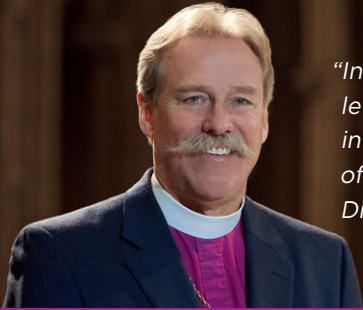




THE 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

BICENTENNIAL YEAR OF
THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF OHIO

Love God.
Love your neighbor.
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*“In our Bicentennial year,
let’s invest generously
in the next century
of our ministry as the
Diocese of Ohio.”*

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Dear friend and colleague,

In this, the Diocese of Ohio’s Bicentennial year, we are looking toward a new century of ministry both in parishes and as a diocese. For each of us, it is an occasion to imagine what God is dreaming for our common vocation as the body of Christ and to prepare for what the future offers in challenge and opportunity.

I invite you to join me in pursuing all that lies ahead by helping provide the financial resources that every year allow us to do the new thing that God is offering.

Last year the Appeal raised more than \$265,000, thanks to the generosity of 559 households. \$100,000 of that went directly to Episcopal Community Services (ECS) to support parish-based ministries serving local communities. These vital outreach ministries feed the hungry, educate children and young adults, provide spiritual freedom for people who are in prison, give hope to those who are struggling, and carry out God’s work in creative and inspired ways. Such programs provide crucial assistance to those in need.

Funds raised through the Appeal also help to underwrite mission trips and leadership development. They provide summer internships for high school and college students. They support our students in residential seminaries as well in our exciting new “local cohort” collaboration with Bexley Seabury Seminary. And they make possible the Curate Program begun last year for newly ordained clergy.

It is only through your continued support that we are able to make such a difference in the lives of so many. I give thanks for your generous spirit and for your continued giving.

Gratefully,



The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr.
Bishop of Ohio



The 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

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YES, I would like to support the work of our Diocese. Enclosed is my Bicentennial year gift/pledge of:

Bishop's Partner (gift of \$1,000 or more):
 \$1,000 \$2,500 \$ _____

Contributor:
 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$ _____

I prefer to make a pledge for 2017 of \$ _____
I will pay: Monthly Quarterly Semi-Annually

Payment Method:
 Check enclosed (*Payable to The Diocese of Ohio*)
 Charge my credit card:
_____ Expires _____

Signature _____

I would like this gift to be in:
 honor of memory of or thanksgiving for:

If you wish us to notify the family of the gift please complete:
Please notify _____
Address _____

Please complete:
Name (print) _____
Address _____

City _____
State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____
Parish & City _____

I have named the Diocese in my will.
 Please send me information about how to include the diocese in my/our will or estate planning.

You can also make your gift online at www.dohio.org/give-now.

YOUR GENEROSITY SUPPORTS

YOUTH MISSION TRIPS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

CLERGY AND LAY EDUCATION AND FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRIES

AND MANY OTHER IMPORTANT AREAS THAT FURTHER THE MISSION OF THE DIOCESE

Episcopal Community Services Grants Awarded **\$136,100**

HEALTH/HOMELESSNESS

- Beatitude House, Ashtabula St. Peter's, Ashtabula
- Beatitude House, Youngstown. St. John's, Youngstown
- Family Promise of Greater Cleveland. St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights
- Family Promise of Summit County. St. Paul's, Akron
- Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County Trinity Church, New Philadelphia
- Viola Startzman Free Clinic. St. James, Wooster
- Winter Sanctuary, Inc. St. Paul's, Mt. Vernon
- WomenSafe, Inc. St. Christopher's, Gates Mills
- YWCA, Warren Christ Church, Warren

YOUTH / GENERAL SERVICES / EDUCATION

- Adoption Network Cleveland, Mentoring Program
- Barnabas Ecumenical Ministry, Inc. St. Paul's, Akron
- City Mission of Findlay, Education Center Trinity, Findlay
- Great Music without Barriers St. Peter's, Ashtabula
- Interchurch Social Services of Knox County, Inc. St. Paul's, Mt. Vernon
- North Hill Community Mentoring Program. St. Andrew's, Akron

- Protestant Family Services, Pathway to Stability. St. John's, Youngstown
- St. Andrew's Outreach Ministries St. Andrew's, Cleveland
- Veterans Meet and Greet. St. Thomas, Berea
- Victim Assistance Program, Inc., 24 hr. Crisis Response. . . St. Paul's, Akron

HUNGER

- Farm to Table Trinity Cathedral
- Food Pantry St. Andrew's, Mentor
- Kadon/Presidential Park Community Garden St. Peter's, Ashtabula
- Lorain Cooperative Ministry Church of the Redeemer, Lorain
- Oberlin Weekday Community Meal Christ Church, Oberlin
- St. James Lunch Program St. James, Painesville
- St. John's Red Door Food Pantry. St. John's, Youngstown
- St. Luke's Family Night/Mobile Pantry. St. Luke's, Cleveland
- St. Paul's Community Meal St. Paul's, Akron
- St. Paul's Food Program St. Paul's, Oregon
- St. Paul's Free Farmers Market St. Paul's, Medina
- St. Paul's Hot Meals St. Paul's, Mt. Vernon
- Taft Mobile Food Pantry St. John's, Youngstown





WAYS TO GIVE

ANNUAL GIFTS - Giving to the Bishop's Appeal is an essential source for our shared ministry. Return the attached reply card to make your tax-deductible gift.

MEMORIAL GIFTS - Honor loved ones by making your gift to the Bishop's Appeal in their name. An appropriate card is sent as instructed by the donor.

PLANNED GIFTS - Gifts of property or accumulated resources such as stock, bonds, life insurance, real estate, or fine art are always welcome.

MATCHING GIFTS - Many companies/corporations offer matching gifts for employees' charitable contributions. Please ask your employer if they have a matching gift program.

We invite you to become a Bishop's Partner with your gift totaling \$1,000 or more in 2017.

MAIL YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal
Episcopal Diocese of Ohio
2230 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115-2499

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www.dohio.org/give-now

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