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2021 Annual Catholic Appeal  
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### THE LUMEN CORDIUM SOCIETY

When you recognize God's many and generous gifts in your life and acknowledge that by making your own gift of \$1,500 or more to the Annual Catholic Appeal, Cardinal Cupich welcomes you into the Lumen Cordium Society. In addition to the spiritual benefit of expressing your gratitude to the Lord, Society membership includes:

- An invitation to the annual Mass and reception with Cardinal Cupich
- Receiving *Lumen Cordium* magazine twice a year
- Inclusion in the Prayer Intention Book of Society membership

Please note that your Lumen Cordium Society pledge can be made payable in installments. And, if you wish, it can be made anonymously.

**The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the work of the Church in the Archdiocese of Chicago.**

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COME, FOLLOW ME...  
**and bring hope to  
the world**

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**PARISHES  
SUPPORTING  
MINISTRIES  
AND EACH  
OTHER**





# For our parishes, schools, ministries and communities throughout Cook and Lake counties and around the world.

The Archdiocese of Chicago proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and carries on his mission. Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal fosters the faith formation of people of all ages in the Church and includes parish life, Catholic schools and religious education programs, formation for ministry and throughout life, and Catholic Relief Services.

Moved by Christ's call for us to live as disciples, we come together through the Appeal to care for our Church. Once your parish meets its goal, proceeds return to the parish to carry out the healing mission in your own local community.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**  
“Catholic schools provide undeniable benefits to children, families and communities. Our schools help each student grow in the faith and values they need to positively change the world around them. Your support allows us to continue this vital ministry as we spread the hope of Christ to the next generation.”  
Jim Rigg, Ph.D., superintendent, Catholic Schools

**PARISH-BASED INCENTIVES**  
“Historically, parishioners have been generous to the Annual Catholic Appeal; so, after meeting our yearly parish goal, the rebate from the archdiocese allows us to pay for necessities, freeing up other funds for our outreach efforts.”  
Father Bob Cook, pastor, Sts. Ita and Thomas of Canterbury Parish



**THE APPEAL ALSO SUPPORTS MINISTRIES, SUCH AS ...**  
**Kolbe House Jail Ministry**, which serves individuals and families affected by the criminal justice system and seeks to promote restoration and reconciliation through outreach, support and accompaniment.  
**Lifelong Formation**, which aims to lift, form and empower parishes and their leadership, ministries and parishioners, enabling a lifelong process of formation that inspires and deepens faith and a relationship with Christ.  
**Respect Life Ministry**, which seeks to transform society into a Culture of Life where every human being is valued and protected as a child of God, from the moment of conception to natural death.

**Immigration Ministry**, which fosters the Church's leadership role by building bridges and communion between immigrants and non-immigrants as brothers and sisters in Christ.  
**Youth and Young Adult Ministry**, which helps to develop parish-based teams of local leaders and empower them with training and formation resources to reach youth and young adults effectively.

## With Heartfelt Gratitude

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This past year we have faced many challenges in our nation, our world and our Church. We have struggled with devastating illnesses, the destructive effects of prejudice and natural disasters sparked by the degradation of our environment. Still, we move forward as people of faith who have hope in the Lord who leads us. And this year's Annual Catholic Appeal theme renews and reinvigorates us. We hear Jesus say to us, “Come follow me ... and bring hope to the world.”

Your support of the Appeal means bringing hope to the world. Hope comes alive in our parishes and schools, religious education programs, ministry formation and initiatives to address violence and foster justice, peace and respect for life. Hope reaches around the world through the Appeal's support of Catholic Relief Services. Your support makes all this happen.

God bless you for keeping hope alive. And may the good Lord keep you and your loved ones together and united with hope in Jesus Christ who makes all things new.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Card. Blase Cupic*  
Archbishop of Chicago

**LIFELONG FORMATION**  
“Faith formation ministers help people grow closer to Jesus and His Church at all stages of life. Initial and ongoing formation equips catechists to teach the faith, lead people in prayer and reflection and prepare the faithful to celebrate the sacraments. Your support makes this possible.”  
Kevin Foy, director, Office of Lifelong Formation



**RESPECT LIFE**  
“Respect Life Ministries support parishes with resources, training and other materials to build a culture of life; provide pastoral support and counseling to post-abortive women and men through Project Rachel; and bring pro-life groups together in the Chicago area and beyond.”  
Dawn Fitzpatrick, senior coordinator, Respect Life Ministries

For 77 years, **Catholic Relief Services** has represented the Church's healing presence throughout the world. Without regard for religious affiliation, CRS promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty and nurturing peaceful and just societies. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago supports this important ministry.



**2021 Annual Catholic Appeal**  
These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.  
**Parish Communities (54%)**

- Support for financially disadvantaged parishes and schools
- Parish-based incentives (rebates)

**Archdiocesan Ministries (35%)**

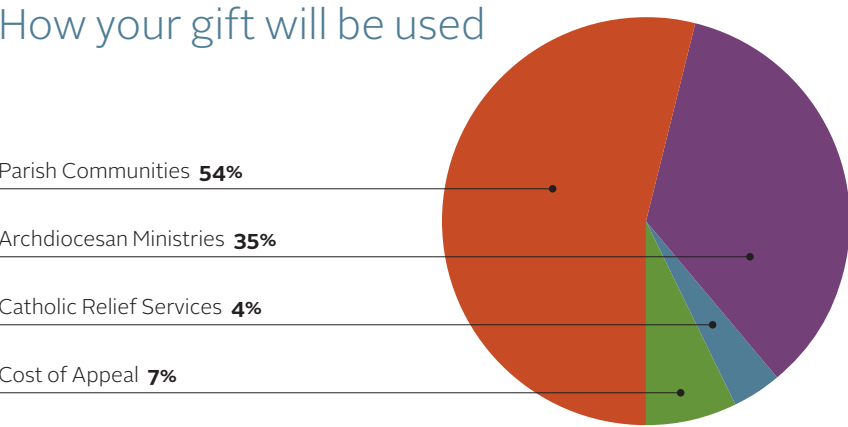
- Evangelization efforts
- Human dignity and solidarity efforts
- Family and community ministries
- Religious education
- Continuing education for priests, staff and lay volunteers

**Catholic Relief Services (4%)**

- Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world

**Cost of the Appeal (7%)**

- Printing, postage, processing



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal Goal  
**\$17,000,000**  
To make a gift to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal and for information on how Appeal funds are spent, visit [annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com).