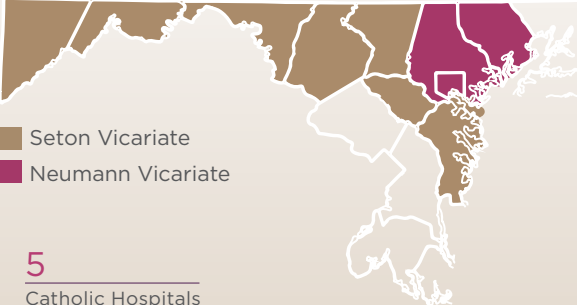


ARCHDIOCESE AT A *glance*

 4,801 Square Miles
144 Parishes
169,860 Registered Households
503,084 Catholic Population



401 Total Diocesan Priests 145 Active Diocesan Priests 11 Active Priests Outside Diocese 56 Retired or Inactive Priests 189 Religious Priests	48 Elementary Schools 15,019 Students Enrolled	5,648 Baptisms	5 Catholic Hospitals 1,813,374 Total Assisted
63 Brothers	20 High Schools 10,268 Students Enrolled	5,230 First Holy Communicants	2 Seminaries 23 Seminarians (Diocesan)
920 Sisters	4 Catholic Colleges/ Universities 12,061 Students Enrolled	4,509 Confirmations	23,997 Students receiving Catechesis and Faith Formation
161 Permanent Deacons		1,188 Marriages 807 Catholic 381 Interfaith	3,862 Funeral Rites

*All numbers are for 2016

The people served and ministries sustained by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal animate every face of our 144 diverse parish communities. The Appeal provides pastoral leaders with the tools that help them teach the Faith, celebrate the Blessed Sacraments, and build a vibrant culture of life centered on the Eucharist.

WAYS TO *give*

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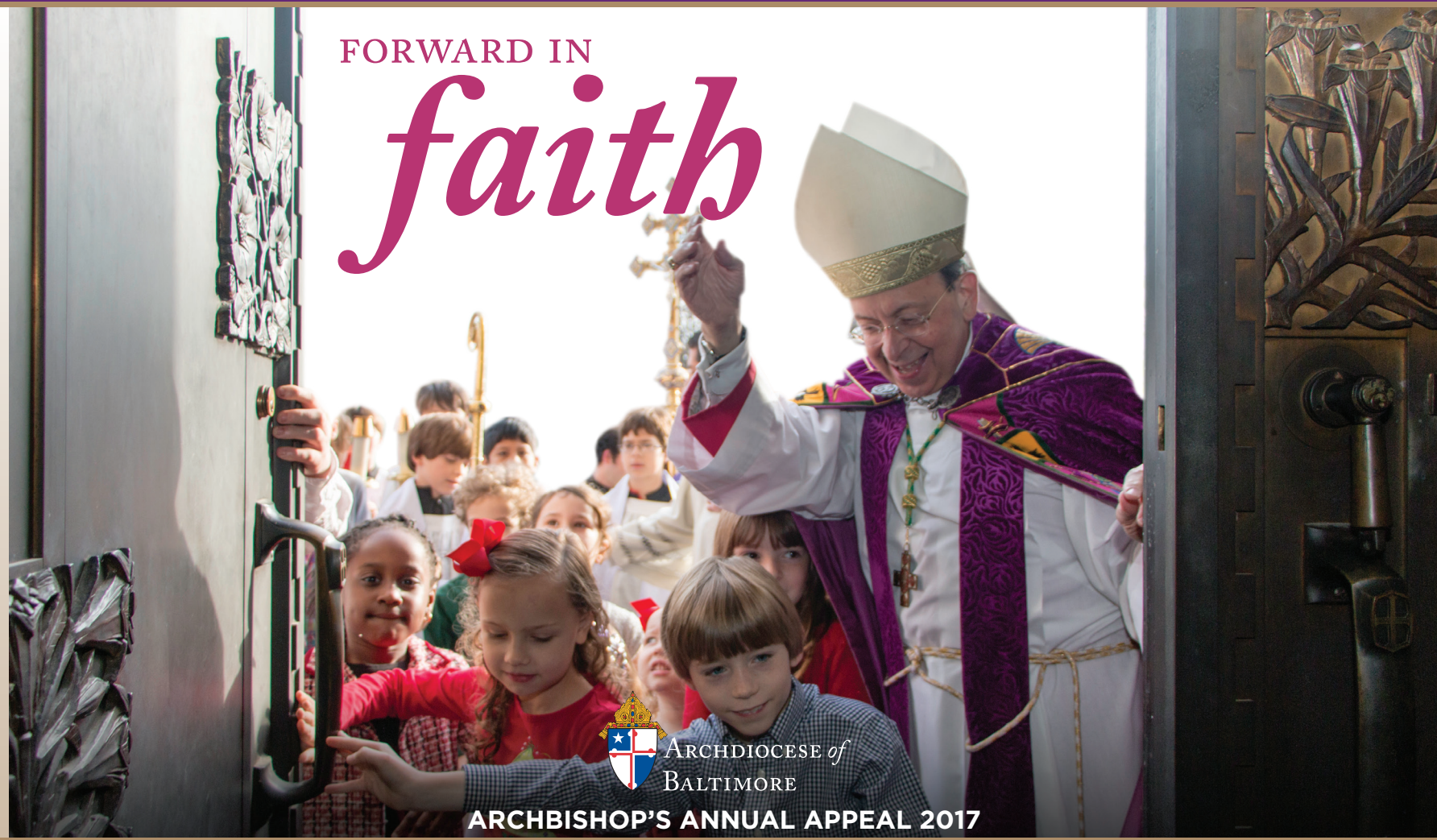
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FORWARD IN *faith*



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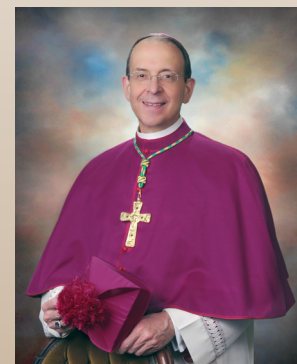
A *message* FROM ARCHBISHOP LORI

Faith “sees” to the extent that it journeys, to the extent that it chooses to enter into the horizons opened up by God’s word.

With these words from his first papal encyclical, Pope Francis implores us to view our faith as something that is dynamic, ever-growing, and ever-seeking God’s truth.

As we move **Forward in Faith**, both as an archdiocesan family and as individuals on our own journeys of missionary discipleship, I ask that we remember Our Holy Father’s words. For, indeed, we are challenged – both personally and institutionally – to overcome a complacency that can hold us back, challenged to embrace an ongoing conversion that commits us more fully to Christ.

Are we appreciating and living out the tenets of our Faith as responses of love and not merely seeing them as burdensome rules, disconnected from our lives? Have we welcomed the Holy Spirit into our hearts, thus transforming our lives and enabling us to share our faith with our neighbors who yearn to grow as well?



Each year the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal affords us an opportunity to enhance our evangelization efforts so that we may invite our neighbors to reconnect with the Living Christ. In asking for your generous participation, I am hoping that you will join me in advancing our mission of evangelization and in extending Our Lord’s message of enduring love to all.

William E. Lori

Most Reverend William E. Lori
Archbishop of Baltimore



The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps the Archdiocese do the work of Christ every day, focusing on four vital areas:
EVANGELIZATION • STRENGTHENING FAMILIES • COMMUNITY OUTREACH • ENRICHING PARISH LIFE

evangelization



A longstanding Appeal partner, Prison Ministry challenges us to walk alongside youth and adults who are incarcerated. Let us, as their Catholic brothers and sisters in Christ, accompany prisoners in their everyday experience of rejection, isolation, separation, and loneliness.



Last year the Appeal provided over \$400,000 for Vocations support.

“Being a Seminarian has been a very humbling experience. It has been an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ and one another in new and profound ways. As a seminarian, I have learned how to deeply unite with other people in prayer and solidarity as we journey in this life in the hope of our heavenly dwelling with God. I know all seminarians (including me) are most grateful for prayers as we journey toward priesthood and become missionaries of mercy who bring the sacramental presence of Christ to others.”

–Mr. Matthew Himes, Seminarian, St. Mark, Fallston

STRENGTHENING families



The Appeal supports Camp GLOW (God Loves Our World), a week-long residential summer camp for adults with disabilities. Begun by Sr. Justa Walton, I.H.M. in the 1970’s, Camp GLOW has been an annual tradition providing spiritual development and social enhancement to hundreds of camp participants. Camp GLOW is funded entirely through the generosity of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, parishes, Knights of Columbus Councils, religious and civic organizations, businesses, and individuals.

“The O’Dwyer Retreat House offers our parish an affordable and convenient venue to host our annual Confirmation Retreat. We always make sure our teens know that this facility exists for them. It is a sign of our Church’s investment in the spiritual growth of our future leaders, helping them to encounter Jesus Christ on a very personal level.”

– Fr. Steven Hook, St. Ursula

The Appeal grants the O’Dwyer Retreat House \$25,000 each year to help with these programs.

COMMUNITY

outreach



Sarah’s House is a supportive housing program offering emergency and transitional housing with an array of other services for homeless families in Anne Arundel County. Like many Catholic Charities programs, the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps with funding program needs.

The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps to fund programs in Baltimore City such as Safe Streets.

“The Safe Streets program is located at St. Peter Claver Church on North Fremont Ave. Staff members include a program site director, violence prevention coordinator, and four outreach workers. After the unrest last April, I took time to reflect, listen, and pray, and my colleagues did the same. We concluded that in order to bring about sustainable change in our community and in people’s lives, we needed to take a proactive role in reducing the epidemic violence and trauma that is plaguing many Baltimore neighborhoods. We believe Safe Streets is one way to help address this crisis.”

–Mr. William J. McCarthy, Jr., Executive Director of Catholic Charities of Baltimore

ENRICHING PARISH

life



“Each year we divide our Annual Appeal rebate between our sister parish, St. Gregory the Great, and our youth ministry. Our relationship with St. Gregory has deepened with our shared reflection on Bishop Braxton’s pastoral on the racial divide as well as our on going support for the food pantry, the summer luncheon program, and the backpack school supplies drive. Last year our youth ministry rebate helped towards our youth mission visit with our sister parish in Rerua, India.”

– Fr. Joseph Lacey, S.J., St. Alphonsus Rodriguez

“On Christmas Eve 2015, as I began to give my homily at our 6:00 p.m. Mass a portion of the ceiling plaster fell onto some of our parishioners. Fortunately, nobody was seriously hurt. This ceiling failure caused us to move out of our church and into the parish hall which was formerly the school cafeteria. Repairs quickly escalated into an entire ceiling and roof demolition and replacement project. This has also necessitated the removal and future reinstallation of the pipe organ. The cost of this has escalated beyond what our parish could handle. Through the kindness of the Archbishop, the Annual Appeal has greatly helped us raise the funds to make the needed repairs.”

– Fr. Kevin A. Mueller, Our Lady Queen of Peace