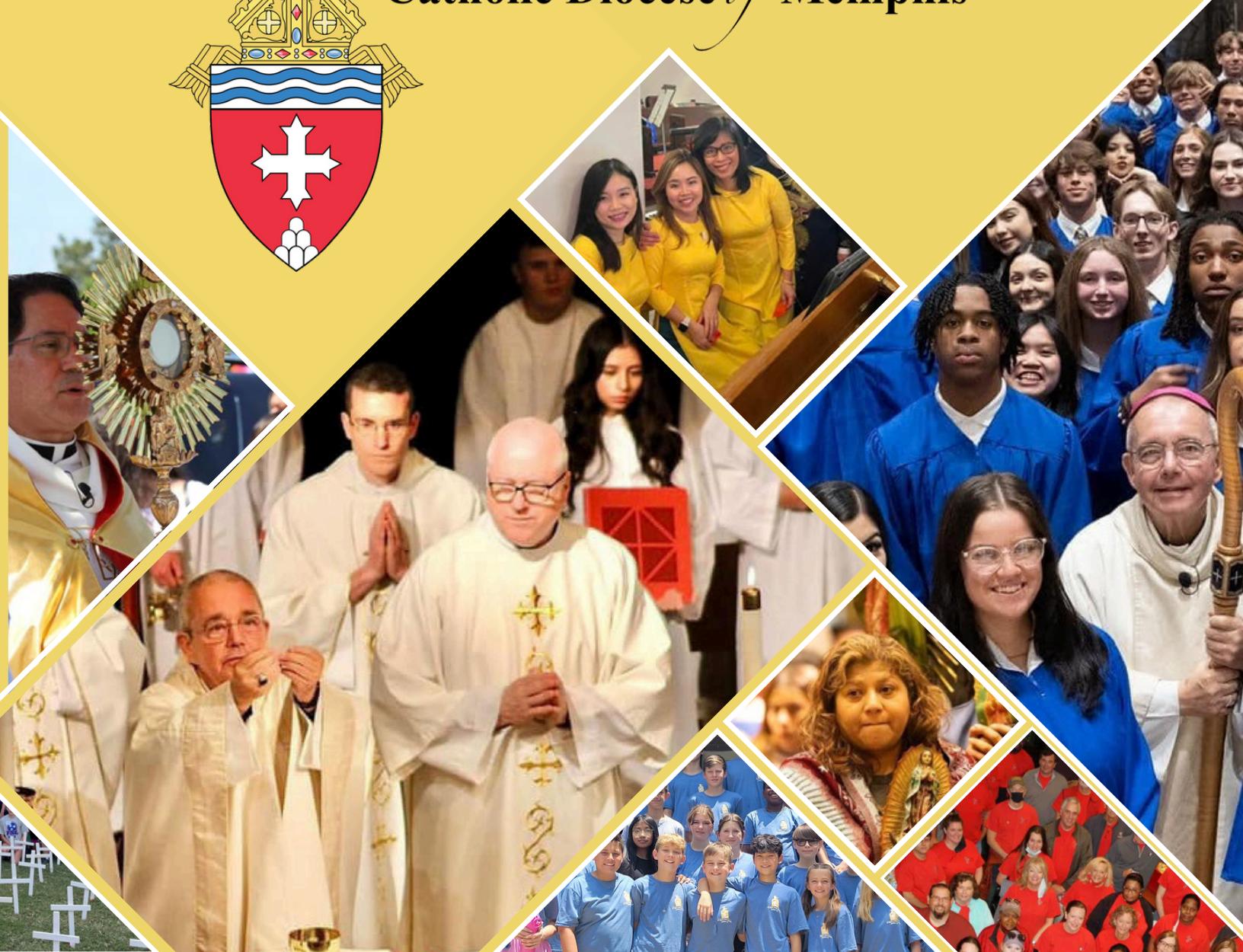




Catholic Diocese *of* Memphis



# 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

DO YOU LOVE ME?  
FEED MY SHEEP

Year End Report



## 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  
**89**

## MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID TALLEY

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a grateful heart, I thank each of you who generously supported our 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your faithful response to Christ's question, "Do you love me", is made visible through your willingness to feed His sheep here in West Tennessee.

Through your generosity, you are helping our Diocese live out our Strategic Pastoral Plan: *Living the Anointed Life*. Your gifts strengthen the Church's mission to form disciples, guide families, care for those in need, and build communities of faith, hope, and love. Together, we are responding to Christ's call not only with words, but with lives poured out in service.

Because of you, the ministries of our Diocese continue to invite people into a deeper encounter with the living Christ: through conversion, communion, service, unity, and mercy. Your support ensures that the grace we receive in Christ is not kept for ourselves but shared generously for the good of others.

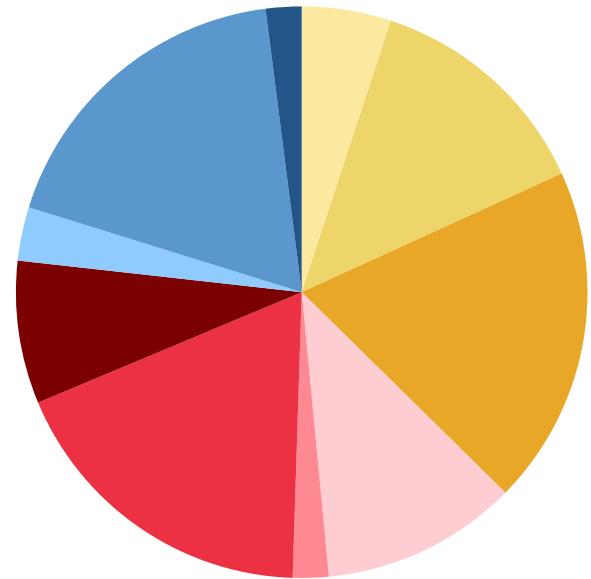
May God bless you abundantly for the love you have shown, and may it be returned to you a hundredfold. Please know of my sincere gratitude and my prayers for you and your families. I am yours

In the light and love of the Lord,

*+ David P. Talley*

# 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FUND ALLOCATION

- 5% Villa Vianney
- 13% OLQP Retreat Center
- 20% Vocations and Seminarians
- 11% Communications
- 2% Appeal
- 18% Evangelization and Faith
- 8% Catholic Schools
- 2% CCWTN
- 18% Catholic Cemeteries
- 3% Liturgy and Spirituality



## IMPACT SNAPSHOT

4,235

Children enrolled in PRE classes

2,689

Catholic and non-Catholic Children  
received a first-class education in our  
Catholic Schools

185

College students attended Bible Study at  
the Catholic Campus Centers

16

Men answered the call to serve as priests

208

Couples were joined together in the  
Sacrament of Matrimony



## WHAT DID THE APPEAL SUPPORT IN 2025?

Did you know ... that through the generosity of the faithful to the Annual Catholic Appeal, the Diocese of Memphis continues to bring the priorities of our Strategic Pastoral Plan: *Living the Anointed Life* to life? The Appeal support strengthens Eucharistic worship, forms disciples of all ages, fuels evangelization, builds unity across our Church, and ensures we remain steeped in mercy. Every gift makes Christ's love visible in West Tennessee.



### Eucharistic Life

*Rooted in worship, sacramental grace, and encounter with Christ*



#### Sacramental Life

- 1,185 Baptisms (adult and infant)
- 1,365 First Communions
- 1,385 Confirmations
- 208 Marriages
- 105 Hours of Confession
- 211 New Members in Full Communion with the Church



#### Prayer & Worship

- 105 Masses by Bishop Talley and Bishop Emeritus Steib
- 88 Confirmation Masses at our Parishes
- 3 Ordination Masses

#### Vocations

- 16 Seminarians
- 80 Diocesan priests
- 108 Permanent Deacons



### Formation

*Forming disciples of all ages to know, love, and live the faith*



#### Catholic Education

- 2,689 students in Diocesan Catholic schools
- 4,235 children in Parish Religious Education (PRE)

#### Youth Formation

- 136 junior and senior high students in Quest or Search Retreats





## Evangelization

*Inviting others into a living relationship with Jesus Christ*

### Campus Ministries

- 3 campus ministries held at the University of Memphis, Rhodes College, and the University of Tennessee at Martin
- 2,800 attend a Mass, Bible Study, fellowship gathering

### Young Adult Outreach

- 45 participate in a Spring Break Service Retreat
- 300 attend Theology on Tap gatherings

### Communications

- 50,000 receive the Diocese of Memphis Flocknotes
- 5,000 subscribe to Faith Magazine of West Tennessee
- 700 tune in to Memphis Catholic Radio

### Sacrament of Marriage

- 325 couples attend the Anniversary Mass
- 159 Catholic and 49 Interfaith Weddings celebrated



*“Today, many have built a strong prayer life, pray the rosary daily, stay up to date with the sacraments and attend Sunday Mass. Some even go to daily Mass. We spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, and, most importantly, we constantly seek to put God first in our lives.” Ticiane Loredo, Brazilian Catholic Ministry*



## Unity

*Building communion across generations, parishes, and ministries*

### Multicultural

- 20 international priests
- Masses in 6 languages
- 20+ nationalities

### Diocesan Retreats

- 600 men and women attend Diocesan conferences
- 50 retreats for more than 500 people held at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center
- Shared diocesan experiences (retreats, conferences, sacramental celebrations) strengthen our identity as one Church in West Tennessee





## Steepled in Mercy

*Serving Christ through compassion, dignity, and accompaniment*

### Catholic Charities

- Serve more than 50,000 individuals through emergency and non-emergency assistance

### Catholic Cemeteries

- 216 souls are laid to rest at our 3 cemeteries

### Villa Vianney

- Houses seven retired priests

### Pastoral Ministries

- Sanctity of Life Committee host Holy Hours and Rosaries across the Diocese
- AHERT (After Hours Emergency Response) ensure available priests bring Christ's healing presence through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick in moments of urgent need.



## Stewardship

*Grateful response to God's gifts through prayer, service, and generosity*

### Faithful stewardship makes possible:

- Sacramental life across the Diocese
- Formation of children, youth, seminarians, and deacons
- Outreach to the poor and vulnerable
- Care for retired clergy
- Sacred burial and remembrance of the faithful departed
- Retreats, evangelization, and campus ministry

Every act of faith reflects lives touched, faith strengthened, and love poured out in service.

*"Stewardship, at its most basic, is the recognition of the manifold gifts from God, followed by the choice to employ the gifts in a way that glorifies the Giver."*

*-Derek Rotty, author*

# OUTSTANDING PARISH PERFORMERS

## Top 10 by Percentage of Goal

Church	City	Goal	Amount Pledged	% of Goal
St. James	Memphis	\$17,850	\$34,775	195%
Sacred Heart	Humboldt	\$6,300	\$10,243	163%
St. Michael	Memphis	\$94,500	\$145,036	153%
St. Theresa	Memphis	\$17,850	\$27,319	153%
St. Anne	Memphis	\$33,600	\$50,847	151%
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Germantown	\$206,850	\$265,883	129%
Immaculate Conception	Union City	\$23,100	\$28,660	124%
St. Joseph	Memphis	\$5,250	\$6,358	121%
Our Lady of the Lake	Counce	\$11,700	\$13,870	119%
Church of the Holy Spirit	Germantown	\$151,300	\$178,129	118%

## Top 10 by Amount Pledged

Church	City	Goal	Amount Pledged
St. Louis	Memphis	\$340,200	\$330,583
Church of the Incarnation	Collierville	\$240,700	\$280,251
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Germantown	\$206,850	\$265,883
Church of the Holy Spirit	Memphis	\$151,300	\$178,129
St. Francis of Assisi	Cordova	\$220,500	\$173,555
St. Michael	Memphis	\$94,500	\$145,036
St. Mary	Jackson	\$90,300	\$99,606
St. Ann	Bartlett	\$84,000	\$95,799
Holy Rosary	Memphis	\$110,200	\$84,166
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	Memphis	\$63,000	\$68,349

## Top 10 by Percentage of Participation

Church	City	Parish Households	Total Pledges	% of Participation
St. Theresa	Memphis	124	\$27,319	102%
St. Andrew the Apostle	Lexington	44	\$7,180	64%
Our Lady of the Lake	Counce	49	\$13,870	57%
St. Mary	Bolivar	46	\$7,394	52%
Holy Angels	Dyersburg	118	\$21,080	51%
St. Regina	Parsons	34	\$5,195	50%
Ave Maria	Ripley	20	\$4,000	50%
St. Michael	Memphis	1713	\$144,236	48%
St. Joseph	Memphis	275	\$6,358	43%
St. Anne	Memphis	124	\$50,763	42%

## DIOCESAN APPEAL TOTALS



Pledges  
5548



Amount Pledged  
\$2,465,307



Average gift  
\$444

# ACA SUMMARY REPORT

11/21/2025 REPORT

Parish Name	Census	Pledgers	% Part	Parish Goal	Amt Pledged	% Goal	Avg Pledge
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception	498	101	20%	\$63,000	\$68,349	108%	\$677
Church of the Ascension	105	21	20%	\$18,900	\$6,520	35%	\$310
Church of the Holy Spirit	697	241	35%	\$151,300	\$178,129	118%	\$739
Church of the Resurrection	455	153	34%	\$37,800	\$36,552	97%	\$239
Holy Rosary	577	150	26%	\$110,200	\$84,166	76%	\$561
St. Therese	124	126	102%	\$17,850	\$27,319	153%	\$217
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	1200	312	26%	\$206,850	\$265,883	129%	\$852
Our Lady of Sorrows	185	30	16%	\$14,700	\$9,731	66%	\$324
Sacred Heart-Memphis	432	91	21%	\$21,000	\$20,659	98%	\$227
St. Ann-Bartlett	1135	256	23%	\$84,000	\$95,799	114%	\$374
St. Anne-Highland	124	53	43%	\$33,600	\$50,847	151%	\$959
St. James	386	110	29%	\$17,850	\$34,775	195%	\$316
St. John	60	19	32%	\$10,500	\$10,567	101%	\$556
St. Joseph	275	118	43%	\$5,250	\$6,358	121%	\$54
St. Louis	2107	410	19%	\$340,200	\$330,583	97%	\$806
St. Mary-Memphis	100	26	26%	\$13,650	\$7,180	53%	\$276
St. Michael	1713	824	48%	\$94,500	\$145,036	153%	\$176
St. Patrick	263	56	21%	\$43,050	\$45,135	105%	\$806
St. Paul	379	54	14%	\$31,500	\$16,922	54%	\$313
St. Peter	480	64	13%	\$55,650	\$46,325	83%	\$724
St. Augustine	313	63	20%	\$34,650	\$20,927	60%	\$332
St. William	458	124	27%	\$60,800	\$63,763	105%	\$514
Holy Angels	118	60	51%	\$22,050	\$21,080	96%	\$351
Holy Cross	282	72	26%	\$19,950	\$21,512	108%	\$299
Immaculate Conception-Union City	173	68	39%	\$23,100	\$28,660	124%	\$421
Sacred Heart-Humboldt	135	18	13%	\$6,300	\$10,243	163%	\$569
St. Mary-Jackson	1220	273	22%	\$90,300	\$99,606	110%	\$365
St. Mary-Savannah	152	44	29%	\$14,700	\$12,480	85%	\$284
St. Alphonsus	117	29	25%	\$17,900	\$13,105	73%	\$452
Ave Maria	20	10	50%	\$4,000	\$4,000	100%	\$400
St. John-Brownsville	78	9	12%	\$3,150	\$2,720	86%	\$302
St. Mary-Camden	66	16	24%	\$7,875	\$7,590	96%	\$474
St. Jude-Selmer	36	13	36%	\$7,350	\$3,657	50%	\$281
St. Mary-Bolivar	46	24	52%	\$8,400	\$7,394	88%	\$308
Church of the Incarnation	1853	546	29%	\$240,700	\$280,251	116%	\$513
Church of the Nativity	531	133	25%	\$40,950	\$37,932	93%	\$285
St. Jude-Martin	244	42	17%	\$18,900	\$16,511	87%	\$393
St. Philip the Apostle	339	115	34%	\$49,350	\$41,135	83%	\$358
St. Matthew-Milan	66	13	20%	\$5,250	\$4,584	87%	\$353
St. Andrew the Apostle	44	30	68%	\$7,350	\$7,442	101%	\$248
St. Regina	34	17	50%	\$5,250	\$5,195	99%	\$306
St. Francis of Assisi	2417	394	16%	\$220,500	\$173,555	79%	\$440
Holy Family	45	13	29%	\$3,150	\$2,530	80%	\$195
St. Brigid	935	40	4%	\$56,700	\$10,606	19%	\$265
Our Lady of the Lake	49	28	57%	\$11,700	\$13,870	119%	\$495
Our Lady of Guadalupe - Bells, TN	74	5	7%	\$1,575	\$900	57%	\$180
Misc. Non-Registered Givers	562	134	24%	\$60,000	\$67,225	112%	\$502
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21702</b>	<b>5548</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>\$2,413,250</b>	<b>\$2,465,307</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>\$444</b>

# MISSION OF THE APPEAL



The Annual Catholic Appeal sustains and enhances the diverse programs and services offered by the Catholic Diocese of Memphis. The support of parishioners across the Diocese makes possible our efforts to foster a sense of community and well-being while advancing initiatives in education, pastoral care, evangelization and charitable outreach. Ultimately, the Annual Catholic Appeal enables the church to fulfill its spiritual, educational, and charitable mission.

The Chancery offices work diligently in collaboration with our individual parishes to provide the means to teach and evangelize throughout the broader community, to support and enhance programs that deepen our faith experience, to provide access to the sacraments, and to care for those facing needs of mind, body or soul.

Thank you for being an active participant in our efforts to live the mission of Christ and to be a light hope for all of our West Tennessee neighbors and friends.

*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.*