

2024 Catholic Appeal

Every day, ministries supported by the Catholic Appeal are at work in our parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. Now more than ever, these ministries are working to support those in need throughout our Archdiocese.

This grid was created to help you understand how the Appeal serves your parish.

How the Appeal Works	How the Appeal Helps this Ministry
Helping Parishes Thrive	<p>Each and every parish has a team of experts available to help with audits, legal questions, risk management, human resources, real estate, IT, finance / accounting and so much more. For example, a parish receives Human Resources support from recruiting, screening and onboarding, to evaluation, staff development, ongoing training, and benefits programs. Parish IT and finance/accounting help is available through support and training of business managers. The Real Estate office facilitates the hiring of all appraisers, realtors, and counsel, when needed and oversees lease agreements for rental properties.</p> <p>Providing these resources to parishes allows a pastor to focus more of his attention on ministering to his parishioners.</p>
Preparing our Deacons	<p>The Appeal supports the permanent diaconate ministry by offering information and guidance to men considering entering the diaconal program and provides ongoing support for all deacons and their wives. Currently, there are over 200 active deacons serving in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Boston.</p>
Serving those Struggling with Addiction Recovery.	<p>The Addiction Recovery Pastoral Support Services provides referral, community education, opioid prevention training programs, outreach and spiritual guidance for those families touched by addiction. Community info sessions and bereavement services are available to parishes throughout the Archdiocese. www.aarpss.org</p>
Care for the Sick	<p>The Catholic Appeal funds the training of parish nurses through our Faith Community Nursing Program. This is a nursing practice specialty that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit, the promotion of an integrative model of health, and the prevention and minimization of illness within the context of a faith community.</p> <p>The Appeal supports the Health Care Ministry, providing training, information, support, and referral for hospital chaplains and pastoral visitors to the sick.</p>
Supporting our Catholic Schools	<p>The Catholic Schools Office is supported by the Catholic Appeal provides leadership, curricula, and management to 99 schools serving 31,000 students every year. The Catholic Schools Office provides professional development, curriculum, and support training to over 3,000 teachers and administrators. www.csoboston.org</p>

Walking with Women	The Appeal supports three Pregnancy Help centers (Brighton, Brockton, and Natick), which assist more than 100 women every month with a wide range of supportive services and prenatal care including: assistance with health insurance, housing & social service referrals, education and career information, classes on pregnancy & baby care. All services are free, confidential, and available in English, Spanish and Portuguese. The Pregnancy Help Office offers support for parents who have a disability or have an unborn child with a disability. Trained and caring nurses as well as trilingual caseworkers work with mothers through a difficult pregnancy, and continue to work with mothers post-partum and beyond. Project Rachel offers post-abortion healing retreats, support groups, helpline assistance and referrals to specially trained priests and counselors.
Faith Formation for our Youth	There are an estimated 90,000 children and youth engaged in parish faith formation throughout the Archdiocese. 7,500 individuals serve parishes in faith formation as catechists. Parish faith formation efforts (religious education, youth ministry, RCIA, adult education, etc.) are led by an estimated 500 catechetical leaders. The Faith Formation ministry leads and supports catechetical leaders serving students at all grade levels. Bilingual programs, those serving students with special learning needs, and those serving the hearing impaired are also offered.
Guiding Adult Faith Formation	Adult faith programs, retreats, and spiritual direction are supported by the Appeal. Serving more than 7,000 Catholics each year, Appeal support helps to keep participant costs low. The Vocations Office is fully supported by the Appeal, helping those interested in exploring ordained or religious life.
Reaching out to Young Adults	Campus Ministry at colleges and universities is crucial in keeping young adult Catholics close to their faith. The Archdiocese of Boston currently supports campus ministry programs in twenty-six local colleges. Through programs, training, and staff support, the Appeal serves more than 2,000 college students. The Catholic Appeal provides support to the Lifeteen program, World Youth Day, Discipleship Week, Steubenville East and many other programs that educate and engage our youth.
Serving the Forgotten	The Appeal supports chaplaincy outreach to 24 correctional and pre-release facilities.
Improving Access	Ministry with Persons with Disabilities offers education and training/workshops to parishes, seminaries and families on disability issues and awareness. Resources are also available to assist parishes to improve access for people with disabilities to the sacramental, liturgical, catechetical, and social areas of Church life.
Building Stronger Families	The Family Life Ministry is there at pivotal times in our lives. <i>Transformed in Love</i> , prepares engaged couples to build a solid foundation for their sacred and lifelong union. In 2022, over 800 couples joined a workshop virtually, in-person or in Spanish. Marriage Enrichment and Support helps couples maintain a healthy and enriching relationship. Natural Family Planning and Baptism preparation resources are available for parishes. Date night, Annual Anniversary Mass and Marriage Enrichment programs help to celebrate and support married couples. For couples having difficulty, support groups, webinars and resources are available for struggling, as well as divorced or separated Catholics.

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