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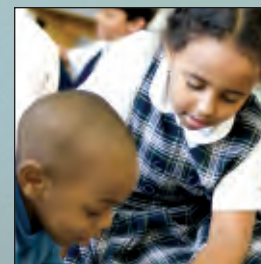
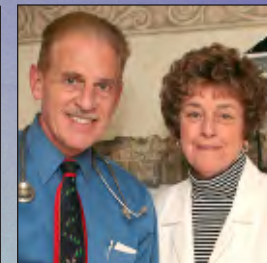
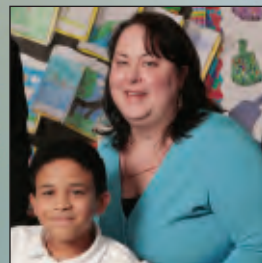
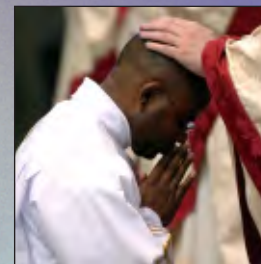
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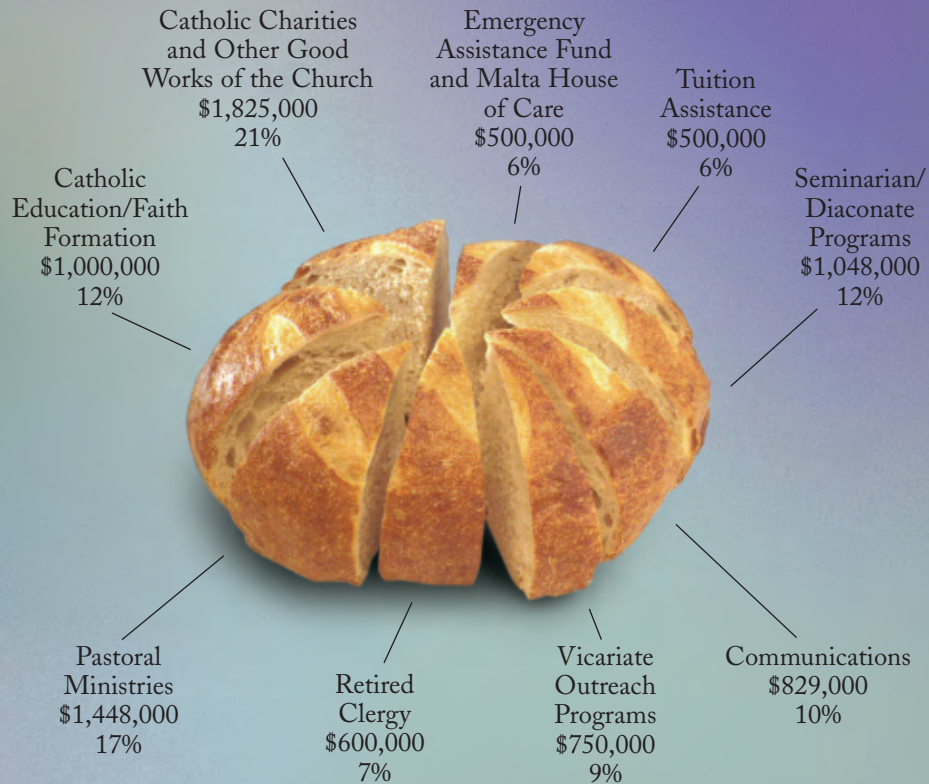
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The Miracle of Sharing

2011 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

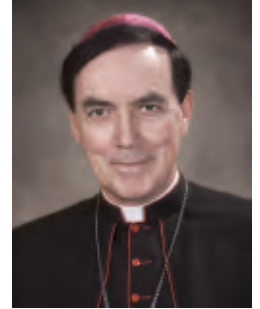
2011 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL ALLOCATION
 MINIMUM GOAL—\$8,500,000



Here is a boy with five small
 barley loaves and two small fish, but how
 far will they go among so many?

John 6:9

Dear Friends in Christ,



Last year, despite challenging times and thanks to your generosity our Archbishop's Annual Appeal raised more than \$9.1 million from nearly 50,000 donors. What a wonderful testimony of your charitable spirit! I deeply appreciate it.

We have taken as our theme for the 2011 Appeal, *The Miracle of Sharing*.

One of Jesus' miracles recorded in all four gospels is the multiplication of the loaves and fish. Though the story is about a truly supernatural, miraculous action, it is not about God creating something out of nothing. He says to the apostles, "You give them something to eat yourselves." A young boy offers his ordinary provisions—five barley loaves and two fish—scarcely enough to serve as an appetizer, never mind feed a crowd of 5,000 counting just the men.

Jesus blesses the meager provisions and the miracle happens. A key ingredient is that the little boy surrendered his gifts to Christ...and see what a mighty miracle Jesus performed. Jesus can work miracles with the "loaves and fish" of our lives too.

"But," you may ask, "isn't this miracle about the Eucharist?" Absolutely! In the Eucharist we bring the everyday work of our hands, bread and wine, and join to this the very offering of our lives. Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, this offering is transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation.

We may say to ourselves, "I don't earn enough for my own wants and needs, how can I be expected to share with others?" Our financial resources, talents, and holiness are clearly inadequate to meet the needs of a hungry world—just as the five loaves and two fish were insufficient before the miracle. The gospel, however calls us to offer these resources anyway, trusting God will multiply them.

When we offer Him the work of our hands and our broken humanity, He transforms these and He not only feeds us but empowers us to feed the world.

In this context I humbly request that you share your "loaves and fish" and watch another miracle occur! Be assured of my profound gratitude.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell, D.D.,
 Archbishop of Hartford

JAMES PALMA: A HELPER WHO NEEDED HELP

James Palma is grateful for the help he received from the Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) that helped pay his mortgage. Mr. Palma, a lector at St. Peter Claver Parish in West Hartford, had made a career of assisting others. Then, in May of 2010, he lost his job.

“I had a great job with the U.S. Census Bureau, but it ended sooner than I had expected,” he said. When the job ended, he received unemployment benefits, but the money was just not enough to pay all of the household bills. That’s when he turned to his Pastor, Father James F. Leary, who sought help for him through the EAF.

It helps pay expenses of people like Mr. Palma who find themselves in financial emergencies. It is administered at the parish level and is funded entirely by the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

Applying for aid was awkward. “I have been very involved with our church and often opportunities come up to volunteer, participate, and to contribute funds to various programs. But I never thought I’d be in the position of needing help,” he said.

As difficult as it was to ask for and accept financial help with his mortgage payments, Mr. Palma said he is happy that the program exists.

“I’m thrilled a portion of Appeal funds contributed are available for parishioners who probably don’t think they would qualify because they are just not used to being in that position,” he said. “But it’s very helpful to know that the Catholic Church has such a program for those who are struggling.”

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The Emergency Assistance Fund (EAF) provides basic human needs to parishioners in desperate situations—food, clothing, shelter and help with utilities are just a few examples. James Palma (pictured above with his pastor, Fr. James Leary of St. Peter Claver in West Hartford) received mortgage assistance. The EAF provides a direct line of assistance from pastor and parishes to parishioners.

MARIE VITARELLI: GRATEFUL VOLUNTEER

Waterbury nurse Marie Vitarelli can’t say enough good things about Malta House of Care, which offers free primary medical care to uninsured people in the greater Hartford and Waterbury areas. Malta House, which is supported by the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, has two vans staffed by dedicated drivers, clerical personnel, doctors and other volunteers, including nurses like Mrs. Vitarelli.

Mrs. Vitarelli and her husband, Ronald, are avid supporters of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal, and it was through the Appeal that she first heard of the Hartford Malta House van. At that time, she was working as a nurse consultant for the State of Connecticut and was close enough to the Hartford van to walk over and get a first-hand look at the staff and the grateful recipients of their services.

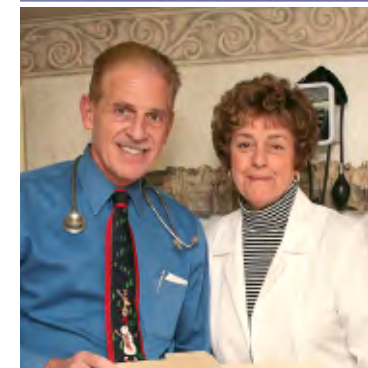
“It made me wish that there was a van in the greater Waterbury area to meet that need,” Mrs. Vitarelli said. Then she learned that her wish came true when it was announced that a Malta van was coming to Waterbury.

“I was very excited and immediately said I wanted to volunteer!” And that is exactly what the now-retired nurse has been doing every Tuesday.

“I consider this to be my Tuesday job, that’s how committed I am to it,” Mrs. Vitarelli said. “The doctors who staff the van are very caring. People come to the van from all walks of life. And they are all treated with dignity.”

Many are unemployed or have jobs that do not provide medical benefits. Others have low-paying jobs but above the poverty line, making them ineligible for most state assistance programs. Malta House fills the gap for people who fall through the bureaucratic cracks.

“I am honored to be a volunteer,” she added.



Malta House of Care has provided free primary health care services to the uninsured in Hartford since 2006 and in Waterbury beginning in 2010. The Malta “care vans” are staffed by volunteer doctors, nurses, physician assistants and non-medical personnel. Pictured above: Dr. John Salerno and Marie Vitarelli, RN.

HEATHER BRAY: CATHOLIC SCHOOLS TUITION ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT

To Heather Bray, sending her son Devin to a Catholic school has always been very important. Her own schooling included St. Adalbert and Our Lady of the Angels schools in Enfield and St. Francis School of Nursing in Hartford.

For more than seven years, Heather was employed as a nurse manager at St. Francis' operating room and later at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs.

In 2007, her world collapsed around her.

"On my way to work one day, I lost my vision and movement. I was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis," she said. "I experienced a very rapid decline and never returned to work. It's a dramatic change of life," she continued. "I had to go on food stamps and disability and move in with my mother and father," she said.

Her 25 medicines cost over \$4,000 per month. She lost her car. She lost her house.

But Devin is going to a Catholic school. Sister JoAnn Lewko, then-principal of St. Bernard Catholic School in Enfield, told her about the Tuition Assistance Program, a benefit financed by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Devin, now in fourth grade at St. Bernard's, has been receiving tuition assistance every year from the Appeal.

Father John P. Melnick, Pastor of St. Bernard Parish, said that between 20 and 30 families receive tuition assistance to attend the school.

Father Melnick said, "Supporting the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps us understand the bigger picture. Not only do we need assistance locally but there are needs throughout the Archdiocese. The Appeal helps distribute the monies where they're needed most."



Heather Bray, son Devin and Fr. John Melnick, pastor at St. Bernard in Enfield. Hundreds of families like the Brays receive tuition assistance to attend Catholic schools in the Archdiocese made possible by contributions to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

EDUCATING AND GUIDING OUR CHILDREN AND ADULTS

Funding Catholic Education and Formation is multi-faceted. It includes financial assistance to families who need help meeting the cost of Catholic school tuition, as well as Archdiocesan school and religious education departments and programs, youth and young adult ministry, CYO Sports, scouting and many more. Gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal help contribute to the religious and spiritual formation and foundation of our children, young people and adults.



Archbishop Mansell hears a young girl's confession during the Youth Ministries' Catholic Youth Spectacular. The religious and spiritual formation of children, young people and adults are made possible in part by gifts to the Annual Appeal.

Gifts to the Annual Appeal help support:

- Catholic Elementary Schools
- Tuition Assistance
- Religious Education
 - Catechetical Leader Training
 - Sacramental Preparation
 - Catechesis for Hispanics
 - R.C.I.A.
 - Adult Education

SUPPORT FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal we reach out regardless of age or geographic location to help people in their own communities.

Begun in 1997, the Vicariate Outreach Program has provided local charities financial assistance to help in neighborhoods all across the Archdiocese. These funds help feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, and provide hope to the elderly, the sick, and families in our communities.

VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM— HARTFORD VICARIATE

“Selling Hope—Rising to the Challenge” Immaculate Conception Shelter, Hartford

Chicago native Fred Scott was 39 years old and living in Atlanta with no great prospects 10 years ago, when he was offered an incredible chance to earn good money and get free travel and lodging. The cleaning company he joined turned out to be a scam, and he found himself in East Hartford with no money to get back home.

Immaculate Conception Shelter came to the rescue.

The shelter was founded 30 years ago in the basement of Immaculate Conception Church, 560 Park St., Hartford, by then-pastor Father J. M. Donagher after he found a man frozen to death outside the church. The parish closed several years ago, but the shelter continued, and in 2009 it sheltered 476 individuals, some in its original location and others in scattered housing sites throughout Hartford.

Fred Lynn, executive director, said, “The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal is very important to Immaculate. It allows us to buy food and provide things that our grants typically won’t pay for. It’s always hard to get money to support causes like this. Immaculate’s very fortunate to have the support of both the Appeal and a number of Catholic parishes throughout the Archdiocese, which actually provide food for our guys on a regular basis.”

“We sell hope. That’s what we do,” he said, saying people who have been on the streets a long time are not used to having hope. “They’re successful at failure, and that’s what they’re used to. We expect more from them, and it’s amazing what happens when you expect more.”

He glanced at Fred Scott and then added: “They rise to the challenge.”



Providing hope and a fresh start is the goal of Immaculate Conception Shelter in Hartford. Fred Scott, pictured above with Fred Lynn, Executive Director, was rescued by Immaculate Conception Shelter 10 years ago and has been giving back since then. Parishes award local charities like Immaculate Conception Shelter grants which enables Catholics to live the gospel message by responding to the needs in their local communities.

VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM— NEW HAVEN VICARIATE

“Like We’re One Big Family” East Haven Food Pantry

One place feeling the pinch of the recession is the East Haven Food Pantry that provides a three-day emergency supply of food to residents in need.

According to Phyllis Laroche, coordinator of volunteers at the East Haven Food Pantry, demand for food is getting worse.

So to keep its shelves stocked, the Pantry relies upon food donations that come from individuals, churches, the Connecticut Food Bank, and food drives.

It also relies on much-needed monetary donations received from sources such as the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal. “It allows us to buy an awful lot of food,” said Mrs. Laroche.

Founded in 1985, the Pantry today serves 340 families—or more than 1,000 individuals—who receive 8,500 food items per month.

Reasons for need vary from a father who lost his job, to young mothers trying to feed their families, to seniors on limited income or after losing a spouse.

“People are happy we’re here,” said Mrs. Laroche. “Some are embarrassed to come, but we make them feel comfortable. We make everyone feel welcome. I have an 86-year-old woman who hands out the bread, and she talks to our clients like we’re one big family.”



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The staff at the East Haven Food Pantry: (l to r) Phyllis Laroche, Patty Jackson, Johanna Crisco, Susan Coletta, Eva Puleo, Charlene Ruotolo, Rose French, Dan Farquharson and Nancy Lemieux. The pantry feeds over 1,000 individuals a month and is supported by parishes and the Vicariate Outreach Program of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM— WATERBURY VICARIATE

“Recreation Activities—Not Home-Bound” LARC of Torrington

Since 1964, LARC Inc. has provided support systems for developmentally disabled individuals in Litchfield County, including residential, employment, transition and other programs. One valuable program is the recreation program, funded in part through the Vicariate Outreach Program of the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal.

Robin Pedone, recreation coordinator, said participating individuals can choose from a variety of available activities. “I have 38 people who participate in a weekly bowling outing at the local Sky Top Lanes (in Torrington),” she said. Other activities include bingo, “Friday night fun,” craft workshops, movies, and even overnight trips in southern New England.

Many of the individuals live in group homes supplied by LARC, but Julie Cavanaugh lives with her mother, Linda Cavanaugh, in Cornwall Bridge. She has taken part in many of LARC’s recreational activities for more than 10 years. “I just went to the Mashantucket Pequot Indian Museum,” she said. “I love going there.”

Mrs. Cavanaugh said, “Julie has a very active life, and LARC’s social enrichment program just enhances it even more. She also participates in Special Olympics and the Penguin Plunge.”

Mrs. Pedone said, “It’s nice that we have individuals from all different towns. Without the recreation program, a lot of the individuals would simply be home-bound. This way they can explore without their family, without staff, and be introduced to peers who like the same things they do.”

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The Vicariate Outreach Program (VOP) was begun 13 years ago to provide financial assistance to local community-based charities. More than 250 community charities shared nearly \$750,000 last year from gifts given to the Annual Appeal. Pictured above, Julie Cavanaugh, a participant in the LARC in Torrington recreation program and Robin Pedone, LARC Recreation Coordinator.

SUPPORT FOR SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL MINISTRIES AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS

A portion of the funds raised by the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal assists parishes and ministry teams in all regions and cultural areas of the Archdiocese.

- Engaged Couple Conference
- Parish Ministry Training and Certification
- Pro Life Activities
- Divorced & Separated Support Programs
- Bereavement Support Programs
- Office for People with Disabilities
- Hispanic Apostolate
- Office for Black Catholics
- Office for Devine Worship
- Office of Urban Affairs

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNICATIONS

The Archdiocese of Hartford faithfully communicates the Good News of Christ in print, and by way of radio and television. The Archbishop’s Annual Appeal helps fund these communication tools that deliver an inspirational message throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford.

The Catholic Transcript is the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Hartford, while the Office of Radio and Television produces programming of a distinctly Catholic and Christian perspective.

- The Catholic Transcript
- WJMJ Radio
- Office of Communications
- Office of Radio and TV



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SUPPORTING THOSE WHO SERVE OUR ARCHDIOCESE

Vital to our faith is the nurturing and education of men called to be priests and deacons who serve us in our parishes and ministries. Funds raised through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal provide resources used to assist in the education of our Seminarians, operate the Vocation Office, support our retired priests, and the formation and ongoing education of our deacons.

- Care of Retired Clergy
- Seminarian Programs
- Seminarian Education
- Vocation Office
- Diaconate Formation
- Permanent Diaconate Program
- Office for Religious

SUPPORT THE GOOD WORKS OF THE CHURCH

*We help not because they are Catholic—
but because we are!*

For many in our Archdiocese, living their faith means aiding the poor; feeding them in soup kitchens, or sheltering them in facilities for the homeless. Through Catholic Charities, St. Vincent DePaul Societies, and other similar ministries, gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal serve the poor and those most vulnerable by providing spiritual and material support. A gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help and creates hope.

- Catholic Charities
- Emergency Assistance Fund
- Malta House of Care Mobile Health Clinics
- St. Vincent DePaul Society—Bristol
- St. Vincent DePaul Society—Waterbury

MONSIGNOR JOHN D. REGAN: HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIRED PRIESTS

For the nearly 100 retired priests in the Archdiocese of Hartford, paying for health care can be a challenge. Many have serious health issues, for which Medicare and ordinary supplemental health insurance is inadequate. Priests who have given their lives serving God and their parishioners deserve better.

That's why the Archbishop's Annual Appeal paid about \$600,000 last year for supplemental health insurance for retired priests.

"I was greatly helped by the Appeal because I had several serious operations," said Msgr. John D. Regan, who retired in 2002 and lives in the Archbishop Daniel A. Cronin Residence for retired priests in Bloomfield.

Msgr. Regan had quadruple bypass surgery, prostate cancer surgery and the removal of a kidney. He was also hospitalized for Lyme disease. "Because of all of that, I really appreciate the health insurance that we have. It gives us peace of mind," he said.

Msgr. Regan knows that money donated to the Appeal comes from thousands of people served in parishes around the Archdiocese. "The people are fantastic to us in so many ways. The health plan is paid for by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, and the people are the ones who give to that. I'm very grateful for the health plan, and I'm very grateful to the people of the Archdiocese. Very grateful," he said.

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Rev. Msgr. John Regan, a retired priest from the Archdiocese of Hartford, receives supplemental health insurance provided by the Appeal gifts. During his priestly career, Msgr. Regan served as pastor of St. Bernard Parish in Sharon, St. Patrick in Collinsville and St. John of the Cross in Middlebury. He was also an assistant at several other parishes and principal of St. James School in Manchester. Msgr. Regan knows that many gifts for the Appeal come from some of the thousands of people he served in those parishes over the years.

In 2011, more than \$1,000,000 is needed to provide for Seminarian education and programs, Vocations and Diaconate programs. Your gift to the Annual Appeal helps to continue to prepare our seminarians and deacons for service in parishes throughout the Archdiocese.

TITHING MESSAGE

Many Catholics grow in their faith through sharing their money. They practice “proportionate giving” which simply



means giving in proportion to what they have received. For some, perhaps this means increasing their level of giving by 1% each year based on their annual income.

In order to assist you in your consideration of a commitment to the Appeal, listed below are several gift plans. We understand that each individual or family has different financial obligations and abilities.

SUGGESTED GIVING LEVELS

Annual Income	1%	2%
\$500,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$4,000
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$2,000
\$80,000	\$800	\$1,600
\$60,000	\$600	\$1,200
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,000
\$40,000	\$400	\$800
\$30,000	\$300	\$600
\$20,000	\$200	\$400

*Remember this:
Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,
and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.*

2 Corinthians 9:6