

Great is our Lord

Psalm 147:5



2024



OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

*Jesus entered the house of Simon and Andrew with James and John.
Simon's mother-in-law lay sick with a fever.
They immediately told him about her.
He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.
Then the fever left her, and she waited on them (Mark 1:29-31).*

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ

Great is our Lord! My own eyes are opened when I visit your parishes and see the work of God in your ministries. My heart is full of love for you as you journey to His heavenly Kingdom.

When you hear the Gospel proclaimed, you and I learn how great is our Lord as Jesus the Eucharist shows us how to serve God. He takes on the presence of one another and in His divinity creates heaven on earth. He teaches us, then, how to continue the Covenant as we receive Him in the Eucharist.

Jesus leaves the Synagogue and enters the house of Peter and his brother, Andrew. Peter's mother-in-law was sick with a fever. Jesus, the Eucharist, approached her, grasped her hand and helped her up. Then the fever left her, and she waited on them.

How great is our Lord that He helps us to understand the perfection of His Gift. Jesus the Eucharist grasps our brokenness and raises us up to serve one another.

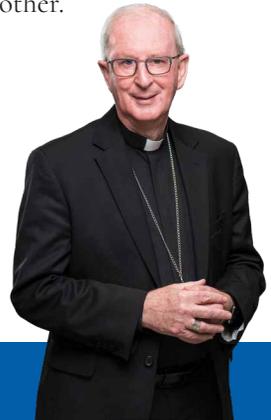
The ministries supported by you through Our Catholic Appeal proclaim great is our Lord! You receive the Eucharist and become the gift of Jesus to serve one another. You do this as you form seminarians and deacons; teach children about the Sacraments; develop the strength of God's unitive love in the Sacrament of Marriage; communicate God's message of holiness through social media; or glorify God through prayerful building projects.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, great is our Lord! Jesus never tires of His love of you. Come to His table and receive. Take Him to each other.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando



*Your gift supports every parish,
ministry and school in the Diocese of Orlando.*



Forming Disciples

More than 2,019 catechists in our 92 parishes and missions provided Sacramental preparation, faith formation and catechesis to more than 27,720 adults, youth and children.



*Feeding the Hungry/
Caring for the Sick*

Catholic Charities provided food for 64,919 people in our mission markets and healthcare for 3,683 people in our free clinics.



Protecting the Vulnerable

All of our priests, diocesan employees, parish staff and ministry leaders have been background checked, fingerprinted and trained to maintain a safe environment.



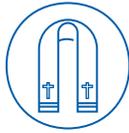
Building God's Kingdom

The Ecclesiastical Properties Secretariat is working on 170 design, construction and facilities maintenance projects.



Deepening the Faith

More than 14,000 students are receiving top-notch education in our Catholic schools.



Answering God's Call

19 men are in the seminary studying to become priests and another 40 men are in diaconate formation.

As we live the light of Christ all of this and much more is made possible through our gifts to God. We invite every member of our faith family to join us in sharing our blessings to continue to grow the Church in Central Florida. Every size gift is welcome and all are 100% tax deductible.

4,329+

children and adults
were welcomed into
our faith family
through Baptism.

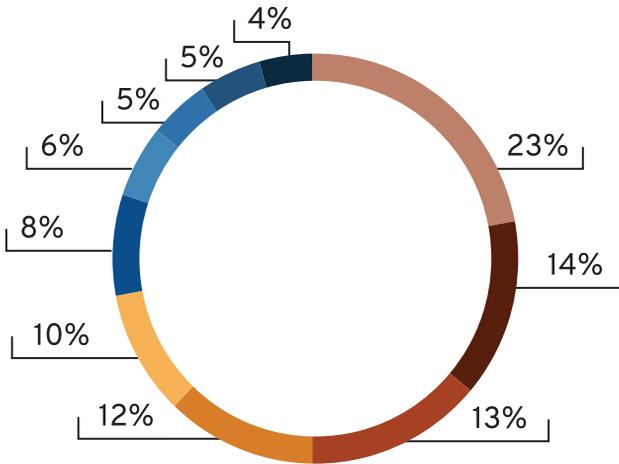


280,000 +

of our Central Florida neighbors in need experienced Christ's mercy through fresh and healthy food, health care, rent and other assistance.



Allocations for 2024 Campaign



Your gift supports every parish, ministry and school in the Diocese of Orlando.

- Leadership & Parish Life – 23%**
Vocations & Seminarian Education, Clergy Formation, Permanent Diaconate, Bishop's Office, Liturgy, Liturgical Music, Consecrated Life, Tribunal, Ministry to Senior Priests, Ministry to International Priests, Tourism Ministry, Victim Assistance, Safe Environment Certification
- Discipleship & Stewardship – 14%**
Parish, School & Diocesan Development and Advancement Services
- Human Dignity & Solidarity – 13%**
Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Culture of Life, Magnify of Central Florida
- Education – 12%**
Catholic Schools, Mission Office/Sister Diocese San Juan de la Maguana, San Pedro Spiritual Development Center
- Ecclesiastical Property – 10%**
Cemeteries, Design & Construction, Facilities Management, Real Estate, Security, Printing & Distribution
- Laity, Family & Life – 8%**
Children's Ministry, Family Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Multicultural Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Mission Integration
- Financial Services – 6%**
Finance, Information Technology, Parish Shared Accounting Services, Risk Management
- Human Resources – 5%**
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- State & National Outreach – 5%**
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Communications – 4%**
Communications, Florida Catholic Media, Archivist

Our giving societies honor our generous and faithful Catholic leaders



Corpus Christi Society
"Body of Christ"
\$10,000 + annual gift



Spes Christi Society
"Hope of Christ"
\$5,000 to \$9,999 annual gift



Lumen Christi Society
"Light of Christ"
\$2,500 to \$4,999 annual gift



Fidelis Society
"The Faithful"
Any size gifts for
5 consecutive years

Please offer your pledge or gift before March 15th to help us better plan for the new fiscal year.

2024 Appeal Goal \$17,200,000

Not everyone can make the same size gift,
but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

All contributions from the smallest to the largest are gratefully appreciated.

Ways to Give



Online pledging and giving at OurCatholicAppeal.org
Pledges via credit/debit card, cash, or check
(made payable to Our Catholic Appeal)
Gifts of stock, mutual funds or Donor Advised Fund*
Qualified Charitable Distribution from an IRA or other
retirement account (payable to Diocese of Orlando)*

*These gifts should be mailed to P.O. Box 4905, Orlando, FL 32802-4905

For more information or if you have questions, please call (407) 246-4947.

Pledge payments may be made over a period of 10 months. Payment reminders
will be mailed to you in accordance with the number of months you choose.

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OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER

O LORD,

We praise You for the
many gifts You give us each day;
from the moment we were a
presence in our mother's womb to
the grace-filled rise of the sun,
to the blessing of Sacrament,
to the night which ushers us rest.

Help us to grow in our living faith.
Guide us to serve as leaders to bring
about holiness. Bring us to share
ourselves selflessly in all things
in a spirit of love of You.

In the Eucharistic banquet,
You give Yourself completely and
entirely to us. We give You our
return, O Lord, with gratitude
knowing there is no measure
to the gift of the Cross
which brings us resurrection.

AMEN.



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