in time will allow me to serve our diocese as a priest. I am deeply grateful for each of you who have contributed so generously to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your support extends far beyond the numbers; it is a testament to the vibrant faith and unity of our Diocese of Memphis."

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.

YOUR beautiful retreat center is always free for you and your diocesan organization to use for day meetings and activities. We welcome you to enjoy any of our offerings, as well as plan a retreat for your own group. With sleeping capacity for 60, including the recently renovated and dedicated Bishop J. Terry Steib Retreat House, we enjoy welcoming in groups of all sizes to enjoy our beautiful 140-acre sanctuary.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center hosted approximately 30 retreat groups throughout the year and welcomed 500+ guests from throughout our Diocese to these retreats as well as individual outings and Diocese group retreat days."

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



"I am truly amazed at the generosity of my fellow Catholics in the Diocese of Memphis. With every single pledge and payment that comes to the Catholic Center, I am humbled by your dedication to the ministries of 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 2024?



Did you know...

In the Catholic Diocese of Memphis this year there were 1,180 Baptisms (adult and infant), 1,260 First Communions, 1,231 Confirmations and 206 Marriages.

3,136 students attend our Diocesan Catholic schools, and 4,994 children are enrolled in Parish Religious Education (PRE).

There are 25 active parish youth groups. More than 200 Junior and Senior High Students were involved in a Quest or Search Retreat either as a participant or as a teen helper.

We have three campus ministries at University of Memphis, Rhodes College, and University of Tennessee at Martin. 40 students attended the SEEK24 conference. Sunday Mass, weekly Adoration and Confession are offered for the students. 26 students attended the Spring Break Service retreat.

Five Parishes have Young Adult groups and four are in the process of starting one. The average attendance of Theology on Tap was 30 people. Ten people attended the SEEK24 conference

We have 14 men currently enrolled in Seminary programs to become Priests and 24 men are preparing to become Permanent Deacons for the Diocese of Memphis.

Our parishes and missions offered 926 hours of Adoration and 101 hours of Reconciliation.

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

Villa Vianney is home to eight 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 30 public retreats and private retreats that ministered to more than 500 people.

At the three Catholic cemeteries in our Diocese, 216 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 Appeal 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 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

Very Rev. Carl Gregorich

Rev. Dennis Schenkel

Very Rev. Joey Kaump

Rev. Ben Bradshaw

Rev. Robbie Favazza

Rev. Yoelvis Gonzalez

Rev. Jacek Kowal

Lyssete Candia

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.