Each year, the Diocese of Bridgeport assesses its financial resources, the needs of parishioners and its ability to respond effectively and with compassion. The following list is an overview of how Appeal contributions will be distributed:

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION**
- Bishop’s Scholarship Fund: $900,000
- The Catholic Academy of Bridgeport: $500,000

**WORKS OF CHARITY AND PASTORAL SERVICES**
- Catholic Charities of Fairfield County: $750,000
- Pastoral Care of the Sick and Elderly: $770,000
- Saint Catherine Center for Special Needs: $250,000
- Ethnic Ministries and Mission Parishes: $175,000

**CATECHESIS AND EVANGELIZATION**
- The Office of Faith Formation: $370,000
- Youth: $330,000
- The Leadership Institute: $82,000
- Pastoral Life and Ministries: $74,000
- Communications: $700,000

**CLERGY AND SEMINARIANS**
- Formation of Priests and Deacons: $1,229,000
- Pastoral Care of Retired Priests: $1,715,000
- Vocations: $580,000

In the spirit of financial transparency, the cost to conduct the Annual Catholic Appeal totals less than 6.4 cents on the dollar based on the 2020 ACA goal. Fundraising expenses may also provide additional support to a number of these areas.

**WAYS TO GIVE**

Give online: www.2020ACAbridgeport.com

**GIFTS**
- Checks may be made payable to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
- Credit Card gift may be payable online (see online giving) or by pledge card.
- GIFTS OF SECURITIES – If you own securities that have appreciated in value, they can be given to the Appeal and their full market value becomes a tax-deductible gift. Please contact 203-416-1470 for more information.
- MATCHING GIFTS – Many organizations will match gifts to Catholic Charities and Schools, and the Bishop’s Scholarship Fund. Please contact 203-416-1312 for more information.
- TEXT TO GIVE – To make a gift via text messaging, text the word APPEAL to 475-241-7849 to make your pledge. Msg&Data Rates May Apply.

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**COURT OF HONOR**
- The Court of Honor recognizes donors who have demonstrated their extraordinary generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Membership is extended to any individual or family that contributes an Appeal gift of $2,500 or more.
  - Bishop’s Leadership Circle ($25,000 and above)
  - St. Teresa of Calcutta Society ($10,000 - $24,999)
  - St. Katharine Drexel Society ($5,000 - $9,999)
  - Court of Honor Partner ($2,500-$4,999)

Earnings generated from the three foundation endowments will assist in reducing the Annual Catholic Appeal goal in future years.

**SAINT JOSEPH SEMINARY, YONKERS, NY**
Diocesan seminarians are currently attending graduate level training at St. Joseph’s house seminary. The project and financial support help ensure that we have well-formed priests.
Dear Friends in Christ,

My Dear Friends in Christ,

“ALL GOODNESS” is the theme of this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal. So, do not be afraid to pause and reflect on the stories of those in our diocese who strive to follow Christ by walking in love, service and sacrifice.

Through your generosity, participation and faith in Jesus, you bring to life the words of James 1:17. It is the reminder that our faith is not something that is left behind. It is something we live every single day in our lives—no matter how big or small. We are called to be His hands, feet and heart in this world. Do not be afraid of your shadow or the mystery of Christ. It is through your generosity that we can continue to bring Christ’s love to those in need.

This year, please consider giving to the Annual Catholic Appeal. The proceeds will support the diocese and our parishes in a time of need. Your generosity will allow us to continue to strengthen our faith and reach those who are most in need.

Sincerely,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

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At the same time, our Annual Catholic Appeal continues to provide funding for our educational programs. The Diocese of Bridgeport school system educates over 8,800 students who benefit from academic excellence and Catholic values. They offer programs such as Personalized Learning, Multi-age Classrooms, Early Learning and High School Pathways.

Our charity is far reaching and makes a difference each and every day. It funds a broad range of essential ministries, programs and agencies that deliver pastoral care and human services where they are most needed. Every gift is an opportunity for us to come together as a family of faith.

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