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Gifts made to the Annual Catholic Appeal will provide support to tens of thousands of people in Brooklyn and Queens through key programs, ministries, and services across the Church in Brooklyn and Queens. Join us and answer the call by making a gift to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Our Mission

For generations, the faithful community of the Diocese of Brooklyn through its bishops, clergy and religious have brought the Lord's charity and love to the aged, infirmed and disadvantaged. They have worked in schools, hospitals, and in the provision of social services; they have founded parishes and communities; they have Answered the Call to do the Lord's work.

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides us with an opportunity to **Answer the Call** of our faith and spread Christ's love in our communities in Brooklyn and Queens by bringing the Gospel to those who need it the most. Each year as a member of the Catholic Church, you are encouraged to be a beacon of hope to those less fortunate by taking a leadership role in giving and setting an example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow. Much has been given to us and we give thanks by showing a sincere concern for the mission and work of the Diocese.

By giving back in charity through the Annual Catholic Appeal, we join together as good stewards in our journey to **Answer the Call** of the Lord. Know that your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal provides for all the ministerial efforts being undertaken in Brooklyn and Queens. Your commitment to join together in faith and to share your gifts with one another is inspiring.

To those who have supported the Annual Catholic Appeal in the past, a very gracious thank you from those whom you have helped and from those whose lives you have changed. We are grateful for your partnership in the Lord's work and invite you to join with your neighbors again this year in the mission Christ has given every one of us... to **Answer the Call**.



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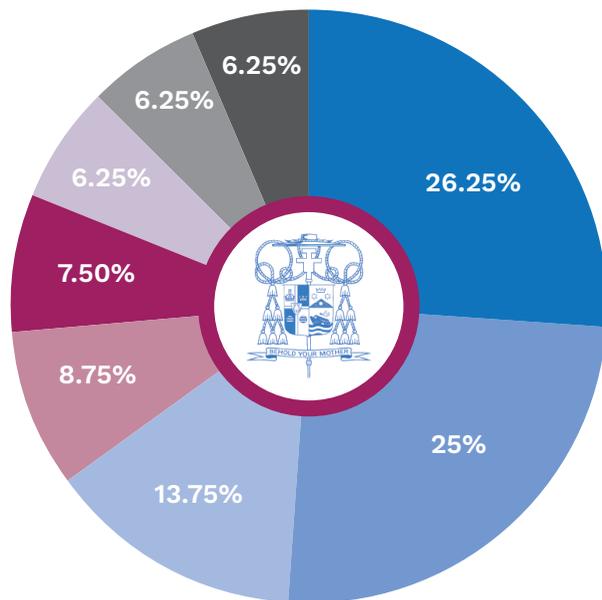
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To support Vocations to the Priesthood	26.25%	
To take care of those priests who have served us	7.50%	
To foster the future of the Church by assisting the Office of Faith Formation	25%	
To educate the young through support of Futures in Education tuition assistance program	6.25%	
To care for the hungry, homeless and needy through the support of Catholic Charities	13.75%	
To assist parishes who serve the under served with little resources	6.25%	
To visit the sick, imprisoned and those studying through the work of Chaplains	6.25%	
To welcome the stranger by supporting the work of Catholic Migration Services	8.75%	

How Your 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal Gift Will Be Used



The Impact of your Gift



Each one of you has had a part in the life of the men studying for the priesthood – and the amazing thing is we may never meet you personally. But nonetheless, you are part of our journey. Through your prayers and financial support you have truly assisted me and my brother seminarians in our formation for the priesthood. There are no words to express how truly grateful we are for your sacrifice in helping the Diocese of Brooklyn in our Annual Catholic Appeal through your donations and pledges, part of which, is allocated for the support of vocations within the church.

At times when we participate in an appeal or campaign, we do not see the fruits of our sacrificial offering. While you may never have met me or any other seminarian in person, you have met us in prayer. We have met you as well, in the offering of the Mass for your selfless generosity. It amazes me how generous the people of Brooklyn and Queens are! May the Lord continue to bless you and your family for your continued assistance of the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens in forming men, to be happy, healthy, and holy priests, for the future of our Church!

–Reverend Robert Mema, Parochial Vicar, St. Kevin Church, Flushing, Ordained June 2017



Your gift to the ACA provides funding to our Chaplain Ministry serving in hospitals, schools and prisons in Brooklyn and Queens.

It's very nice to have a Chaplain with you in the hospital, to come to your bedside when you are not feeling well. It shows that someone cares and connects with the spiritual part of you as you sit in a new environment with doctor and nurses coming in and out. To have someone come and minister to you is a whole different level of comfort... For me it is important to receive communion regularly, and it's nice to have someone here to pray with you...Thank you to the supporters of the Annual Catholic Appeal who have made it possible for there to be a chaplain at Flushing Hospital who can bring me Holy Eucharist and pray with me as I try to get well.

–Mrs. Fran Puglis, Patient at Flushing Hospital



Your generosity to the ACA provides funding to the programs and events of Catholic Charities.

The support I have received from Catholic Charities thanks to the Annual Catholic Appeal has truly changed my life. When I moved here from Panama in 2012 it was really hard for me to adapt to a new language since English was not my first language and my English was so broken that I was afraid to speak to others. Through the Summer Youth Employment Program I had my first experience with Catholic Charities working in a daycare facility which really helped me get rid of my fears of speaking to others. I was lucky enough to participate in other programs offered by Catholic Charities that have led me to pursue becoming a social worker so that I can give back more to my community. I think by supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal you can get these many wonderful programs to help others, because that is the main thing, help...to give that hand to the ones who really need it.

–Mrs. Onid McCray-Peterkins, Summer Youth Employment program participant at Catholic Charities of Brooklyn and Queens