

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Leader Guide and Liturgical Aid

**Jesus is
Alive!**

The Annual Catholic Appeal runs from October thru the end of November. How you decide to promote the campaign will depend on your Parish or Mission. In the past we have asked for a grand kickoff followed by 6 weeks of reminders and encouragement to your Parishioners. I think the most important thing we can do during this campaign is focus on the theme and how each Parishioner has a responsibility to demonstrate their belief: Jesus is Alive!

Studies have shown that the initial “ask” is critical for a successful campaign. I would encourage each Parish to make it a meaningful and personal request. Our goal is always 100% participation...no gift is too small! You can do that by sharing stories of our ministries, the lives changed because of the support received and by demonstrating fiscal responsibility.

1. Stories you have heard or experienced with the different ministries are the main reason folks give...people want to know what their donations will accomplish. It's all very good to list the ministries but if you can pick a few and share their impact in our communities and the world, it will touch their hearts and they will be more inclined to offer support. Please feel free to reach out if you need ideas.
2. Challenge your Parishioners! Now is the time to ask them what is important to them and their families. What role does the Church play in their lives? How are they personally continuing the teachings of Christ? (ex. may be small such as, how many of you run thru a Starbucks a couple times a week? Would you consider giving up one trip a week to provide dinner for a Seminarian?) Remind them that every ministry the Church runs is changing lives and bringing people to Christ.
3. Please feel free to assure your parishioners every dime of their monies is used for the designated ministries. We are continually embracing ways to save money with this campaign as well as other areas of stewardship. (ex. Such as no outside banners, driving folks to online giving to save manpower, streamlined printing)

Important Dates

October 8 & 9 ACA Kickoff Weekend

October 11-15 ACA packets arrive in registered households

ACA weekends

October 15 & 16 October 22 & 23 October 29 & 30

November 5 & 6 November 12 & 13 November 19 & 20

Kickoff weekend

Please make sure Posters are displayed and in-pew envelopes are available. Bulletin should contain announcement for ACA.

Week One

Consider having a “social” after Mass with coffee & donuts.

Have savvy folks available to assist with online giving. Change is hard and some folks might resist using the online platform, anything we can do to ease them into it will benefit everyone. It is much more secure for the Parishioner and saves us so much time/money in not having to mail out statements or process checks

You might consider having Bishop’s message playing on a tv or laptop for folks to view. This would also be a great “story time” opportunity. Share more stories about your experiences with the different ministries. Take advantage of folks willing to share their stories as well. (Teens to talk about CYC, youth to share stories about Legendary Lodge)

The QR Business cards are easy to hand out during the social time. Young people especially like being able to simply scan and donate.

Weeks 2 thru 6

Thank folks that have already gifted. Encourage others to gift today. Continue to share impact of our ministries. Offer assistance for online giving. If you are comfortable, share progress to goal.

How the Parish Goals Are Set

Each year, the Diocesan Finance Council and other consultants advise the Bishop on a recommended Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) overall goal. Factors in deciding the new goal include ministry needs, parish growth, economic conditions, inflation and success in reaching the last ACA goal. Once the overall goal is established, individual parish goals are calculated.

A recommendation to keep the campaign goal at \$2,000,000 was approved. Recalculation of individual parish goals based on the three-year average of each parish's offertory was completed in August. See your parish's portion to be raised below.

Bozeman Deanery		Helena Deanery	
109 Holy Rosary, Bozeman	\$ 101,900.00	401 St. Helena Cathedral, Helena	\$ 172,000.00
150 Holy Family, Three Forks	\$ 13,500.00	402 St. Mary, Helena	\$ 92,700.00
158 Resurrection, Bozeman	\$ 70,900.00	427 SS. Cyril & Methodius, East Helena	\$ 65,800.00
162 Big Sky Mission, Big Sky	\$ 15,900.00	432 St. Joseph, Harlowton	\$ 11,000.00
163 Our Lady of the Pines, West Yellowstone	\$ 11,400.00	434 St. Thomas the Apostle, Helmville	\$ 4,900.00
165 St. John Vianney, Belgrade	\$ 49,700.00	451 Holy Cross, Townsend	\$ 20,700.00
Bozeman Deanery Total	\$ 263,300.00	455 St. Bartholomew, White Sulphur Springs	\$ 5,600.00
		460 Our Lady of the Valley, Helena	\$ 57,600.00
		470 St. Jude the Apostle, Lincoln	\$ 2,600.00
		Helena Deanery Total	\$ 432,900.00
Butte Deanery		Kalispell Deanery	
203 St. Theodore, Avon	\$ 3,400.00	503 Our Lady of Swan Valley, Condon	\$ 2,500.00
204 Anaconda Catholic Community	\$ 51,300.00	506 St. John Paul II, Bigfork	\$ 69,200.00
208 St. Catherine, Boulder	\$ 6,400.00	520 St. Richard, Columbia Falls	\$ 45,500.00
211 Butte Catholic Community North	\$ 62,000.00	528 Our Lady of Mercy, Eureka	\$ 14,800.00
213 St. Ann, Butte	\$ 66,000.00	535 St. Matthew, Kalispell	\$ 123,600.00
214 Butte Catholic Community Central	\$ 25,500.00	536 Risen Christ, Kalispell	\$ 46,800.00
219 Holy Spirit, Butte	\$ 32,000.00	537 St. Joseph, Libby	\$ 21,000.00
223 Immaculate Conception, Deer Lodge	\$ 27,700.00	542 St. James, Plains	\$ 10,300.00
224 St. Rose of Lima, Dillon	\$ 24,900.00	543 Immaculate Conception, Polson	\$ 29,400.00
236 Madison County Catholic Community	\$ 27,000.00	544 Sacred Heart, Ronan	\$ 10,100.00
254 St. Teresa of Avila, Whitehall	\$ 13,200.00	549 St. William, Thompson Falls	\$ 12,300.00
Butte Deanery Total	\$ 339,400.00	553 St. Charles Borromeo, Whitefish	\$ 53,700.00
		Kalispell Deanery Total	\$ 439,200.00
Conrad Deanery		Missoula Deanery	
310 Little Flower, Browning	\$ 13,700.00	605 Living Water, Seeley Lake	\$ 7,100.00
319 St. Joseph, Choteau	\$ 12,200.00	607 St. Ann, Bonner	\$ 11,200.00
321 St. Michael, Conrad	\$ 15,500.00	625 Flint Creek Catholic Community	\$ 10,300.00
322 St. Margaret, Cut Bank	\$ 11,800.00	630 St. John the Baptist, Frenchtown	\$ 21,600.00
326 St. William, Dutton	\$ 7,900.00	631 St. Francis of Assisi, Hamilton	\$ 62,200.00
329 St. John the Evangelist, Fairfield	\$ 9,900.00	638 Christ the King, Missoula	\$ 66,400.00
333 St. Anne, Heart Butte	\$ 1,000.00	639 St. Anthony, Missoula	\$ 50,700.00
346 St. William, Shelby	\$ 12,300.00	640 St. Francis Xavier, Missoula	\$ 102,200.00
348 St. Thomas Aquinas, Sunburst	\$ 5,000.00	645 St. Ignatius Mission	\$ 20,500.00
352 St. Francis, Valier	\$ 10,300.00	647 St. Mary, Stevensville	\$ 27,700.00
Conrad Deanery Total	\$ 99,600.00	661 Blessed Trinity Missoula	\$ 38,000.00
		669 Spirit of Christ, Lolo	\$ 7,700.00
		Missoula Deanery Total	\$ 425,600.00

ACA 2022 Parish Secretary Duties and Responsibilities

What's new? In an effort to make this process less cumbersome we have some changes. It is no longer necessary to capture gifts at the Parish level nor to track participants.

Have the small bulletin announcements included in the Sunday bulletins. They can be used from October 1/2 until the end of December. These small bulletin announcements are available

on the diocesan website. Please use announcements and/or small bulletin inserts during the campaign phase from October through December.

1. Work with your pastor to organize altar announcements for use at Mass, MyParish App or Flocknote messages.
2. Work with your pastor to select general intercessions to be used at Mass.

Guidelines for Processing Returned Envelopes and Money

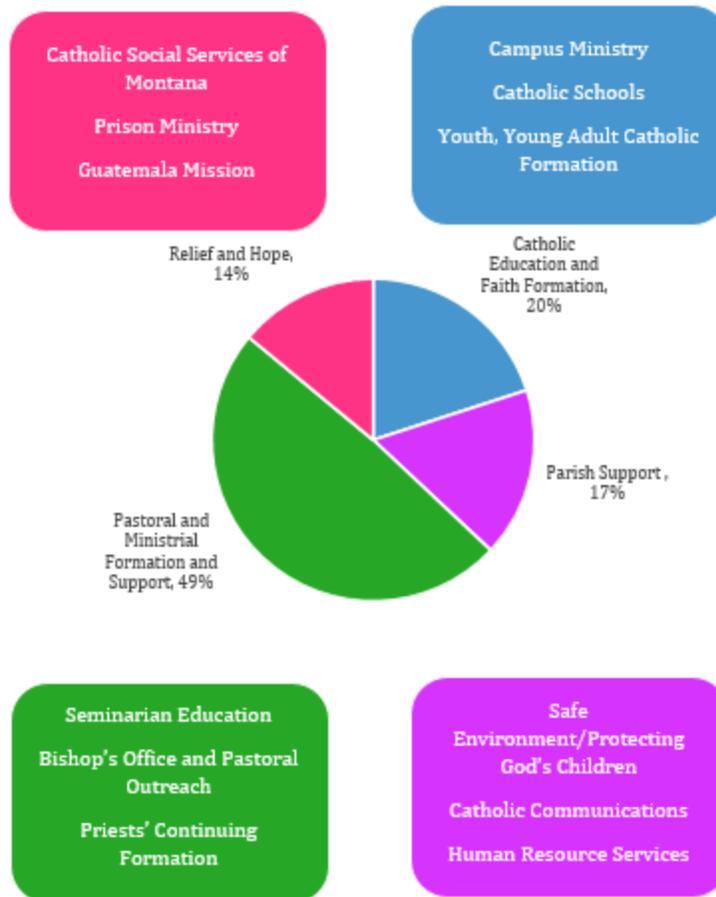
Please use the following procedure when the envelopes are included with the parish offertory. Note the envelopes contain a hole so as to determine if the gift is cash, check or other.

1. If the envelope contains **CASH**: Mark on each envelope the amount of cash taken out. **Do not remove the prayer intention card.** Deposit the cash in the parish account and write a parish check for the total cash receipts. Make sure the parish check and envelopes from which the cash was taken are clipped together. **Please do not send cash in the mail.**
2. If the envelope contains a check or recurring gift via ach/debit, no need to open it just place in return envelope to be opened at the Diocese.
3. Complete the return address portion of the label on your return envelope. Put all envelopes and your cash report into the return envelope and mail.

Note: DO NOT cut envelopes or tear off flaps or backs. Constituents sometimes write information there. Call us whenever you have a question. We are happy to help. 1-800-584-8914. Sharon (406-389-7062) or Julie (406-389-7060).

Ministries and Services ACA 2022 ALLOCATIONS

Each dollar that you contribute assists in the ministries such as:



*Detailed financial information can be found on our website.

ACA Messaging

KICK-OFF WEEKEND – October 8 and 9

This weekend the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022 begins in our parish and throughout the Diocese of Helena. Please join all Catholics in the Diocese in sharing your blessings and bringing us closer to being Christ's hands, feet and heart in the world. Please support the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022.

Together we care for all that has been entrusted to us by God.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC FORMATION SERVICES

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022 helps the Diocesan Office of Catholic Formation to train and equip parish and school catechetical leaders. ACA 2022 also promotes the availability of Journey and helps provide for the development of solid educational programming and support services, plus adult enrichment opportunities.

Faith Formation Inspires Devotion

SUPPORT CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022, the Diocese of Helena will continue to spread the Good News of our faith. The Diocesan Newsletter will continue to reach all parish affiliated families while diocesan websites, www.diocesehelena.org, www.dohyouth.org, and www.legendarylodge.org will continue to provide connections to the ministries of the diocese. National Catholic radio programming extends our ability to communicate, both within and beyond our diocese.

SUPPORT THOSE IN MOST NEED

The situation of poverty in rural Guatemala diminishes access to education and medical care for many indigenous people who live in the area of Guatemala's *Boca Costa* served by the Helena Mission. At Santiago de La Asunción School, a Jesuit-sponsored group, Fe y Alegria, is providing for direct education costs. At the same time, your contribution to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal provides a boarding opportunity for young people who live at a distance, as well as building maintenance and other administrative costs. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal also allows the Clinica Maxeña to provide for all who come seeking medical attention, including those who cannot afford the minimal consultation fee (about \$5), and to assist with costs for those who need specialized care (such as cancer treatment) at a Guatemala City or other regional medical facility. We are grateful for your financial support, which translates into medical and educational services that begin to improve the lives of the indigenous people living in the Mission area. Please keep the work of the Guatemala Mission in your prayers.

Loving Our Neighbors in Guatemala.

YOUR GIFT BENEFITS THOSE WHO SERVE

Our gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal 2022 support programs that help train the men and women whose service complements the work of our priests, deacons and sisters. Please be generous.

Serving as True Believers in God's Love

Formation for our Seminarians and Continuing Formation for our Priests

Our sacrificial gifts to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal help provide appropriate theological education and formation for our seminarians as well as continuing education/formation opportunities for our priests. Our prayers and generous contributions to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal are in response to our belief in God's call for us to be His disciples of peace, justice, faith, hope and charity. Our priests teach us about Discipleship and journey with us as we discern our calling to prayer, ministry and sacrifice.

Let us nurture vocations, sharing our gifts in service and gratitude.

SENIOR STATUS PRIESTS RECEIVE CARE

Your generous gift to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal assists to provide our senior priests with a secure retirement, including adequate health insurance, prescriptions, dental and vision care. Additionally, our contributions help assure that all the priests who serve in faith, with hope and through love will be appropriately cared for as they move into their senior status years (retirement).

Give in gratitude for our senior priests who have been chosen to live a life of ordained service.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:

Building a Culture of Life and Family across Montana

Funded in part by the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholic Social Services provides confidential counseling throughout our state for expectant parents who need assistance to become new parents to their baby. Additional services include adoption placement, post-adoption support, Rachael's Hope (post abortion help), Youth Mentoring and supportive aid to birthmothers. Please help provide for these critical services.

Let us share what we have in gratitude for the gifts of life and family.

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ASSISTING OUR PARISHES AND MISSIONS

The 2022 ACA provides Human Resource Services and direction for Safe Environment/Protecting God's Children. Telecommunications and technology support benefits our 57 parishes and 38 missions.

PROTECTING ALL WE HOLD DEAR THROUGH FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY

For use on weekend of January 14 and 15:

Broad Participation Brings Success

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, Catholics of the Diocese of Helena pool their financial resources and together help the men, women, children and families of our communities, our diocese and our world. Next week, many who have not yet made a gift to ACA 2022 will receive a third request from Bishop Vetter asking for participation. Please help in this important work of our Church. May God bless you for your generosity.

Support ACA 2022 ~

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Congratulations!

Over _____ families and individuals are supporting ACA 2022, responding to God's invitation to participate in works of love and mercy in our Diocese. Together we've raised over \$ _____ for the many important ministries and services supported through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Celebrating the works of love and mercy made possible by our gifts.

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