

Archdiocese of New York

Announcement Weekend Materials

2022 Appeal



**Lord, to Whom
Shall We Go?**

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AW Script

January 15-16, 2022

This year's theme for the *Appeal* echoes the words of St. Peter: *to whom shall we go?* In these times of uncertainty, we should go to Christ, and Mary is the shortest way to Him. As St. Paul has told the Corinthians in the second reading, we are confident that, through Mary's intercession, the Spirit of God will provide us the gifts that we need to serve our brothers and sisters in need in these unpredictable times for the Church and the world.

Indeed, the Gospel of today reassures us that in situations of distress the first thing we should do as disciples of the Lord is to go to Mary, just as the hosts of the wedding of Cana did. Mary is the one carrying our concern to Jesus, even when he does not appear to be ready: "*Woman, my hour has not yet to come.*" This should fill us with great trust and confidence in God.

Everything that we have ultimately is a gift from God. All that we are asked to do is to return this gift as a form of gratitude for all we have received, so that the Church and its members (that is us) can fulfill the mission we have been entrusted.

Just as years prior, we are being asked, as Catholics of the Archdiocese of New York, to join together in participating in the 2022 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*.

The funds that together we will give to this year's *Appeal* will be used for the following needs in our archdiocese:

- (1) \$10MM Assistance for Financially Vulnerable Parishes
- (2) \$6MM Charitable Outreach and Pastoral Support
- (3) \$3MM Evangelization, Communications, and Catholic Education
- (4) \$1MM Formation of New Parish Priests
- (5) \$1MM Care for Retired Priests

Some of you already faithfully participate in the *Appeal* every year, and I am very grateful.

Those of you that did not participate last year or that have never participated, I ask you to please seriously consider this invitation. Our goal as a parish is for every family and parishioner to participate in this noble annual effort. Indeed, all Catholics in the archdiocese, from Staten Island, Manhattan, the Bronx, and all the seven northern counties are called to participate.

Our parish goal for the *Appeal* this year is \$_____. The overall goal for all parishes in the archdiocese combined is \$21,000,000. Last year, we were able to reach ___% of our parish goal. Please know that if all of us here today participate we would easily reach our goal this year.

You should have received a letter from our archbishop, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, with a pledge card to make your gift. Otherwise, you can grab an envelope from the back of the Church. My hope is that you respond to this letter and make your gift promptly so we can reach our goal by our Commitment Weekend next **March** _____.

When you pray over your gift, please consider doing your best, and **remember you don't have to pay your gift upfront but you can make a pledge today and pay it off in the coming 5 months.**

Please know your sacrifice will be blessed. I know that with Mary's intercession and her chaste spouse Joseph, we will respond to Our Lord's call to provide for those in need and sustain his Church's mission. Thank you all for your generous response.

January 22-23, 2022

Today we hear in the Gospel how Jesus began his ministry; how he was sent to heal us, save us from our sins, and show us the path to eternal life. The readings also remind us that through our baptism, we become part of Christ's mystical body. With Christ as the head, we are part of His church; one, holy, catholic, and apostolic. United as brothers and sisters in Christ, we share in each other's joys and sorrows.

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This year's theme for the *Appeal* echoes the words of St. Peter: to whom shall we go? In times of uncertainty, Christ is our rock and His Mother is our refuge. With Mary's help, we can respond generously during this critical time for the Church and the world.

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January 29-30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Lord speaks to us in many ways. Today's Gospel reminds us that sometimes, we fail to recognize Him and even ask Him to leave! Let us ask the Lord to help us see His face not only in the midst of joy and success, but also, in the midst of suffering, poverty, and failure. Indeed He remains with us all the time. We just need to listen, as we are children of a God who loves us more than we can ever imagine.

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Bulletin Messaging / Social Media Content

The 2022 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! At its core, the Appeal exists to fund the vast educational, charitable, and pastoral outreach of our archdiocese, all of which serve to make Christ known in the world. "Lord, to Whom shall we go?" is our theme for this year and Cardinal Dolan's episcopal motto. Learn more here: <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support>.

Pastor Email Content

Subject: Turn to Jesus

Dear [Name],

As we embark upon 2022, many of us likely carry in our hearts the same fears and concerns that we experienced just a month ago in 2021. My brothers and sisters in Christ, I encourage you to remain close to Jesus this year and to bring to Him all of your worries. In our moments of greatest uncertainty, we can always turn to the Lord and His Church!

Throughout the past two years, the Church has been able to serve hundreds of thousands of people who come to her for help. Whether it is someone calling the Respect Life Office for pregnancy support, or a homeless person seeking a hot meal, the Church is always poised and ready to receive the people who need her.

This is why your contribution to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* is so important. Your gift supports the vast charitable, pastoral, and educational outreach of the archdiocese, which you will be hearing more about at Mass this weekend and over the coming weeks.

I hope that we can count on you to make a contribution this year. I prayerfully ask you to consider as generous a gift as possible to support the work of the broader Church. Click [here](#) to hear Cardinal Dolan speak about this year's 2022 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*.

Thank you for all that you do in service of our Lord and for [PARISHNAME].

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Yours in Christ,
[Pastor Name]