What God has prepared for those who love Him.

Our Catholic Appeal
The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida
My Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

What God has prepared for those who love Him! The mystery of God is His plan for the salvation of His people, for you and me! This mystery is revealed to us through Jesus Christ and His journey to the Cross. Jesus’ power is the tenderness of His very heart which gives life to us. God does not act like the powerful of the earth. He humbles Himself to welcome each one of us in our human frailty, our own uncertainty. God is close to us like a loving father, a caring mother, a shepherd who loves his sheep, a person merciful to the stranger. God seeks us always to be in a relationship with Him . . . a relationship of love because God is love.

I ask you to consider this relationship; this beautiful gift bestowed upon us in Baptism, a seed placed upon our soul, that we might love each other as God loves us. That love, blossoming forth, yields the ministries supported by you, who choose to participate, through Our Catholic Appeal.

The financial support you offer forms our seminarians who become priests and pastors of your parishes; it celebrates the religious sisters whose ministries quench the thirst within us; it journeys with men who are ordained deacons to serve our parish communities and those who are ‘outside the walls’ to bring them the gift of God’s love. Each gift you give provides for the training of our teachers and catechists so they are prepared to assist you with the spiritual growth of your children.

The smallest amount is your offering to God to evangelize His people and help us to trust in God that we might live. The homeless, the hungry, the forsaken are blessed by our offering to God.

My sisters and brothers in Christ, we are called to be the source of peace, hope and love within all of human society, renewing our world in Christ and collaborating with Christ to transform His people into the kingdom of God. This kingdom was revealed as present in the person and actions of Jesus Christ. This kingdom is ours to also fulfill with God through the ministries supported by Our Catholic Appeal which invite Him into our daily living. Please support Our Catholic Appeal. May we come to know what God has prepared for us who love Him!

The Lord be with you and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Most Reverend John Noonan
Bishop of Orlando

1 Corinthians 2:9,10

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.
2020 Allocations

22% Leadership & Parish Life
Vocations & Seminarian Education, Clergy Formation, Permanent Diaconate, Bishop's Office, Liturgy, Liturgical Music, Consecrated Life, Tribunal, Ministry to Senior Priests, Ministry to International Priests

14% Discipleship & Stewardship
Parish, School and Diocesan Development Services

13% Education
Catholic Schools, Mission Office/Sister Diocese of San Juan de la Maguana, San Pedro Spiritual Development Center

13% Human Dignity & Solidarity
Bishop Grady Villas, Catholic Charities of Central Florida, Farmworkers Ministry, Tourism Ministry

10% Ecclesiastical Properties
Cemeteries, Design & Construction, Facilities Management, Real Estate, Security

8% Laity, Family & Life
Children's Ministry, Family Ministry, Catholic Campus Ministry, Multicultural Ministry, Youth Ministry, Adult Ministry, Mission Integration

7% Financial Services
Finance, Information Technology, Parish Shared Accounting Services, Printing & Distribution, Risk Management

5% Human Resources
Parish, School and Diocesan Human Resources, Victim Assistance, Safe Environment Certification

4% State & National Outreach
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops, Southeast Pastoral Institute

4% Communications
Archivist, Communications, Florida Catholic Newspaper, Faith Fit App

2020 Appeal Goal $15,450,000
Your Gift

Building God’s Kingdom
200 parish and school construction, design and maintenance projects

Answering the Call
19 seminarians and 240 permanent deacons

Serving Those in Need
Over 4,000 provided health care

Students from St. Joseph Catholic School in Winter Haven formed a Human Rosary during May Crowning
Forming Disciples of Christ
46,000 adults, youth and children in faith formation with 6,200 catechists

Sanctifying with Grace
Almost 16,000 adults, youth and children experiencing one or more Sacraments (not including Reconciliation)

Educating and Deepening Faith
14,300 Catholic school students

Your Gift Supports...

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ORACIÓN PARA NUESTRO LLAMADO CATÓLICO

Oh Señor,

te alabamos por los muchos dones que nos das cada día; desde el momento en que éramos una presencia en el vientre de nuestra madre hasta la salida llena de gracia del sol, hasta la bendición del Sacramento, hasta la noche que nos trae el descanso.

Ayúdanos a crecer en nuestra fe viva. Guíanos para servir como líderes para promover la santidad.

Llévanos a compartirnos desinteresadamente en todas las cosas en un espíritu de amor por Ti.

En el banquete Eucarístico, Te entregaste por completo a nosotros.

Nos entregamos a Ti, oh Señor, con gratitud, sabiendo que nada se compara al regalo de la Cruz que nos trae la resurrección.

~Amén

Stewarding Resources for Parishes and Schools

More than 17,000 parish and school staff, council, committee and board members received training and participated in workshops
OUR CATHOLIC APPEAL PRAYER:

O Lord,

we praise You for the many gifts You give us each day; from the moment we were a presence in our mother’s womb to the grace-filled rise of the sun, to the blessing of Sacrament, to the night which ushers us rest.

Help us to grow in our living faith. Guide us to serve as leaders to bring about holiness. Bring us to share ourselves selflessly in all things in a spirit of love of You.

In the Eucharistic banquet, You give Yourself completely and entirely to us. We give You our return, O Lord, with gratitude knowing there is no measure to the gift of the Cross which brings us resurrection.

~Amen

Addressing Food Insecurity with Harmonized Ministries
More than 86,000 people were provided fresh and healthy food through mission markets and mobile food pantries
Our giving societies honor our generous and faithful Catholic leaders

Corpus Christi Society
“Body of Christ”
$10,000 + annual gift

Spes Christi Society
“Hope of Christ”
$5,000 to $9,999 annual gift

Lumen Christi Society
“Light of Christ”
$2,500 to $4,999 annual gift

Fidelis Society
“The Faithful”
Any size gifts for 5 consecutive years

Not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.

All contributions from the smallest to the largest will be gratefully appreciated. Your decision is a personal one and should be made in good conscience and in true Christian spirit.

Ways to Give

Pledges via cash, check or credit/debit card
Online Giving at www.cfocf.org/oca/give
Gifts of stock or mutual funds
Gifts from a retirement account

Pledge payments may be made over a period of 10 months. Payment reminders will be mailed to you in accordance with the number of months you choose.

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