

Because we are Catholic



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Why does the Diocese need to conduct the Annual Appeal?

Through the Annual Appeal, the Diocese provides funding for a wide range of services and ministries which are larger than any one parish could support. By coordinating efforts and pooling resources, the Diocese enables parishes and parishioners to serve thousands of children, adults, and families throughout Berks, Carbon, Lehigh, Northampton, and Schuylkill counties.

Are Annual Appeal Funds used to pay legal fees or settlements from the sexual abuse crisis?

No. The Annual Appeal does not fund legal fees or the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program for victims and survivors of abuse.

Why should I support the Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal?

Our Catholic family of faith in the Diocese of Allentown is committed to helping those in our community who are most in need. Your support of the Annual Appeal helps to ensure that you, your loved ones, your neighbors, and your co-workers have help when it is needed. Your gift is an outward sign of your faith in God and the work of His Church.

How does the Appeal support my parish?

During 2020, the Annual Appeal will provide more than \$400,000 for parish life programs including adult formation, marriage preparation, natural family planning, youth ministry, and outreach to our Hispanic community. Additionally, the Appeal will generate more than \$350,000 in incentive rebates for parishes that attract new supporters to the Because We Are Catholic Appeal.

How can I make a gift?

For your convenience, pledge forms are available at every parish. You can also make a gift by phone (1.800.831.4443) or online at www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org