



the
CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts



MERCY IN MOTION

A YEAR IN REVIEW

YEAR OF MERCY

“
Mercy is the
compassionate,
personal, tender,
eternal, forgiving
love of God.”

—Cardinal Dolan



We do not realize just how many lives are affected by our mission and ministries over the course of a year and as a Church family we have much to celebrate here in the Archdiocese of New York: Parishes, schools, and religious education programs are vibrant; People are eager to study and practice our Catholic faith; Most importantly, we are blessed with dedicated men and women who through the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* tirelessly and generously support our mission and ministry to help those in need.

Over the last year, there has been a renewed spirit of joy throughout our ten counties. The warm and generous welcome extended to Pope Francis last fall accurately reflects the spirit of the Church in New York. During his brief stay with us, Pope Francis witnessed the faith, enthusiasm, and commitment of Catholic New Yorkers everywhere he went. We are strong, open, and committed to serving the Lord and our neighbors. Across our ten counties, employees and volunteers work together to demonstrate our Catholic faith in action, in parishes, schools, catechetical programs, Saint Joseph's Seminary, and through a myriad of charitable activities. You will find the generous gifts to the *Cardinal's Appeal* were in action throughout 2015, all made possible through the generosity of people like you!

2016 AREAS OF SUPPORT



- **\$6 million**
Mission and Evangelization
- **\$4.5 million**
Support for Needy Parishes
- **\$3 million**
Department of Education and Religious Education
- **\$2.5 million**
Works of Charity
- **\$2 million**
Retired Priests and Religious
- **\$2 million**
Preparing the Clergy

\$6m

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SUPPORT FOR NEEDED PARISHES



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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



\$2.5m

WORKS OF CHARITY



\$2m

RETIRED PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS



\$2m

PREPARING THE CLERGY



“
To change the
world, we must be
good to those who
cannot repay us.”

—Pope Francis

SACRIFICE AT ANY AGE

One Sunday after Mass, during *Cardinal's Appeal* Commitment Weekend, a young boy quietly walked up to Father Blenkle of St. Mary, Mother Church Parish in Dutchess County, handing him a jar filled with coins and a bag of apples. The young child shyly said that he “wanted to give to people in need.”

Fr. Blenkle was so moved by the child's kindness and faith. He wanted to share this child's thoughtful sacrifice: instead of buying candy or treats he wanted to share his gifts with his Church. When the youngster was later asked why he chose to give his jar of coins and bag of apples to the Church he responded, “I wanted to help them. It was the money I earned helping my family. I gave the apples in case they were hungry.”





DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Catholics of all ages and all stages of faith formation can explore the opportunities for ongoing religious education available throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

In over **295** parishes and other locations, parish directors and coordinators of Religious Education, along with over **7,500** catechists, are handing on the faith to over **100,000** children, adolescents, adults, families and persons of all ages with special needs.

DID YOU KNOW ?

7 Regional Catechetical Offices assist parishes all over the archdiocese with curriculum for over 9,000 RCIA candidates each year.

MERCY AT ALL AGES

This past October in the spirit of the *Year of Mercy*, Cardinal Dolan visited SUNY New Paltz for an evening discussion on Pope Francis’ worldwide call to Catholics to accept and share God’s Mercy. With the assistance of the University Apostolate (funded by the *Appeal*), 150 young adults from Marist College, Mount St. Mary College, Rockland Community College, Vassar College and SUNY New Paltz gathered to learn more about enriching their personal relationship with God and others.

DID YOU KNOW ?

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Harlem welcomed a new member to our church family.

91 year old parishioner, Daisy Jefferson completed the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 15th.

SUPPORT FOR NEEDED PARISHES

2015 BY THE NUMBERS:

\$6,000,000
Appeal funds given to struggling Manhattan, Bronx and Staten Island Parishes

20
 Parishes assisted in Orange, Westchester, Yonkers and Rockland

85
 Needy Parishes throughout the Archdiocese

\$360,000
 Assistance received in Dutchess, Sullivan and Ulster Counties



WORKS OF CHARITY

400,000

PEOPLE IN NEED SERVED WITH THE HELP OF THE *APPEAL* AND CATHOLIC CHARITIES THROUGHOUT THE TEN COUNTIES.

150

IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES WERE BLESSED BY POPE FRANCIS DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 2015 VISIT.

1,008

PAIRS OF SHOES WERE COLLECTED FOR THE NEEDY BY THE CHILDREN OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL (KINGSTON).

PREPARING THE CLERGY

14

NEW PRIESTS ORDAINED BY CARDINAL DOLAN IN MAY 2016.

NINE WILL BE PLACED THROUGHOUT THE ARCHDIOCESE, WHILE THE REMAINING FIVE ARE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL.

DID YOU KNOW



This was the largest class Cardinal Dolan ordained as Archbishop of New York.

Newly ordained Archdiocesan priests will be required to speak at least two languages: Spanish, Haitian Creole, Mandarin or Polish!

DID YOU KNOW



The John Cardinal O'Connor Residence for retired priests is located in the Bronx. The clergy residence is currently home to 34 retired priests.

With a need for more space to care for retired priests, when completed, the new Egan Pavilion will be able to house 43 additional priests.

RETIRED PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS

The St. John Vianney Center for retired priests is a true community of brothers and friends. Mary Lynch, the director and her staff work tirelessly to ensure that the priests are comfortable and feel at home.

Thanks to the generosity of *Cardinal's Appeal* supporters, we are able to care for our priests who cared for us through journey of faith.





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This was not only my first year in the newly configured Parish of Immaculate Conception & Assumption of Our Lady Parish but also my first attempt at hitting the goal of the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. The Parish has substantially exceeded our goal and I have been amazed! The success is largely due to the generosity of our parishioners, the success of the in-pew appeal, and the helpful efforts of Deacon Viola, Mr. James Celestino—one of our trustees—and our rectory staff. I also found my coordinated work with the staff at the *Appeal Office* was productive and effective. Bravo for a job well done!

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—Fr. Anthony Sorgie,
Immaculate Conception & Assumption of Our Lady Parish

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