



Archbishop's Annual Appeal

“ENTRUSTED WITH A STEWARDSHIP.”

1 Corinthians 9:17

Archdiocese of Baltimore

A REFLECTION FROM ARCHBISHOP EDWIN O'BRIEN

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An important lesson that we have all learned from our faith is that sacrifice is quite often the key to joy and happiness. The most prominent example of this was set forth by our Savior Jesus Christ who sacrificed his life to bring us the joy and hope of salvation.

During the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, we are all called to show our gratitude for the many blessings God has bestowed on us and make our own individual sacrifice, giving a little extra to help those less fortunate. I assure you that within your giving, you will bring joy and hope to those less fortunate than yourselves. Moreover, I believe you will also find the joy and hope within yourselves that comes with making a sacrifice for others. I see it every day in the many good works of our Archdiocese ... the joy of giving that comes to those who help others whether it be through volunteerism, financial generosity, or both.

As my time as the leader of the Archdiocese of Baltimore draws to a close, I appreciate more than ever the noble tradition of sacrifice that our Archdiocese holds a tradition that is more than 200 years old. With the theme of "Entrusted with a Stewardship," this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal carries on that tradition.

The Appeal gives you an opportunity to touch the lives and be the "stewards" of the many members of our community who are less fortunate. The Appeal enables us to make a tangible difference through the works of Catholic Charities, through extending our ministry, through Catholic education, and through helping our parishes play a constant, supportive role in the lives of our fellow faithful.

As this is likely the last Appeal with which I will be associated, it is particularly meaningful to me. I pray that you will join me in making this Appeal as successful as those in the past. In my time here, your generosity has been both exemplary and inspiring. I thank you for that support and am confident you will be equally instrumental in the success of the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

In the Lord,

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

+Edwin F. O'Brien
Apostolic Administrator





YOUR GIFT TOUCHES MANY LIVES

Be a Steward of Hope

“Sarah’s House has changed my life. I’ve been clean for 9 months now and am working toward my GED. I’ve learned how to set goals and achieve them, and how to care for my children and give them a safe and stable environment. The staff has pushed me and taught me to guide myself to a better, more responsible life. Someday, I want to be a nurse so I can help others the way that the staff at Sarah’s House has helped me.”

—Michelle Church, Client, Sarah’s House

Sarah’s House is one the preeminent programs for Catholic Charities. With help in part from the Appeal, Sarah’s House provides emergency shelter and transitional housing for those in need. Catholic Charities offers a variety of services, including those for the poor, children, and the developmentally disabled.



Be a Steward of the Future

“Tuition assistance has meant a great deal to my family and me. Without it, I wouldn’t have been able to attend a Catholic school, especially since my mom was laid off from her job last summer. My Catholic education has been a tremendous part of my life. My mom is determined to keep us in a Catholic school because the teachers push us to our full potential, we can pray out loud, and the schools are peaceful.”

—Alajia Vaughn, Class of 2015, Seton Keough School

The Appeal helps provide tuition assistance for students in need. Many families are faced with the choice between paying rent or paying for school. Supporting Catholic education is yet another way in which the Appeal enables us to do the right thing for our children and our Archdiocese.



Be a Steward of Unity

“Historically, our parish has focused outside of itself, designating that the Appeal funds it raised went to things such as tuition assistance for Catholic education and toward the formation of seminarians. This year, we need to address some of our own issues, specifically renewing the altar area of our church so as to create a beautiful liturgical space that unites us and inspires prayer. We’ll also be supporting our ongoing programs in youth ministry and religious education.”

—Rev. Gerard Francik, Pastor, St. Mark Roman Catholic Church

A portion of each parishioner’s contribution to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is returned to the parish for efforts such as capital improvements and ministering to those in need. In the case of St. Mark’s, Appeal funds may also be used to set up an endowment to address future capital improvement needs.



Be a Steward of Our Faith

“The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal plays a big role in helping us offer a great program to strengthen the faith of our youth in this area. The Appeal helps us bring together students from seven different high schools and provides them with opportunities that they otherwise would not have access to. Also, the Appeal enables us to offer assistance to our less fortunate families so their children can take part in retreats, team building programs, our pilgrimage, and the Baltimore Youth Catholic Council.”

*—Kathleen Broadwater, Coordinator of Youth Ministry,
Mountain Maryland Catholic Youth*

In Western Maryland, ongoing ministry unites area youth and allows them to experience the true power of their faith through helping others such as the homeless, veterans, and Special Olympics participants. This is one example of how a gift furthers the ministry initiatives of the Archdiocese.

BE A STEWARD OF HOPE, UNITY, FAITH, AND THE FUTURE

Through Your Gift to the 2012 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Rebates

Capital Projects
Parish Partnerships
Religious Education
Social Justice Outreach
Other Parish Priorities

Sponsored Grant Areas of Support

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

Agency Partners

Catholic Charities of Baltimore
St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore

Ministry Designees

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

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.**

MAKE A GIFT, MAKE A GLOBAL IMPACT

Along with supporting ministries right here in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, your pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal benefits people around the world, including the Caribbean, Guatemala, Belize, Zambia, El Salvador, Bolivia, and Peru.

GIVE A GIFT TO COUNTLESS OTHERS — AND TO YOUR COMMUNITY

When you give to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, everybody in the Archdiocese of Baltimore benefits. Your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is a gift to every member of the 146 parishes of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, as well as a gift to many non-Catholics in Maryland served by the Church's ministries and apostolates. Here in our Archdiocese, the Appeal underwrites outreach to nearly 28,000 students in 70 Archdiocesan schools, 25,000 Religious Education students, and countless individuals served by Catholic Charities. The Appeal also has a global impact, generating funds for missions and sister parishes in Central America, South America, and the Caribbean.

Thank you for being stewards of those who are less fortunate in the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



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