



## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Peace and all good things!

As you know, the entire U.S. Church is in the first year of a three-year Eucharistic Revival to renew our Catholic belief in the real Presence of Jesus—body, blood, soul and divinity—and integrate our identity as Catholics around the Eucharist.

For this reason, the theme of this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal is "Do this in memory of me." These words of Scripture that the priest repeats at every Mass are not only a command for us to celebrate the Eucharist, but also a commission to serve.

When Jesus says, "do this," he commands action. In other words: We not only are Christians, but we must also act like Christians. Of course, both are important—the loving communion we have with Christ, and what we do because of that love. Our identity and our ministry are always intertwined. For all of us Catholics, the spiritual fuel to do this work is the same: the Eucharist.

During our annual appeal, I am asking for financial support so that we can continue the work of Christ throughout our archdiocese. But I am far more interested in where that gift comes from: a heart nourished by the Eucharist and eager to do the work of God. As a spiritual father, I would like to challenge you to let the Spirit lead you into deeper service in your parish and in the world.

I am deeply grateful for the more than 1 million Catholics who make the Archdiocese of Atlanta one of the most vibrant dioceses in the country. I thank you, our Church thanks you, the Lord thanks you. Every time you serve, no matter how big or small the task, you kneel with the Lord, washing the feet of others. You are truly strengthened by the Eucharist, obeying his command to "do this in memory of me."

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer, OFM Conv.

## 2023 Allocations

<b>Education, Evangelization and Discipleship</b>	<b>\$2,500,000</b>
Under-Resourced School Support	\$600,000
Parish Pre-School Programs	\$50,000
Campus Ministry	\$750,000
Religious Education	\$400,000
Youth & Young Adult Ministry	\$200,000
Marriage & Family Ministry	\$250,000
Pastoral Care Ministry	\$250,000
<b>Ministerial</b>	<b>\$2,750,000</b>
Seminarian Education	\$1,600,000
Permanent Diaconate	\$400,000
Priest Support & Retirement Care	\$600,000
Priest Continuing Formation	\$150,000
<b>Pastoral Outreach</b>	<b>\$2,300,000</b>
Life, Dignity, Justice and Inclusion	
<i>Respect Life Ministry</i>	\$150,000
<i>Justice &amp; Peace Ministries</i>	\$150,000
<i>Disabilities Ministry</i>	\$125,000
<i>Intercultural Ministries</i>	\$300,000
<i>Child &amp; Youth Protection</i>	\$400,000
<i>Hospital Ministry</i>	\$100,000
<i>Prison &amp; Jail Ministry</i>	\$125,000
Metropolitan Tribunal	\$450,000
Parish & Mission Support	\$500,000
<b>Catholic Charities</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>
Self-sufficiency Programs	
<i>Skill Development Services</i>	\$150,000
<i>Education/Employment Services</i>	\$150,000
<i>Security and Well-Being Services</i>	\$100,000
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	<b>\$450,000</b>

### 2023 Goal: \$8,400,000

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"Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:12-13

# DO THIS in memory OF ME



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# “Do this in memory of me.” Commanded to Action

## Service in the name of the Body of Christ

The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is the main funding source for all of the ministerial, outreach, educational, formation and discipleship work of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. A donation to the appeal enables service to the Lord beyond what an individual parish can provide, supporting all of the faithful in North and Central Georgia.

### Walking with Moms in Need

“I want to help women make beautiful stories from hard places. I am passionate about helping moms be moms.”

— **Keri Ninness, parish ministry lead of Walking with Moms in Need**  
St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Marietta



Not only does Keri Ninness, parishioner of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Marietta and mom of five, fully live respect for life from conception to natural death, but as the local leader of her parish *Walking with Moms in Need* ministry, she enables others to make a tangible impact on the lives of families in their area. *Walking with Moms in Need*, a program of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is organized and supported in the Archdiocese of Atlanta by the Office of Life, Dignity, Justice and Inclusion, Respect Life Ministry, funded by your donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal allows us to serve families in a comprehensive and integrated manner, from diapers and baby showers to crisis intervention and emotional support, so that moms can be moms.

### Living as a Eucharistic People

“We want to equip and empower our Eucharistic Revival Missionaries to lead and accompany in their individual parishes. We want people to encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist - the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus.”

— **Monica Oppermann**  
Office of Evangelization and Discipleship



As a part of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival in the United States, the Archdiocese of Atlanta is inviting our North and Central Georgia community to a greater devotion to and understanding of the Real Presence in the Eucharist. Monica Oppermann, evangelization strategist with the Office of Evangelization and Discipleship, is a key member of the team implementing the local three-year plan. The plan promotes prayer and formation opportunities as well as archdiocesan-wide events, to grow a grassroots movement of revival. Starting with the formation of more than 100 Eucharistic Revival Missionaries, the goal is to equip and empower parish representatives to be catalysts in their communities.

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal fans the flames of the revival as our archdiocese seeks for all to personally encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

### Answering the Call

“The support of the people who gave for my seminary education echoes forever and ever. I learn and then give to others - formation does not end.”

— **Fr. Juan Carlos Villota Viteri, parochial vicar**  
Cathedral of Christ the King



Fr. Juan Carlos Villota was in his pastoral year of seminarian formation when the pandemic required new and creative ways to reach the people, spurring video content and Zoom calls. Ordained in 2022, Fr. Villota who is Colombian, continues to learn about priestly life in his role as vicar at Cathedral of Christ the King. Among the experiences that have impacted him as a priest have been the confessions. He shares that this is because God's love and mercy is always available to heal what we think cannot be forgiven.

Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal enables the education and formation of seminarians, ensuring that there is no shortage of well-formed, holy priests in our growing and thriving Catholic Church in North and Central Georgia.

## The People

### SERVED BY THE ARCHDIOCESE

Population of Central & North Georgia: **7,700,000**

**1,190,000** Catholics

**10,660** Catholic School Students

**24,981** Students Participating in Parish Religious Education Programs

## The Ministries

### EVANGELIZING THE ARCHDIOCESE

**93** Parishes    **10** Missions    **4** Pastoral Centers

**15** Archdiocesan Elementary Schools

**3** Archdiocesan High Schools

**6** Independent Catholic Schools

**9** College Campus Ministries for outreach and evangelization

## The Ministers

### OF THE GOSPEL IN CENTRAL & NORTH GEORGIA

**184** Diocesan Priests

**102** Religious Order Priests

**284** Permanent Deacons

**38** Seminarians

**108** Religious Women & Men