

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.



Stronger TOGETHER

2023



Message from Bishop Luis Zarama

“ **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. ”

+ Luis R Zarama

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Bishop of Raleigh

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

Mother Teresa



Photo of Mother Teresa: (CNS file photo/Joanne Keane)



your generosity **AT WORK**

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.

2 Strengthening our faith:

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.

3 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%

28%

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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