



FAITH IN ACTION TODAY

2021 Annual Appeal



My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With a global pandemic, devastated economy, national unrest, and political anger, it is easy to look back on the past year with anxiety and grief, and to see uncertainty and unease in our future. But our hope is not in the events of this world – rather, it rests in Christ, our true source of comfort and joy.

Locally, our Church is suffering. Many parishioners have been unable to attend Mass for months. Others have lost jobs and livelihoods, or seen loved ones suffer illness. But together, as a Diocese, we have still come together to support ministries that serve the poor, the jobless, the lonely, and the sick – due in great part to the generosity you have demonstrated in giving to our Annual Appeal.

I humbly ask that you consider a donation to our Faith in Action Appeal – every single contribution, no matter how small, has a great impact! Our parishes and programs continue to serve their local communities through food programs, counseling, and other emergency services. Our priests offer the Mass and other sacraments in person where they can, or digitally when needed. Many members of our religious communities are on the front lines, work-

ing in health care or hospital ministry. And much of this is possible thanks to the generous contributions of you, our donors.

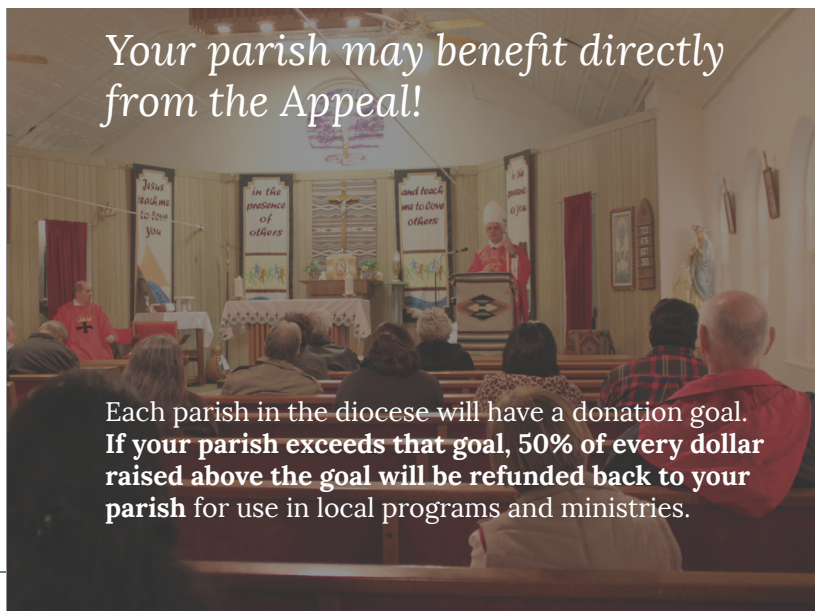
While many of you may not be able to financially contribute to our Appeal, I ask all of you to pray – how often we underestimate the power of prayer! Pray for our nation, for those who are sick, for those who suffering, and for the people of our diocese, that they find peace and hope through Christ.

We must never lose hope – not even when our entire nation is suffering. As Pope Francis says in his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*:

“The brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled pandemic [has] forced us to recover our concern for human beings, for everyone, rather than for the benefit of a few.”

In Christ,

+ James S. Wall
Bishop of the Diocese of Gallup



Your parish may benefit directly from the Appeal!

Each parish in the diocese will have a donation goal. **If your parish exceeds that goal, 50% of every dollar raised above the goal will be refunded back to your parish** for use in local programs and ministries.

You can now give online! It's a secure, easy way to make an online pledge, track current and past giving, and see where your donation is being put to use.



TO GIVE ONLINE:
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Questions about the Faith in Action Appeal? Get in touch anytime:

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Where does my contribution go?

PROGRAM FUNDED	AMOUNT
Support for Clergy, Religious and the Poor	
Priests' Retirement Fund	\$20,000
Clergy Health Insurance	\$10,500
Catholic Charities	\$37,000
Support for Schools and Education	
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Page AZ School programs and supplies	\$5,000
St. Joseph School, San Fidel NM Operating Expenses	\$6,500
Sacred Heart School, Farmington NM School computers	\$1,892
St. Teresa of Avila, Grants NM Help with operating costs	\$6,500
St. Francis School, Lumberton NM New Furnaces	\$6,500
Support for Parishes and Buildings	
Our Lady of the Desert Monastery Funding for new guest rooms	\$6,500
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Kayenta AZ Propane to heat church in winter	\$1,000
San Rafael, San Rafael NM Repairs to church hall	\$6,500
St. Teresa of Avila, Grants NM Community Center roof repair	\$6,500
Santo Niño, Aragon NM Propane to heat church in winter	\$2,734
St. Catherine, Cibecue AZ Repairs and maintenance	\$532
St. Francis, Whiteriver AZ Repairs and maintenance	\$1,434
St. John the Evangelist, Houck AZ Operating expenses	\$3000
<p>After funding these programs, \$375,000 remained from the Appeal to cover other expenses such as clergy salaries, safe environment training, and parish support and emergency services.</p> <p>\$0 goes to bankruptcy debts or outside groups. 100% of Appeal donations are used for ministries and programs in our diocese.</p>	



How does the Appeal help?

\$1 Can buy toothpaste and socks for a care package for the homeless at Catholic Charities

\$10 Will cover 5 meals for a family to take home from a food bank

\$35 Pays for a week's tuition for one student at a rural school. It costs St. Francis of Assisi School in Lumberton, NM \$4000/year to education one student, but families are only charged \$1400/year in tuition so that they will be able to afford a Catholic education for their children.

\$100 Heats a rural church in winter for one month. Just to keep 3 churches in Catron County open in the winter so that the priest can say Mass and administer sacraments, propane costs around \$315/month.

\$950 Covers one month's health insurance for one priest. Our priests give so much of themselves in service to Christ and the Catholics in their care, and funding their healthcare is a priority and a necessity.

\$4000 Educates one seminarian for one month. Cost of yearly tuition, healthcare and related expenses for our future priests averages out to about \$45,000 - \$50,000 per year.