



THE 2020 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

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Dear friend and colleague,

The Bishop's Annual Appeal provides valued resources to live more fully into our vocation as the body of Christ. Last year the Appeal raised over a quarter of a million dollars, thanks to the generosity of more than 550 households. \$100,000 of that went directly to Episcopal Community Services (ECS) to support parish-based ministries serving local communities. These important outreach efforts 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 offer critical 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 as in our distance learning collaboration with Bexley Seabury Seminary. They help provide positions for newly ordained clergy in contexts where they can be challenged and their ministries can flourish.

Most importantly, each gift deepens the donor's identity as a disciple of Jesus. By participating with others in Christ's work of mercy and justice, we take our place in the body of Christ and grow in our vocation to be Christian. Thus, it is through our gifts that we are able to bring blessing to the lives of so many, and through our giving that we are blessed, ourselves.

In June of this year, we will come to the end of the redemption period for pledges to the Planting for Tomorrow Campaign. For some, the 2020 Bishop's Appeal may provide an opportunity to continue the discipline of generous giving established in Planting for Tomorrow. I thank you in advance for giving it your prayerful consideration.

Please know how very much I appreciate your generous spirit and your continued participation.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hollingsworth, Jr." The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "M" and "H".

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

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PARISH OUTREACH

Each one should use whatever gift he or she has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Parish outreach programs are a direct manifestation of our Christian vocation to love our neighbors as God loves us. Your support is helping ministries across our diocese to feed and clothe those in need and offer friendship, comfort, and spiritual support to our neighbors who are struggling.

YOUTH & LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Train up children in the way they should go; and when they are old, they will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6

The Diocese of Ohio is committed to creating opportunities for young people to deepen their relationship with Christ while at the same time developing leadership skills. Funds from the Appeal have helped to underwrite mission trips and pilgrimages, in the United States and abroad, service-learning projects, internships, and many other ministry based growth opportunities.



CLERGY & LAY FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love God, who have been called according to God's purpose.

Romans 8:28

Our clergy and lay leaders help to strengthen the spiritual and operational fabric of our diocese. Your gifts to the Appeal ensure that they can grow spiritually and professionally and continue to develop the skills needed to lead our parishes, ministries, and diocese. By supporting the formation of seminarians, newly ordained clergy, and others, we ensure that our diocese will have effective leadership for generations to come.

2019 Episcopal Community Services Programs

| PROGRAM | PARISH / CITY |
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| Health and Homelessness Programs | |
| Beatitude House - A House of Blessing Ashtabula | St. Peter, Ashtabula |
| Beatitude House - A House of Blessing Youngstown | St. John's, Youngstown |
| Family Promise of Greater Cleveland | St. Paul's, Cleveland Hts. |
| Family Promise of Summit County | St. Paul's, Akron |
| Emergency or Necessary Home Repair | St. John's, Youngstown |
| Lakewood Community Services Center | St. Peter, Lakewood |
| Medical and Food Program - OPEN M, Akron | St. Paul's, Akron |
| Community Meal- St. Paul, Norwalk | St. Paul's, Norwalk |
| The Winter Sanctuary Emergency Homeless Shelter | St. Paul's, Mount Vernon |
| Supportive Housing (WINGS) | Christ Church, Warren |
| Barbara Wick Transitional Housing | St. John, Youngstown |
| Hunger Programs | |
| All Faiths Pantry Program | All Saints, Parma |
| Food For Thought Mobile Food Pantry | St. Paul's, Oregon |
| Grace Episcopal Church Pantry | Grace, Mansfield |
| Community Meal - Redeemer, Lorain | Redeemer, Lorain |
| Friday Open Door | Redeemer, Lorain |
| St. Andrew's Emergency Pantry | St. Andrew's, Elyria |
| St. James Lunch Program | St. James, Painesville |
| Red Door Pantry | St. John's, Youngstown |
| Williamson Elementary School Mobile Pantry | St. John's, Youngstown |
| St. Luke's Family Night Mobile Pantry | St. Luke, Cleveland |
| Sunday Suppers | St. Paul's, Akron |
| St. Paul's Free Farmers Market | St. Paul's, Medina |
| Kadon / Presidential Park Community Garden | St. Peter, Ashtabula |
| Good Shepherd Community Luncheon | St. Stephen, East Liverpool |
| Veterans Meet and Greet Luncheon | St. Thomas, Berea |
| Nourishing Our Neighbors: Trinity Cathedral's Hunger Ministry | Trinity Cathedral |
| Friends of the Homeless of Tuscarawas County, Inc. | Trinity, New Philadelphia |

Youth, Education and General Services Programs

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| Youth Services Hub - Adoption Network | St. Paul's, Cleveland Hts. |
| Community Youth Mentoring Group Mentoring | Grace Church, Sandusky |
| Little Feet Ministry | Grace Church, Willoughby |
| Mahoning Valley Dispute Resolution Services (MVDRS) | Help Network of Northeast Ohio, Youngstown |
| Interchurch Social Services, Gambier - Financial Aid Fund | Harcourt Parish, Gambier |
| Aid to Seniors and Households 25-59 | St. John's, Youngstown |
| Rise in Love | All Saints, Parma |
| Financial Literacy Educational Program | St. Timothy's, Perrysburg |
| North Hill Community Mentoring Program | St. Andrew's, Akron |
| St. Andrew's Outreach Ministries | St. Andrew's, Cleveland |
| Family Education and Support Group | St. Barnabas, Bay Village |
| Barnabas Ministry | St. Paul's, Medina |
| Great Music Without Barriers | St. Peter's, Ashtabula |
| Guiding Pathways | St. Timothy's, Perrysburg |
| St. John's Bridges | St. Timothy's, Perrysburg |

43 Total Programs

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YES, I would like to support the work of our Diocese.

Enclosed is my 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 2020 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 _____

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State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Parish & City _____

Please write your name(s) exactly as you would like to be addressed and listed in publications:

Please list how you would like to be addressed:

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.



“Giving to the church is essential to growing and sustaining those vibrant parochial and diocesan ministries that equip each of us for carrying out God’s mission. Regular and generous contributions are a practical necessity for every healthy community of faith. But giving, first and foremost, is a spiritual discipline for the giver. It is an essential element of how we learn to give ourselves completely to God, which is of course the goal of our faith journey.”

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