



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As I reflect back on this year and I think about the gracious welcome I have received from all of you, my heart is full. Your generous spirit shines bright!

We created this Impact Report together to show you how your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) makes a difference. Through a global pandemic that deeply affected many parts of our own diocese, our work became even more vital. With your gift to the appeal, you made it possible to support:

- **Vocations:** 2 priests, 12 permanent and 2 transitional deacons were ordained while 12 seminarians continued their education.
- **Catholic Charities:** assisted over 10,000 clients with food, clothing and financial assistance and mobilized supplies to provide food boxes that fed more than 250 parishioners in rural areas.
- **Catechesis for Children:** hosted an online confirmation night for 120 students and hosted weekly online training for religious education teachers.
- **Campus Ministry:** hosted a virtual retreat for 80 college students to continue practicing their faith at home.
- **Hispanic Ministry:** continued a weekly formation class online for 60 people.

Last year, you were kind enough to make a generous gift or prayer for the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. *I am truly thankful for this wonderful blessing!* In the next few weeks you will receive information about the 2021 appeal. If you are able to make a gift in the same amount, I would be so grateful. However, if you are able to increase this amount, we will be able to accomplish much more for those in most need of our support. Your continued giving will touch the lives of so many people through programs and services funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal.

I wish you a very happy New Year. May we meet each day in our prayers and may we *Rejoice in the Lord Always!*

In Christ,

Most Reverend Stephen D. Parkes, D.D.
Bishop of Savannah



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Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal supports the following ministries and programs...

- Education of Seminarians, Office of Vocations and Permanent Diaconate
- Evangelization including Faith Formation, Campus Ministry, Family Life and Respect Life
- Rural Mission Churches
- Catholic Charities, Deanery Social Services and Family Advancement Ministries
- Catholic Education and Youth and Young Adult Ministry
- Black Catholic Ministry and Hispanic Ministry
- Diocesan Tithe

100% of your donations go to these areas of support. Every dollar, every year, every time.

The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal will be mailed in mid-January.

Visit www.diosav.org/aca for more information.



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2020

Annual Catholic Appeal

\$2,278,076
RAISED

\$354
AVERAGE GIFT

6,443
DONORS

25.8%
DIOCESAN
PARTICIPATION

35
PARISHES
AT GOAL

**as of November 5, 2020*

THE DIOCESE OF SAVANNAH

• Established 1850 •

78,347	55	21	37,038
CATHOLICS	CHURCHES	MISSIONS	SQUARE MILES
13	16	90	
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	SCHOOLS	COUNTIES	

Vocations

126 PRIESTS
100 ACTIVE and 26 RETIRED
12 SEMINARIANS
2 ORDINATIONS
105 DEACONS
85 PERMANENT and 20 FORMATION

Sacramental Life

318 WEDDINGS
1,563 BAPTISMS
1,597 FIRST COMMUNIONS
1,359 CONFIRMATIONS
325 RCIA PARTICIPANTS

THANK YOU TO THE CHURCHES AND MISSION PARISHES

who reached their 2020 goal!

Albany Deanery

St. Mary Church, Americus
St. Theresa Church, Cordele
St. Luke Church, Cuthbert
Church of the Incarnation, Donalsonville
St. Michael Church, Montezuma
St. Augustine Church, Thomasville

Augusta Deanery

St. Joseph Church, Augusta
St. Joan of Arc Church, Louisville
Sacred Heart Church, Waynesboro

Columbus Deanery

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Columbus
St. Anne Church, Columbus

Macon Deanery

St. Patrick Church, Kathleen
St. Joseph Church, Macon
St. Peter Claver Church, Macon
St. William Church, Sandersville

Savannah Deanery

Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Savannah
St. Benedict the Moor Church, Savannah
St. James Church, Savannah
St. Peter the Apostle Church, Savannah
St. Boniface Church, Springfield
St. Michael Church, Tybee Island

Statesboro Deanery

St. Jude Church, Glenville
Holy Cross Church, Pembroke
St. Andrew Church, Reidsville
Sacred Heart Church, Vidalia

Valdosta-Brunswick Deanery

St. Francis Xavier Church, Brunswick
St. Paul Church, Douglas
St. William Church, Fitzgerald
St. Francis of Assisi Church, Folkston
Good Shepherd Church, Hazlehurst
San Jose Mission, Lake Park
St. Anthony of Padua Church, Ray City
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, St. Marys
St. William Church, St. Simons Island
Holy Family Church, Willacoochee

Your Gift Matters

2 bus tickets for Catholics to attend the March for Life in Washington DC **\$150**

2 scholarships are provided to support FOCCUS facilitator training in English and Spanish to all priests and deacons **\$250**

10 bibles in Spanish for a mission parish **\$400**

20 middle school students attend the Diocesan Youth Conference **\$500**

2 Rachel's Vineyard Retreats are conducted for those struggling to heal after an abortion **\$600**

157 households receive groceries provided by Catholic Charities **\$750**

10 young adults represent Black Ministry at the National Youth Conference **\$1,000**

40 people assisted with medical prescriptions through Catholic Charities **\$1,500**

1 student receives 50% scholarship to attend a Catholic elementary school for 1 year **\$2,500**

2 churches are able to provide RCIA for new Catholics **\$3,000**

40 Campus Ministry student leaders attend a Leadership Formation Retreat **\$5,000**

9 Chaplains receive Evangelical Catholic to expand Campus Ministry **\$7,500**

2 students receive 50% scholarship to attend a Catholic high school for 1 year **\$10,000**

Diocesan Vocation Summer Camp for 140 boys and girls **\$20,000**

**Churches at goal as of November 5, 2020*

