



# Annual Catholic Appeal 2019

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Each year Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Parish joins with the Diocese of Brooklyn to conduct the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and effects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods.

The goal of the *Annual Catholic Appeal* is to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

## WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE *Annual Catholic Appeal*?

The Lord calls us all to care for one another and the Church. It is up to us to foster faith and do good works in the ways we know how.

Those who are hungry, without shelter, without access to Catholic education, men discerning the priesthood and those who are ill and dying are just a few of the groups who depend upon our generosity to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Your gift to the Appeal is a response in love to serve our neighbors by funding the ministries of the Diocese of Brooklyn that cannot be supported by any one parish alone but benefit all parishes in our Diocese.

You can answer the call of Jesus who asks us to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick and imprisoned, honor our mother and father, celebrate the Eucharist and educate and make disciples of all nations through your donation to the *2019 Annual Catholic Appeal*.

## Why is my participation important?

Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Parish has always counted on the broad-based support of its parishioners to accomplish its fundraising objectives, particularly for the weekly offertory.

This appeal also needs that broad-based support. All households are asked to consider a gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* (over and above their continued annual support of the parish in the weekly collection) over the next ten (10) months.

## WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE *Annual Catholic Appeal* AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

**In the coming weeks, every family will be invited to participate in this appeal and prayerfully consider a pledge.**

Please join with us to respond to those in Brooklyn and Queens who are in need and support the important work of our Church through a pledge to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* today.

**Thank you and God bless you.**

## **How Will Our Parish Benefit?**

*The goal at Sacred Hearts and St. Stephen Parish is \$32,306*

**Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.**

Please remain assured that your gift to the *Annual Catholic Appeal* **cannot** be used in the settlement of abuse claims or for anything other than the intended purpose outlined in Appeal materials.

For questions regarding the *Annual Catholic Appeal*, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office

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