Prayer

Lord God almighty, we humbly praise you, for you enlighten and inspire those who wish to be great to be of service to each other.

By your Son's great commandment, you inspire in us that love and charity, which are the first signs of your Reign of unity and peace among us.

Send forth your Spirit, we pray, upon the faithful of the Diocese of Raleigh as we embark on the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2023.

Enable us to remember that working together we fulfill your commandment of love and strengthen our resolve to manifest this love in acts of selflessness and compassion.

May the generosity expressed in this year's Appeal so foster those bonds of compassion and selflessness that all people might be raised up to a new hope in their lives.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.





Together we can serve our brothers and sisters across our diocese in a way that stems way beyond what any one parish could do individually.

Together we become one with Christ whenever we hear His Word and receive Him in Holy Communion.

Together we put our faith into practice by loving God above all things and our neighbors as we do ourselves.

Together we care for our youth and elderly, we feed the hungry, minister to the imprisoned, educate the next generation and provide hope and spiritual care.

We are **Stronger Together** thanks to the generosity of individuals like you who choose to give generously to the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L. Bishop of Raleigh



I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things.

Mother Teresa

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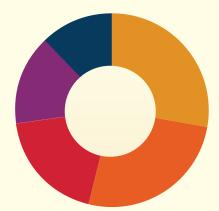
1 Strengthening Vocations:
During a priest ordination mass, the
Bishop puts his hands on the heads of
those to be ordained. This tradition has
its roots in an ancient text and allows the
Holy Spirit to be conferred upon those to
be ordained.

Once a year the office of
Evangelization and Discipleship hosts
a Migrants Worker Event to show
appreciation, provide an opportunity to
encounter fellowship, and demonstrate
the presence of the Catholic Church in
North Carolina and its willingness to serve
migrant workers, through Mass, a spiritual
reflection, medical clinic, toiletries donated
from parishes, free haircuts, meals,
sports, games, and prizes.

Strengthening our Youth:
Catholic Campus Ministry students
from NC State spend time with Bishop
Zarama openly conversing about joy,
difficult choices, and college life. Bishop
Luis encouraged those present to take the
time to build a relationship with Jesus, just
as they take time to study and prepare for
social events in their lives.

How your gift will be used

Overall BAA Goal **7.345 Million**



Strengthening:

The Vulnerable 28%
Our Faith 26%
Our Youth 19%
Vocations 15%
HIS Presence 12%

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Strengthen the Vulnerable

- Catholic Charities
- Office of Child & Youth Protection
- Legal Counsel

26%

Strengthen our Faith

- Office of Worship
- Office of Liturgy & Music
- Tribunal
- Catholic Center Building & Grounds
- AAMEN & NAC Ministries
- Parish Assistance
- Office of Evangelization & Discipleship
- Marriage & Family

19%

Strengthen our Youth

- Office of Catholic Schools
- Faith Formation
- Catholic Schools Grants
- Campus Ministry

15%

Strengthen Vocations

- Office of Vocations
- Candidates & Seminarians
- Continuing Education for Clergy
- Office of the Permanent Diaconate
- Priestly & Religious Life

12%

Strengthen HIS Presence

- Office of Communications
- NC Catholic Magazine
- Information Technology

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