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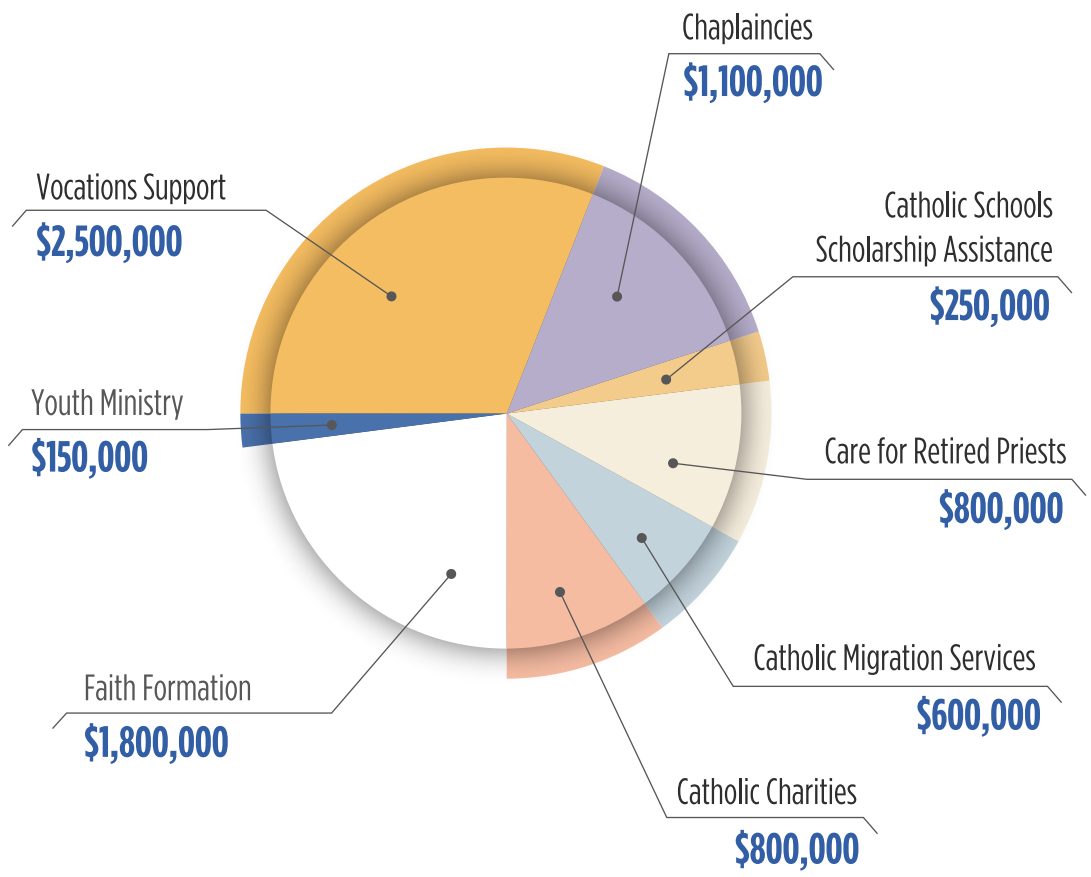
-Bishop Robert Brennan”

“In every way, I have shown you that by hard work of that sort, we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus whom himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.

(Acts 20:35)”

2023 Annual Appeal Case Components



Our Diocese

Number of Parishes
175 Parishes

Number of Parishioners
1.3 million

Number of Schools & Students
69 Elementary Academies and Schools
18,731 Students

Number of Children in Religious Education
26,744

Number of Nationalities Represented
26 Different Languages

Number of Priests Ministering in the Diocese
471 Priests

2023 Parish Report

CHURCH	CITY	GIFTS	GOAL	PLEDGED	CONTRIBUTED
All Saints - Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompeii	Brooklyn	122	$31,015	$38,199	$37,799
American Martyrs	Oakland Gardens	154	$66,706	$143,431	$143,151
Ascension	Elmhurst	178	$51,617	$68,241	$65,721
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Brooklyn	52	$25,587	$32,949	$32,849
Blessed Sacrament - St. Sylvester	Brooklyn	157	$76,312	$66,872	$59,499
Blessed Sacrament	Jackson Heights	292	$104,331	$117,039	$108,551
Blessed Trinity	Breezy Point	221	$64,722	$84,569	$83,853
Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians	Woodside	102	$44,663	$42,022	$41,535
Cathedral Basilica of St. James	Brooklyn	25	$11,815	$33,394	$33,362
Christ the King	Springfield Gardens	114	$32,066	$37,201	$32,767
Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph - St. Teresa of Avila	Brooklyn	142	$38,189	$37,443	$35,658
Corpus Christi	Woodside	136	$44,376	$54,045	$51,795
Diocese of Brooklyn	Brooklyn	133	$0	$67,303	$67,068
Divine Mercy	Brooklyn	95	$40,310	$49,522	$47,477
Good Shepherd	Brooklyn	154	$103,717	$89,154	$88,804
Guardian Angel	Brooklyn	93	$22,333	$25,001	$22,566
Holy Child Jesus - St. Benedict Joseph Labre	Richmond Hill	163	$84,707	$81,256	$79,614
Holy Cross	Brooklyn	159	$71,001	$64,030	$59,610
Holy Cross	Maspeth	179	$56,665	$61,301	$61,051
Holy Family - St. Laurence	Brooklyn	238	$115,450	$100,334	$96,992
Holy Family - St. Thomas Aquinas	Brooklyn	58	$24,101	$24,959	$24,201
Holy Family	Flushing	194	$91,381	$125,286	$121,658
Holy Innocents	Brooklyn	157	$37,131	$42,005	$38,718
Holy Name of Jesus R. C. Church	Brooklyn	180	$55,623	$124,088	$122,068
Holy Spirit	Brooklyn	127	$21,906	$28,233	$25,051
Holy Trinity	Whitestone	120	$61,986	$79,152	$79,077
Immaculate Conception	Astoria	265	$80,908	$124,310	$117,872
Immaculate Conception	Jamaica	200	$103,861	$89,258	$84,755
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Brooklyn	102	$43,224	$48,600	$48,420
Incarnation	Queens Village	96	$55,762	$27,170	$26,830
Mary of Nazareth	Brooklyn	20	$10,828	$10,935	$10,828
Mary Queen of Heaven	Brooklyn	170	$62,690	$72,770	$71,245
Mary, Mother of the Church	Brooklyn	79	$29,825	$29,182	$28,512
Mary's Nativity - St. Ann	Flushing	119	$68,154	$65,505	$64,030
Most Holy Trinity - St. Mary	Brooklyn	170	$27,531	$36,314	$30,002
Most Precious Blood - Ss. Simon and Jude	Brooklyn	115	$57,805	$63,313	$62,973
Most Precious Blood	Long Island City	202	$64,247	$57,582	$54,810
Nativity of the B.V.M.-St. Stanislaus B & M	Ozone Park	127	$63,586	$41,966	$39,212
Our Lady Help of Christians	Brooklyn	92	$30,540	$43,784	$40,756
Our Lady of Angels	Brooklyn	190	$104,563	$111,494	$109,286
Our Lady of Consolation	Brooklyn	29	$13,399	$15,475	$15,475
Our Lady of Czestochowa - St. Casimir	Brooklyn	85	$31,703	$36,960	$36,400
Our Lady of Fatima	East Elmhurst	219	$64,581	$79,878	$73,543
Our Lady of Grace	Brooklyn	112	$44,663	$40,393	$39,772
Our Lady of Grace	Howard Beach	135	$51,494	$61,373	$60,174
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Brooklyn	146	$41,765	$52,350	$51,235
Our Lady of Hope	Middle Village	243	$96,960	$94,059	$92,355
Our Lady of Light	Saint Albans	164	$39,124	$87,375	$80,510
Our Lady of Lourdes	Queens Village	183	$71,694	$80,483	$78,453
Our Lady of Mercy	Forest Hills	146	$77,953	$97,157	$97,082
Our Lady of Miracles	Brooklyn	71	$35,169	$37,569	$35,556
Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Annunciation of the BVM	Brooklyn	66	$27,494	$31,222	$31,222
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Long Island City	202	$67,815	$81,762	$79,920
Our Lady of Peace	Brooklyn	16	$6,802	$10,440	$10,440
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Brooklyn	396	$75,083	$124,529	$116,263
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	South Ozone Park	104	$52,632	$65,199	$64,529
Our Lady of Refuge	Brooklyn	139	$50,715	$63,789	$60,833
Our Lady of Solace	Brooklyn	136	$28,691	$31,654	$27,294
Our Lady of Sorrows	Corona	1325	$153,768	$175,630	$174,736
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	Bayside	180	$98,266	$110,385	$109,735
Our Lady of the Cenacle	Richmond Hill	187	$28,679	$38,789	$33,125
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Ridgewood	108	$49,923	$55,136	$54,836
Our Lady of the Presentation - Our Lady of Mercy	Brooklyn	76	$28,679	$20,340	$19,040
Our Lady of the Snows	Floral Park	350	$120,654	$128,988	$126,460
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs	Forest Hills	335	$114,568	$192,066	$189,383
Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Jamaica	448	$56,535	$95,490	$87,919
Queen of All Saints	Brooklyn	85	$38,511	$42,301	$38,921
Queen of Angels	Sunnyside	149	$49,361	$59,035	$58,427
Queen of Peace	Flushing	62	$19,711	$23,193	$23,058
Resurrection Ascension - Our Lady of the Angelus Parish	Middle Village	239	$118,248	$129,794	$128,939
Resurrection	Brooklyn	120	$40,196	$48,265	$47,635
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Bayside	190	$91,954	$145,690	$117,565
Sacred Heart of Jesus	Cambria Heights	259	$60,144	$109,335	$91,849
Sacred Heart	East Glendale	157	$63,870	$71,655	$70,175
Sacred Hearts - St. Stephen	Brooklyn	126	$36,274	$70,655	$65,710
SS. Cyril and Methodius	Brooklyn	181	$26,109	$30,005	$29,255
SS. Joachim and Anne	Queens Village	118	$57,820	$61,095	$53,850
SS. Peter and Paul	Brooklyn	72	$23,056	$18,830	$18,310
St. Adalbert	Elmhurst	197	$43,753	$54,792	$50,882
St. Agatha	Brooklyn	191	$45,949	$73,073	$72,462
St. Aloysius	Ridgewood	101	$36,000	$26,738	$26,282
St. Anastasia	Douglaston	184	$107,734	$124,567	$122,957
St. Andrew Avellino	Flushing	125	$100,713	$82,992	$80,672
St. Andrew The Apostle	Brooklyn	84	$39,688	$47,935	$47,440
St. Anselm	Brooklyn	160	$91,740	$100,195	$97,555
St. Anthony-St. Alphonsus	Brooklyn	80	$37,838	$34,895	$34,770
St. Athanasius - St. Dominic	Brooklyn	246	$125,808	$113,387	$108,046
St. Augustine - St. Francis Xavier	Brooklyn	124	$69,821	$83,400	$82,940
St. Barbara	Brooklyn	68	$41,331	$40,892	$39,504

CHURCH	CITY	GIFTS	GOAL	PLEDGED	CONTRIBUTED
St. Bartholomew	Elmhurst	263	$114,109	$66,228	$60,180.
St. Bernadette	Brooklyn	158	$49,348	$54,789	$54,559
St. Bernard	Brooklyn	128	$57,669	$67,842	$62,042
St. Bonaventure - St. Benedict the Moor	Jamaica	46	$27,596	$19,952	$19,662
St. Boniface	Brooklyn	79	$58,829	$59,919	$59,374
St. Brendan	Brooklyn	38	$29,336	$30,817	$30,617
St. Brigid	Brooklyn	59	$55,347	$13,707	$12,635
St. Camillus - St. Virgilius	Rockaway Park	155	$50,640	$56,050	$53,394
St. Catharine of Alexandria	Brooklyn	148	$23,409	$32,555	$25,930
St. Catherine of Genoa	Brooklyn	136	$46,139	$53,585	$44,530
St. Charles Borromeo	Brooklyn	45	$33,002	$28,235	$26,835
St. Clare	Rosedale	204	$55,051	$65,021	$56,348
St. Clement Pope	South Ozone Park	42	$18,879	$28,114	$27,840
St. Columba	Brooklyn	99	$45,093	$59,288	$58,038
St. Edmund	Brooklyn	58	$31,022	$21,025	$21,025
St. Elizabeth	Ozone Park	86	$40,812	$43,890	$41,872
St. Ephrem	Brooklyn	153	$100,198	$111,033	$110,298
St. Fidelis	College Point	228	$50,925	$74,855	$65,966
St. Finbar	Brooklyn	153	$45,569	$43,895	$35,227
St. Fortunata	Brooklyn	105	$22,152	$28,123	$26,572
St. Frances Cabrini	Brooklyn	80	$25,248	$28,080	$27,010
St. Frances de Chantal	Brooklyn	115	$32,433	$34,483	$33,583
St. Francis De Sales	Belle Harbor	167	$139,467	$142,712	$140,187
St. Francis Of Assisi	Long Island City	108	$41,679	$44,317	$43,402
St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise	Brooklyn	167	$70,414	$64,833	$61,158
St. Gabriel	East Elmhurst	164	$28,006	$38,320	$34,130
St. Gerard Majella	Hollis	40	$19,675	$14,740	$13,240
St. Gregory the Great	Bellerose	166	$96,587	$78,355	$77,885
St. Helen	Howard Beach	303	$101,312	$100,442	$99,560
St. Jerome	Brooklyn	210	$44,000	$63,573	$56,008
St. Joan of Arc	Jackson Heights	430	$138,978	$146,356	$134,724
St. John The Baptist	Brooklyn	136	$22,341	$26,084	$24,372
St. John The Evangelist-St. Rocco	Brooklyn	38	$16,606	$17,770	$17,670
St. John Vianney	Flushing	70	$28,347	$49,115	$48,775
St. Josaphat	Bayside	40	$27,003	$9,651	$9,631
St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church	Brooklyn	148	$33,286	$33,201	$28,757
St. Joseph	Long Island City	113	$50,048	$49,003	$46,969
St. Joseph	Jamaica	48	$10,433	$12,659	$12,459
St. Jude	Brooklyn	119	$42,893	$51,029	$48,039
St. Kevin	Flushing	166	$108,738	$115,464	$114,464
St. Leo	Corona	80	$52,125	$21,585	$18,084
St. Luke	Whitestone	261	$100,274	$126,350	$125,830
St. Margaret	Middle Village	161	$76,014	$87,819	$87,594
St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary	Brooklyn	168	$38,976	$93,873	$90,392
St. Martin de Porres	Brooklyn	170	$63,586	$73,483	$67,214
St. Martin of Tours	Brooklyn	97	$43,727	$41,663	$40,527
St. Mary Gate Of Heaven	Ozone Park	142	$46,479	$49,542	$48,402
St. Mary Magdalene	Springfield Gardens	86	$21,020	$29,575	$26,594
St. Mary Mother of Jesus	Brooklyn	131	$51,494	$59,686	$56,686
St. Mary	Long Island City	68	$16,785	$30,034	$28,274
St. Mary Star of the Sea and St. Gertrude	Far Rockaway	194	$47,883	$75,593	$69,024
St. Mary Star of the Sea	Brooklyn	59	$19,793	$25,633	$24,733
St. Matthew	Brooklyn	201	$149,150	$114,583	$107,518
St. Matthias	Ridgewood	210	$74,230	$86,434	$84,682
St. Mel	Flushing	175	$84,065	$137,215	$129,750
St. Michael - St. Malachy	Brooklyn	98	$23,063	$24,200	$22,875
St. Michael	Brooklyn	89	$45,226	$31,500	$29,842
St. Michael	Flushing	317	$67,853	$124,036	$122,221
St. Nicholas of Tolentine	Jamaica	298	$86,380	$101,768	$95,773
St. Pancras	Glendale	131	$42,175	$50,249	$49,894
St. Patrick	Brooklyn	11	$106,999	$112,359	$107,089
St. Patrick	Long Island City	66	$17,497	$33,936	$33,007
St. Paul - St. Agnes	Brooklyn	49	$43,420	$44,739	$43,420
St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang	Flushing	138	$158,324	$169,170	$164,500
St. Paul the Apostle	Corona	60	$41,886	$16,854	$14,144
St. Pius V	Jamaica	43	$13,047	$9,865	$9,665
St. Pius X	Rosedale	25	$25,178	$3,758	$3,758
St. Raphael	Long Island City	101	$50,705	$32,945	$32,667
St. Rita	Brooklyn	117	$33,047	$31,322	$24,412
St. Rita	Long Island City	44	$21,524	$19,740	$18,720
St. Robert Bellarmine	Oakland Gardens	183	$66,419	$107,251	$104,508
St. Rosalia - Regina Pacis	Brooklyn	121	$47,560	$94,936	$91,061
St. Rose of Lima	Brooklyn	121	$33,447	$40,650	$36,083
St. Rose of Lima	Rockaway Beach	60	$29,162	$16,955	$16,155
St. Saviour	Brooklyn	118	$64,900	$95,955	$95,480
St. Sebastian	Woodside	487	$170,000	$184,564	$167,620
St. Stanislaus Kostka	Brooklyn	133	$69,276	$30,842	$30,240
St. Teresa of Avila - St. Anthony of Padua	S Ozone Park	81	$48,934	$31,288	$29,778
St. Teresa	Woodside	162	$47,256	$58,770	$54,531
St. Therese of Lisieux	Brooklyn	182	$58,322	$70,183	$63,178
St. Thomas Aquinas	Brooklyn	224	$56,615	$97,914	$90,748
St. Thomas the Apostle	Woodhaven	159	$56,637	$38,400	$35,520
St. Vincent Ferrer	Brooklyn	136	$57,055	$71,899	$70,854
Transfiguration - St. Stanislaus Kostka	Maspeth	120	$50,783	$52,633	$52,613
Transfiguration	Brooklyn	135	$29,506	$43,716	$40,856
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Brooklyn	121	$12,233	$23,849	$19,138
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How the Annual Catholic Appeal has Impacted the People in Brooklyn and Queens Thanks to your Support

Faith Formation

Mr. Jose Arias
Diaconate Program

Mr. Arias, a devout Catholic inspired by a lifelong commitment to serving others, is being supported in his call to the Diaconate by the Annual Catholic Appeal. Witnessing the dedicated service of his parish Deacon, he recognized the sacramental significance of this ministry—a calling to emulate Christ the servant. Support for the Annual Catholic Appeal makes possible the discernment and formation processes of all those looking to serve the Church as deacons. Deacons play a vital role in many parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens through their involvement in faith formation, works of charity and the sacraments.

Vocations

Fr. Thimote Cherelus
Newly Ordained Priest – Diocese of Brooklyn

In 2023, Bishop Robert Brennan ordained four men to the priesthood at the Co-Cathedral of St. Joseph. The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) allocates 31% of its $8 million goal to Vocation Support. This allows the entire diocese to contribute to shaping the Church's future by supporting men in their formation to become priests. Fr. Thimote Cherelus, one of the newly ordained, first felt called as a child in Haiti to the priesthood, which thanks to the support of the ACA has helped take him to his current assignment as a parish priest at St. Matthias in Ridgewood, Queens. Vocation prayers and financial support through the ACA are fostering a promising future for vocations in the Diocese of Brooklyn, with over 40 seminarians currently in formation. This serves as another success story of the ACA positively impacting parish life.

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative

Sachara Valme
Youth Minister – St. Clare

Nowhere is the impact of the Annual Catholic Appeal greater than in the great work being done by the Youth Ministers active in our parishes across Brooklyn and Queens. One such youth minister who is funded by your support to the Annual Catholic Appeal is Sachara Valmé of St Clare Parish in Queens.
The youth Sachara work with at St. Clare Parish are longing to learn more about their faith and their role in the Church. As the Youth Minister, she is engaged with the youth in many roles like teaching workshops, counseling, and even preparing some for job interviews. She encourages the youth to participate in service projects, attend events around the diocese, plan fundraising initiatives and organize special programs. Equally she believes she is learning from the young people while she is guiding them. "They challenge me to learn, study, grow and take my role as a leader in the Church more seriously...and I love it!"

FAMILY STEWARDSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Marina Brown of St. Martin de Porres Parish in Brooklyn and her family are great examples of what it means to be stewards. The Annual Catholic Appeal has provied them the opportunity to give back to God for the blessings in their lives. Dr. Brown has also passed down a family tradition of tithing.
Dr. Brown, influenced by her grandmother's example and her parents' teachings, views tithing as a means of expressing gratitude and supporting the Church financially, as well as through time and talent. This tradition extends to her six children and grandchildren, all actively involved in church activities. Dr. Brown emphasizes the importance of being a model of faith in challenging times and acknowledges the Annual Catholic Appeal for enabling her family to serve and support their Church with faith, hope, and charity. The multi-generational commitment to stewardship and tithing reflects a deep faith and a desire to continue the legacy for future generations.

Annual Catholic Appeal PARISH PROJECT SPOTLIGHT

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Jamaica, Queens, faces the challenge of limited building space to accommodate essential programs to strengthen faith and empower the youth. To address this issue, Father Victor Bolaños, the parish's pastor, renovated a former convent building adjacent to the church into a usable community and meeting space. Lacking sufficient funds, he strategically added the cost of renovations to the Annual Catholic Appeal goal over several years. By incorporating a parish project into the ACA, the Presentation of the BVM Parish exceeded its 2023 ACA goal with a $74,913 received amount and raised over $18,400 in extra funding for the building renovation. Father Bolaños and the ACA team express gratitude for the community's response, emphasizing the initiative's success in leveraging over-goal funds to support local parish projects and foster growth within the faith community. The model encourages other parishes to identify similar projects, leveraging ACA over-goal funds to address their specific needs with the support of the Catholic Foundation's administrative assistance at no added cost.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE STORY

Lucas Contreras, a Futures in Education scholarship recipient from Holy Child of Jesus Catholic Academy in Queens, has excelled academically and recently graduated as the top student. Accepted into Regis High School, Lucas attributes his success to the Catholic education he received and the support of dedicated teachers at HCJCA instilling values that led him to community service. Grateful for the financial aid received through Futures in Education supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, Lucas expresses heartfelt thanks and commits to working hard in high school. He aspires to study law at Georgetown University and is determined to give back, recognizing the transformative impact of his education.

Annual Catholic Appeal PARISH PROJECT & CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPOTLIGHT

In Corona, Queens, at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, where numerous hardworking families reside at or below the poverty line, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) has made a substantial impact. Confronting an escalation in food insecurity since the pandemic, the parish initiated its own program to combat the issue, utilizing available space and volunteers and coordinating food drives. Addressing the growing demand, Father Manuel de Jesus Rodriguez, the Pastor, directed funds exceeding the ACA parish goal toward transforming a small storage facility in the church parking lot into a permanent food pantry. With the success of the ACA, the parish has relocated the current pantry to a more suitable space, enhancing its capacity to serve over 600 families monthly. ACA donations also support Catholic Charities in partnering with the parish to manage the food pantry and soup kitchen, which provides hot meals every week, expanding their reach to assist even more needy people.

Outstanding Parish Performers

Top 10 by Percentage of Goal Received

CHURCH	CITY	GOAL	AMOUNT PLEDGED	CONTRIBUTED	PERCENT RECEIVED
Cathedral Basilica of St. James	Brooklyn	$11,815	$33,394	$33,362	282.37%
St. Mark - St. Margaret Mary R.C. Church	Brooklyn	$38,976	$93,873	$90,392	231.92%
Holy Name of Jesus R. C. Church	Brooklyn	$55,623	$124,088	$122,068	219.46%
American Martyrs R.C. Church	Oakland Gardens	$66,706	$143,431	$143,151	214.60%
Our Lady of Light R.C. Church	Saint Albans	$39,124	$87,375	$80,510	205.78%
St. Rosalia - Regina Pacis R.C. Church	Brooklyn	$47,560	$94,936	$91,061	191.47%
St. Patrick R.C. Church	Long Island City	$17,497	$33,936	$33,007	188.65%
Sacred Hearts - St. Stephen R.C. Church	Brooklyn	$36,274	$70,655	$65,710	181.15%
St. Michael R.C. Church	Flushing	$67,853	$124,036	$122,221	180.13%
St. John Vianney R.C. Church	Flushing	$28,347	$49,115	$48,775	172.06%

Top 10 by Amount Contributed

CHURCH	CITY	GOAL	CONTRIBUTED
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs R.C. Church	Forest Hills	$114,568	$192,066
Our Lady of Sorrows R.C. Church	Corona	$153,768	$175,630
St. Sebastian R.C. Church	Woodside	$170,000	$184,564
St. Paul Chong Ha-Sang R.C. Church	Flushing	$158,324	$169,170
American Martyrs R.C. Church	Oakland Gardens	$66,706	$143,431
St. Francis De Sales R.C. Church	Belle Harbor	$139,467	$142,712
St. Joan of Arc R.C. Church	Jackson Heights	$138,978	$146,356
St. Mel R.C. Church	Flushing	$84,065	$137,215
Resurrection Ascension - Our Lady of the Angelus Parish	Middle Village	$118,248	$129,794
Our Lady of the Snows R.C. Church	Floral Park	$120,654	$128,988

Top 10 by Percentage of Participation

CHURCH	CITY	PARISH HOUSEHOLDS	TOTAL PLEDGES	PERCENTAGE OF PARTICIPATION
St. Agatha R.C. Church	Brooklyn	200	191	95%
St. Catherine of Genoa R.C. Church	Brooklyn	163	136	83%
Our Lady of the Cenacle R.C. Church	Richmond Hill	231	187	80%
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary R.C. Church	Brooklyn	165	121	73%
Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church	East Elmhurst	305	219	71%
SS. Cyril and Methodius R.C. Church	Brooklyn	285	181	63%
St. Saviour R.C. Church	Brooklyn	202	118	58%
St. Patrick R.C. Church	Long Island City	120	66	55%
Our Lady of Mount Carmel R.C. Church	Long Island City	371	202	54%
St. Rose of Lima R.C. Church	Brooklyn	223	121	54%

2023 ACA Results as of January 15, 2023

$1.5 Million returned directly back to 119 parishes that raised funds over their goal

33,856
Pledges

$325
Average Gift

$11,100,000
Amount Pledged

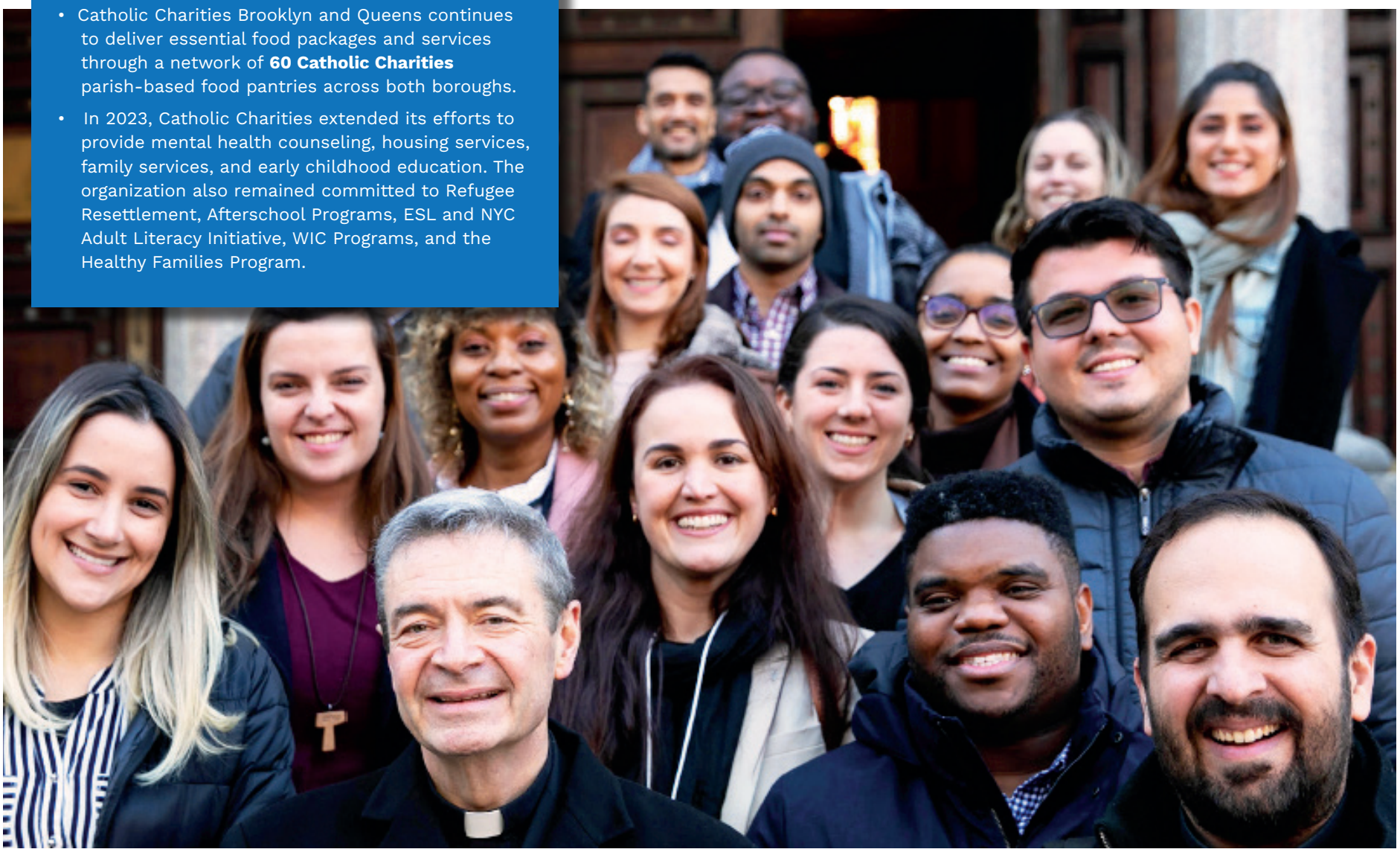
$10,600,000
Amount Paid

7,544
Donors who Increased the Amount of their Pledge

95%
Percent of Pledges Fulfilled

Did you know?

- In the Diocese of Brooklyn last year, there were **10,661 Baptisms**, **6,149 First Communions**, **7188 Confirmations** and **1,553 Marriages.**
- **1,000 weekly Sunday Masses** celebrated in the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- **4,500 students** received **tuition assistance** from **Futures in Education**.
- **37 men** are currently enrolled in seminary programs to become priests and **28 men** are enrolled to become permanent deacons for the Diocese of Brooklyn.
- Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens continues to deliver essential food packages and services through a network of **60 Catholic Charities** parish-based food pantries across both boroughs.
- In 2023, Catholic Charities extended its efforts to provide mental health counseling, housing services, family services, and early childhood education. The organization also remained committed to Refugee Resettlement, Afterschool Programs, ESL and NYC Adult Literacy Initiative, WIC Programs, and the Healthy Families Program.



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The Annual Catholic Appeal is directed and operated by Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens.

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) provides an opportunity for each of us to unite in faith as a Catholic Community and to answer the call to meet the needs of those most vulnerable- the hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the spiritually poor, our children and elderly through essential ministries and services. The Annual Catholic Appeal unites both individual parishes and diocesan efforts to provide financial support for these essential ministries and services.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports the Diocese and its parishes in three ways:

- Provides enhanced funding supporting Diocesan ministries, programs, and services
- Offers parishioners an opportunity to help provide for the work of the Church.
- Grants each parish an opportunity to raise funds for local initiatives and parish projects. One hundred percent (100%) of all funds received over the parish goal is sent back to individual parishes to help in their local parish projects.

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