

A Note of Appreciation from Bishop Cote

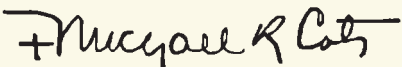
My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, I share my deepest appreciation with you for all you have done to support our 2020 ACA. As we all have experienced, 2020 has been a year like no other and despite all the challenges we each have faced, you, our faithful have sacrificed in so many ways to allow our ministries to do the work of Christ. Whether it be providing meals, food, basic needs, comfort for our sick, spiritual guidance, education or celebration of the sacraments, together, our Church has worked hard to overcome the impediments presented by this pandemic.

We do not know what 2021 will bring, but we can be confident that, through prayer and deed, we will confront the unknown together. Keeping our hearts centered on Christ and remembering as we all do, Jesus's command to love one another as I have loved you, we will continue to uplift one another both spiritually and physically.

As you contemplate your gift to the 2021 ACA, *One Faith, One Family*, please pray for the people who will benefit from your kindness. Please pray for me as well, as I do for each of you, as members of my family of faith. May God continue to bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Michael R. Cote, D.D.
Bishop of Norwich



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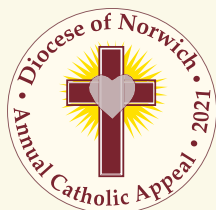
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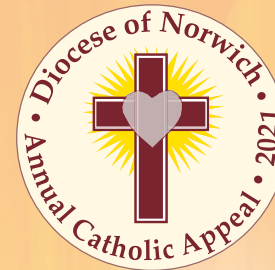
*Donors contributing \$1000 or more
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All gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.



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One Faith One Family



2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Your Generosity at Work...

Education/Spiritual Formation



Adapting to COVID19 protocols, our ministries involved in educating people of all ages continue to provide much needed connection and support during this difficult period. Whether it be a participant in an online spiritual life/faith events program, a seminarian or a young student, they each greatly benefit from expanding their knowledge and strengthening their relationship with our Lord.

Social Services



With so many people facing unemployment or reduced pay, more families than ever turn to our social services ministries for aid. Offering essentials such as food, clothing, utility assistance and help finding housing, our ministries answer the call of Jesus to love one another. As a lifeline for many, the care provided by our ministries is truly transformative.

Compassionate Care



During the pandemic, the effect of illness profoundly impacts the ill and their families. Our ministries care for both the patient and family, offering spiritual support, compassion and practical aid. Through the love of Jesus, we work to combat the isolation felt by many. We are also grateful to those in our community serving us as medical personnel and first responders.

Outreach



The love of Jesus binds us to one another no more greatly than during a pandemic. Our outreach ministries provide life changing support, guidance and renewal of faith within our diocese as well as Haiti. We strengthen our faith as we continue to recognize that we are truly one family though our members are from near and far.

So Grateful

For Your 2020 Support!

"St. Vincent has been my lifeline through all of this. It's been one thing after another getting me down, but St. Vincent's food and support keeps picking me up." *St. Vincent de Paul client*

"During these difficult times due to the pandemic, with so many people facing their own challenges, we truly appreciate your contributions to the ACA and our education. It is truly through your prayers and support that future priests are being formed for the glory of God and His church!" *Seminarian*

"There is absolutely no way that I would have been able to put enough food on the table and diapers on my baby during this terribly difficult COVID, if not for the help of Catholic Charities. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to the Annual Catholic Appeal." *Catholic Charities client*

"The Office of Faith Events has made me feel connected during this pandemic. Their frequent uplifting videos, emails and meditations during this period have meant so much to me and helped me to keep Jesus close to my heart during this very difficult time. I am so grateful that the Annual Catholic Appeal helps these programs to continue." *Faith Events online participant*

"Watching Mass online has kept me sane during this pandemic. I have needed the comfort of Jesus 24/7 and thank God for our priests." *Parishioner, St. Andrew Parish*

ACA Supported Ministries and Programs

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| Catholic Charities | Hispanic Ministry |
| Campus Ministry | Ministry to the Sick/ Hospital Chaplaincy |
| Diocesan School Office | Outreach to Haiti |
| Communications | Priest Retirement |
| Development Office | Prison Ministry |
| Diaconate Program | Pro Life |
| Office of Faith Events | Office for Safe Environments |
| Faith Formation/RCIA | Spiritual Renewal Services |
| Youth/Young Adult Ministry | St. Joseph Living Center |
| Partnership on Disability Ministry | St. Vincent de Paul Place, Norwich |
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