



This is In-Pew Weekend - 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all those in our Parish who have already made their commitment to the 2017 Annual Catholic Appeal. Today is “in pew” weekend during which all Parishioners who have yet to make their gift are asked to prayerfully consider making their gift or pledge to the Appeal. Support for the Appeal is a tangible way to place a share of our blessings at the service of others, especially those most in need.

And, while we must be mindful of the responsibility to support our Parish, we must also recognize that we are all partners in the greater Diocesan mission to serve the growing charitable, educational and pastoral needs of our people.

Your Gifts to the Appeal enables Catholic Charities to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable and needy people across Fairfield County, through 30+ programs that:

- Feed the Hungry and Homebound
- Shelter the Homeless
- Empower and Counsel those in Need
- Strengthen individuals and families in Need

Your gifts to the Appeal also help make it possible to:

- Award financial scholarships to 65% of students in the Catholic Academy of Bridgeport;
- Ensure that children and young adults had the opportunity to participate in religious education programs;
- Educate and train 26 men for ordination to priesthood in our Diocese;
- Educate and train 11 men for ordination to the Permanent Diaconate program;
- Care for 64 senior priests in their dignified retirement;
- Afford our youth with meaningful opportunities to mature as holy and active members of society through a wide range of faith-based programs;
- Respond to spiritual, educational and social needs of persons with disabilities through the St. Catherine Center for Special Needs.

At Mass this weekend, we ask for the support from those who have not yet made a pledge to the Annual Catholic Appeal that reflects your desire to share in the Lord’s special work across Fairfield County.

Please join the many faithful who have already participated and shared in this united parish effort by making your pledge today. Thank you!