

THE CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Follow the Money

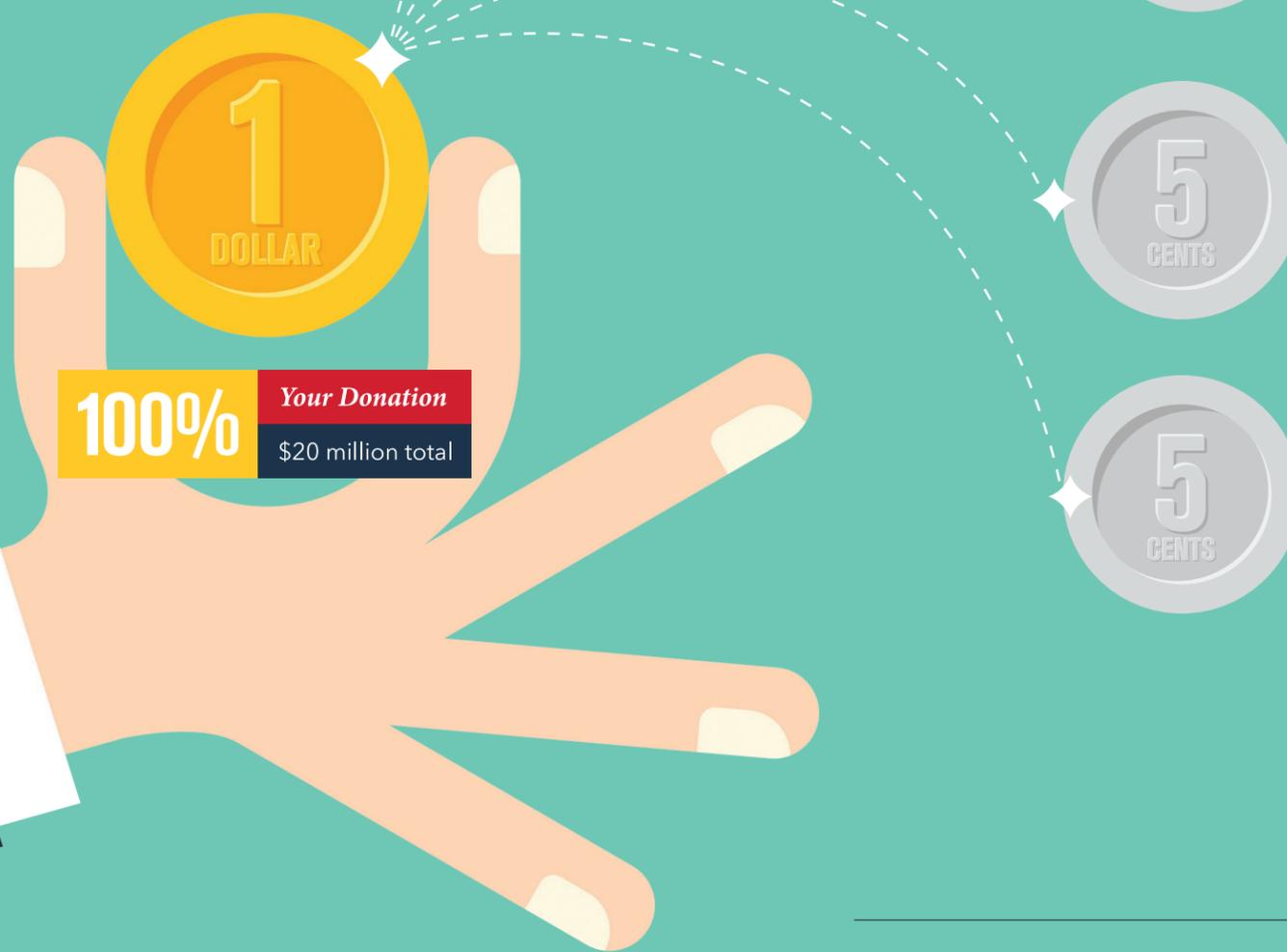
WHERE YOUR DONATION GOES

Every year, the envelopes appear in pews and pastors take a few minutes to explain the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. Each parish has a fundraising goal, and over the ensuing weeks, the parishioners receive updates at the end of mass about how much they have pledged toward the goal. As the weeks go by, the actual-donations figure edges closer to the goal, until – if all goes well – it meets or exceeds the target.

By the time the drive has ended, people remember the drive to reach the goal, but seem to have forgotten what the money they contributed is going to be used for. So *Archways* is bringing you a helpful graph to answer that question.

The short answer is that **all funds are returned to parishes either directly or indirectly**. In 2019, the campaign goal is \$20 million. An individual parish's goal may range from \$1,000 to \$455,500, based on the size and means of the parish. The amount of your own contribution is for you to prayerfully determine.

While the average gift is \$350, let's look at a hypothetical donation of \$1 and see where it goes.



50% *Assistance for Needy Parishes*
\$10 million total

Some parishes cannot raise enough through their collections to pay the bills and keep their ministries operational; others need help in an emergency. If a tree falls on the roof of your church, the fund can help. This portion of your contribution ensures a viable faith home to tens of thousands of Catholics.

30% *Pastoral and Administrative Assistance*
\$6 million total

This money helps parishes by training and/or providing funding for nearly 1,000 parish personnel; training and certifying religious education leaders; providing adult faith formation programming; and helping set up and run ministries for youth and young adults.

10% *Funding for Parish Schools*
\$2 million total

More than 120 parish schools provide an academically excellent, Christ-centered education to more than 30,000 students. Tuition payments cannot cover all costs.

5% *Formation of New Priests*
\$1 million total

All our parishes will at some point need knowledgeable and well-trained new priests. The appeal provides the funds that allow our 27 current seminarians to attend St. Joseph's Seminary and prepare to serve as our future pastors.

5% *A Home for Retired Parish Priests*
\$1 million total

Someday the priests who serve your parish are going to retire. This fund enables the archdiocese to provide them with a residence and long-term care, if needed, in the St. John Vianney Center.

0% *Administration of the Appeal*
\$0 total

That's right, no money collected for the appeal goes to administer the appeal; that is funded by other charitable sources.