



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

**“WHEN I CALLED,
YOU ANSWERED ME.”**

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Archdiocese of Baltimore

A Reflection From Archbishop Edwin O'Brien

"...When challenged, we need our faith more."



Early last year, for the first time since arriving in Baltimore as your Archbishop nearly two years ago, I wrote to you to share my goals and to seek your support for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Since that time, many people in our Nation and, indeed, our Archdiocese, have suffered the effects of a national recession, and the need for the support provided by the Appeal has become more urgent.

Though the economy has shown signs of improvement, many people still remain without jobs and families continue to feel the impact, some having to choose between paying the rent or the electrical bill and buying groceries or medical prescriptions.

It is the love of God and family and our unwavering Catholic faith that enable us to remain together as a family and to pull through such difficult times. Though that faith may be challenged, it is precisely in times such as these when we need our faith the most.

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is one of the most comprehensive and concrete ways to put that faith into action and share the love of God with those most in need. The theme of this year's Annual Appeal is, "When I Called, You Answered Me." At this time, when more and more people are in need of more and more services, we are called as a Church to show compassion to those who turn to us in need, Catholics and non-Catholics alike. As a representative of Catholic Charities once said, the Church provides such services "not because the people we serve are Catholic, but because we are Catholic."

And being Catholic means living in the example of Christ by seeing His face in those around us, most especially the poor and suffering. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal presents us with the opportunity to do just that by giving as individuals, as a parish, and as an archdiocesan Church. My prayer is that this Appeal will be a grace not only for those who benefit from it, but also for those who hear God's call and answer it with a loving and generous heart.

Thank you for your zeal, your good will, and your sacrifice. May God bless you and those you love with His everlasting glory!

In the Lord,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edwin F. O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style.

*+Edwin F. O'Brien
Archbishop of Baltimore*



Hear God's Call

*Ministries, Agencies, Designees, and Grants
Funded By the Archbishop's Annual Appeal*

Parish Rebates

Religious Education
Capital Projects
Social Justice Outreach
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Other Parish Priorities

Sponsored Grant Areas of Support

Tuition Assistance for Catholic Schools
Parish Capital Emergencies
School Capital Projects
Religious Education and
Vacation Bible School
Youth Ministry
Pro-Life Ministries
Leadership Development
Disability Access
AIDS Ministry

Agency Partners

Catholic Charities of Baltimore
St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

Ministry Designees

College Campus Ministry
The Holy Father
Hispanic Ministry
Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center
U.S. Home Missions
Interfaith Housing Alliance
(of Western Maryland)
International Outreach to Haiti
Harambee
Deaf Ministry
Apostleship of the Sea
Hospital Chaplaincy
PRIDE
Prison Ministry
Camp GLOW

Ways To Give

Pledging:

You may make a pledge and pay in monthly installments. A monthly reminder statement will be sent (except for credit card pledges) for the duration of your pledge period.

One-Time Gift:

A one-time, outright gift can be made to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal at any point during the campaign.

Payment Methods:

The following payment methods are accepted: **Cash, Check** (payable to Archbishop's Annual Appeal), **Credit Card** (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, and American Express), and **Stocks and Securities**.

Many companies will match charitable donations through an **Employee Match Program**. Please contact your employer to determine if a matching program is available.

**Please visit our website at www.archbalt.org/giving
for more information or to make a donation to the campaign.**

A photograph of two women in aprons cooking at a food table. The woman on the left is wearing a white shirt and a colorful apron with the word 'SICILIA' on it. She is using a metal strainer to lift a piece of food from a large pot of red sauce. The woman on the right is wearing a black shirt and a green apron. She is also using a metal strainer to lift a piece of food from the same pot. In the background, other people are visible at the food table.

How Your
APPEAL
GIFT
HELPS

Called to **SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY**

Catholic Charities is a partner with the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, as is St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore. Nearly 25 percent of the appeal's net proceeds benefit these two ministries serving people from all walks of life, but is focused especially on people in need.

“Through our programs, we’re able to put a face on poverty...I’m pleased to know the support of the Annual Appeal radiates out as much as it does.”

*Aaron Kennedy, Volunteer Coordinator
Our Daily Bread Employment Center, Baltimore*



Called to **MINISTRY**

The call to ministry can be answered in many ways. From Hospital Chaplaincy to the Interfaith Housing Alliance of Western Maryland to Camp GLOW, the Annual Appeal assists numerous ministries and organizations that serve the needs of the Archdiocesan community and beyond.

“We need to concentrate on the blessings we have in life: our kids, our spouse, our beautiful Church. How many blessings we have! How lucky we are! Look around the world: People are repressed. But you don't need to go to China to find people unlucky. They are right here.”

*Steve Roscher, Esquire
Deacon Intern assigned to Johns Hopkins Hospital
for chaplaincy*



Called to CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Catholic Education, Vacation Bible School, and Religious Education are just a few of the programs funded by your support of the Annual Appeal. Through these grants, parishes and schools are able to share the gifts of the Appeal with countless individuals of all ages.

“Here in Baltimore, we’re very proud of being the seat of Catholic education in this country. It feels good knowing that people are willing to give in any way of themselves to support what we are doing. The sense of giving back is important.”

*Melanie Conley, Principal
St. Casmir School, Baltimore*



Called to **PARISH LIFE**

Answering the call begins at your parish. The Archdiocese rebates a portion of every dollar collected by parishes; each parish receives back 25 percent of all dollars collected up to goal, and 50 percent thereafter. Parish rebates underwrite your own parish's needs and objectives. Through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, you have a comprehensive way to contribute to the archdiocesan Church and your parish.

“Thank you for your giving that makes possible countless ministries and services that occur because of your goodness. Our parish will receive an appeal rebate that will help underwrite youth ministry, our capital campaign, and a mission in Vietnam.”

*Father Matthew Buening, Pastor
St. Paul Parish, Ellicott City*

Parish Partnerships

The Parish Partnership Program connects more affluent communities of faith with parishes with significant needs both within the Archdiocese of Baltimore and abroad. To date, 56 parishes partner with over 75 parishes and dioceses in support of liturgy and ministry and fostering cultural exchange with Catholics in Africa, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

When You Give, You Grant Hope

Directly or indirectly, the Appeal benefits you! Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal answers God's call by supporting the entire Archdiocese of Baltimore:

- 153 Archdiocesan parishes
- 6 Archdiocesan missions
- 82 Archdiocesan schools educating more than 30,000 students
- Religious education programs serving 80,000 students of all ages

Additionally, your contribution funds ministries, apostolates, and partnerships benefiting people of all ages, races, religions, and walks of life.



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