



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

We invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of “Together at the table.”

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at annualcatholicappeal.com.

A Tax-Savvy Way to Support the Annual Catholic Appeal

Our prayers, financial support, and direct involvement in the Church’s outreach in parishes, education, religious and ministerial formation, initiatives for justice, peace, and respect for life—all focus on the transformation God promises and our responsibility to collaborate with the Lord.

One way you can reclaim God’s promise and once again take up your responsibility is by making a direct gift of securities and mutual funds that have appreciated in value and have been held for more than one year.

When you donate appreciated securities or mutual funds to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you can reduce or even eliminate federal capital gains taxes on the transfer. You may also be entitled to a federal income tax charitable deduction based on the fair market value of the securities at the time of the transfer. For more information about donating stock or securities, please contact your financial advisor.

To make a stock donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit archchicago.org/stockgiftform and complete the electronic Letter of Intention form. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions for you to complete your gift. If you have any questions, please contact **Karen Whitehead, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.7461 or kwhitehead@archchicago.org.**