



The Catholic Charities Appeal 2026



Give
with
Love

“Your every act should be done with love.”

— 1 Corinthians 16:14



Parish Team Guide

Catholic Charities Appeal

Statistics

The Catholic Charities Appeal funds more than 30 charitable ministries throughout southern and central Alabama. The largest percentage of the appeal goes to meet social service needs in the Archdiocese. **Last year tens of thousands of people received food, clothing, shelter, home repairs, life sustaining prescriptions and other assistance.** Counseling, adoption services, and respect life programs are also funded by Catholic Charities. The annual Catholic Charities Appeal also funds services for the aging and disabled, children whose parents are incarcerated, as well as scholarships for underprivileged students in our Catholic High Schools. College Campus ministry, Hispanic ministry and Stella Maris, the apostleship of the sea, are also supported. The Offices of Religious Education and Youth Ministry also receive funding from the Catholic Charities Appeal.

- This is our 95th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.
- Founded in 1931 by the late Archbishop Thomas J. Toolen
- 2026 Appeal Goal: \$4.8 million
- In 2025 Donors Pledged: \$5.4 million
- Basic Pledge requested is \$672 per year → \$56 per month for 12 months
- Registered Catholic households in the archdiocese: 24,000
- 7,300 Households pledged to the 2025 Catholic Charities Appeal
- The combined administrative and fund raising expenses are less than 6% of contributions
- All gifts are used to help 50,000+ individuals in the 28 counties in the southern half of Alabama
- A greater number of non-Catholics benefit from Catholic Charities
- Because we are Catholic, we help all who are in need
- Volunteers provide the majority of the workforce in the ministries we support
- Funds more than 30 ministries; including:

SOCIAL SERVICES

Catholic Social Services

- Adoption Services
- Child Placement
- Counseling Services
- Direct aid to the Poor
- Emergency Assistance
- Family Counseling
- Food Pantries
- Home Repair
- Thrift Stores

Edmundite Missions in Selma

Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy

St. Joseph, Holy Trinity Food Bank

AGING & DISABLED

- Deaf Ministry
- Disabled Apostolate
- Hospital Ministry
- Little Sisters of the Poor
- Mass for the Homebound

MISSION PARISH ASSISTANCE

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & YOUTH MINISTRY

- Campus Ministry
- Family Life
- FOCUS
- Office of Catholic Schools
- Religious Education
- Tuition Assistance
- Youth Ministry

CRISIS PREGNANCY SERVICES

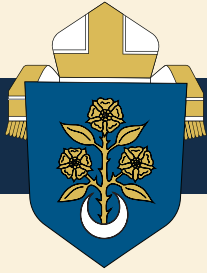
- 2B, Mobile
- Cope, Montgomery
- Mary's Haven, Prattville
- To Be, Robertsedale
- WEPS, Enterprise

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

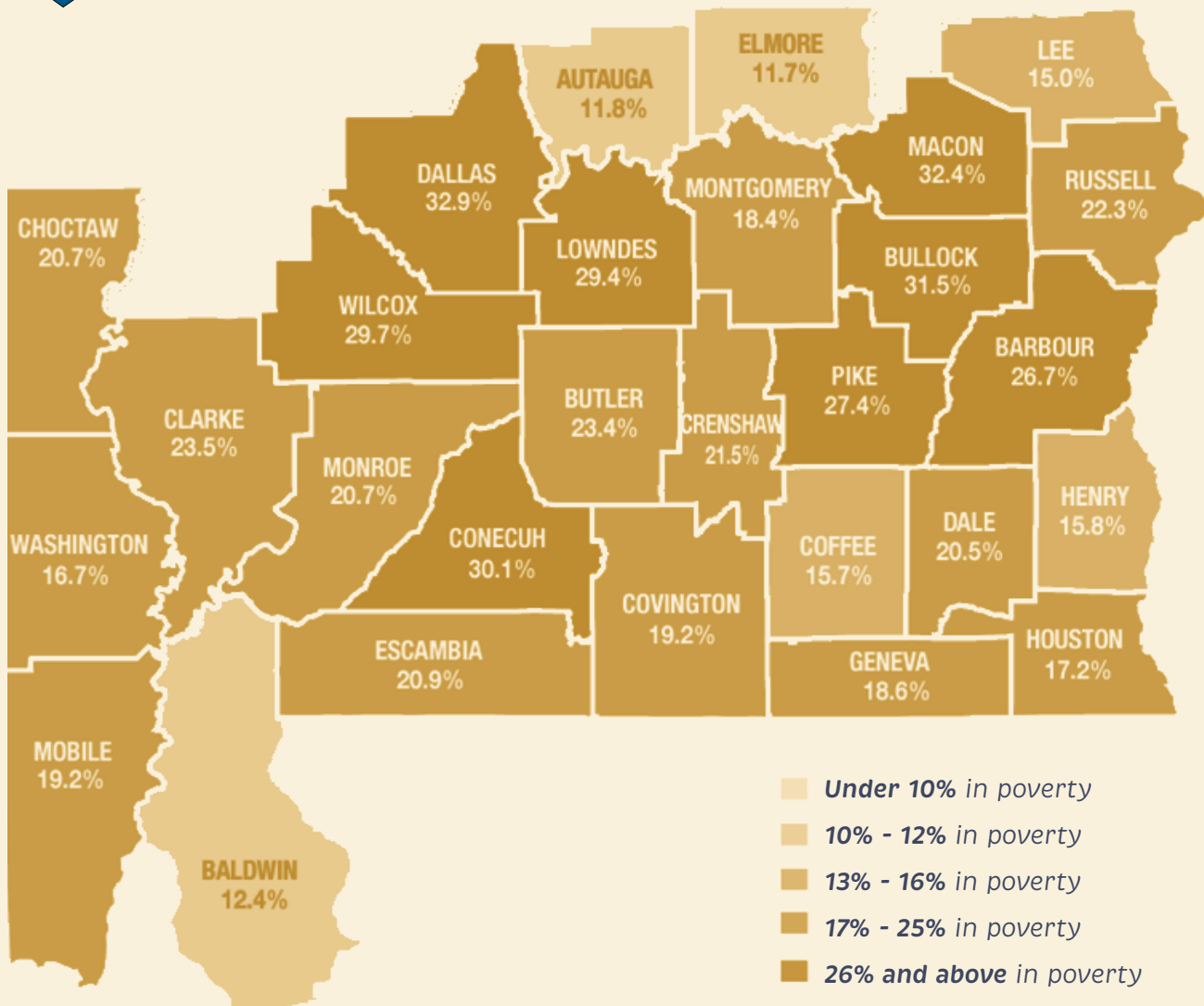
- Archangel Radio
- Hispanic Ministries
- Stella Maris Maritime Ministries
- Metropolitan Tribunal
- Prison Ministry

Why do we need Catholic Charities Appeal?

Alabama is the nations 7th poorest state.



Archdiocese of Mobile



Poverty Thresholds by Family Size


1 PERSON
\$14,880


2 PEOPLE
\$18,900


3 PEOPLE
\$23,280


4 PEOPLE
\$29,950

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Thank you to all the volunteers for all your hard work! Because of your dedication, Catholic Charities funds ministries that help thousands in our community. May God bless you and your loved ones.

Step-by Step Guide

To a successful Catholic Charities Appeal in your parish

Step 1

ATTEND ONE OF THE CCA TRAINING DINNER MEETINGS

6:00 PM Meet/Greet Archbishop Rivotuso & Dinner/Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Monday, November 17, 2025 – St. Lawrence, Fairhope

Tuesday, November 18, 2025 – St. Ignatius, Mobile

Wednesday, November 19, 2025 – St. Peter, Montgomery

Thursday, November 20, 2025 – St. Columba, Dothan

Step 2

RECRUIT A COMMITTEE OF VOLUNTEERS (~1 VOLUNTEER FOR EVERY 50 HOUSEHOLDS)

Enough volunteers to help with the following tasks:

- Assist with weekly sorting and tallying of pledges received
- Follow up with parishioners who have not yet pledged via:
 - Phone calls
 - Personal Visits
- Help stuff 2nd Mailing from the pastor to parishioners who have not yet pledged. Labels are provided for this mailing.

Step 3

BOX OF CAMPAIGN MATERIALS & POSTERS WILL BE DELIVERED

Directly to your parish on January 5th or 6th:

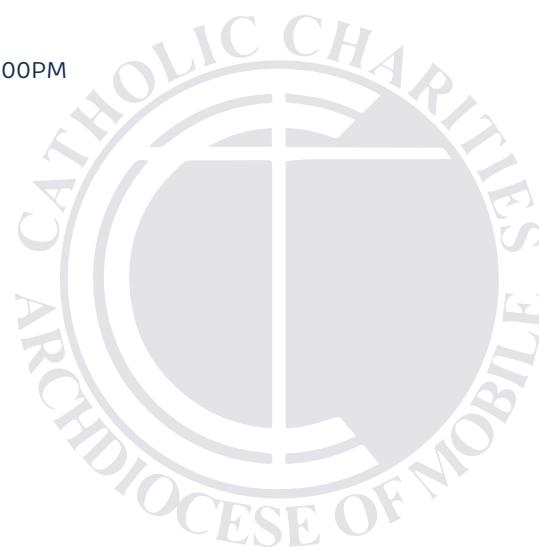
Step 4

FOLLOW THE CCA SCHEDULE ON PAGES 7-9

Step 5

AS GIFTS COME IN:

- **Process** pledge envelopes received
- **Report** results online Sunday (Jan 25, Feb 1 & Feb 8) by 7:00PM
- **Mail** gifts received weekly
- **Follow up! Follow up! Follow up!**



Campaign Materials will be Delivered

Your box will be delivered directly to your parish by January 6th.

STEP 3

WHAT IS IN YOUR BOX?

A FOLDER

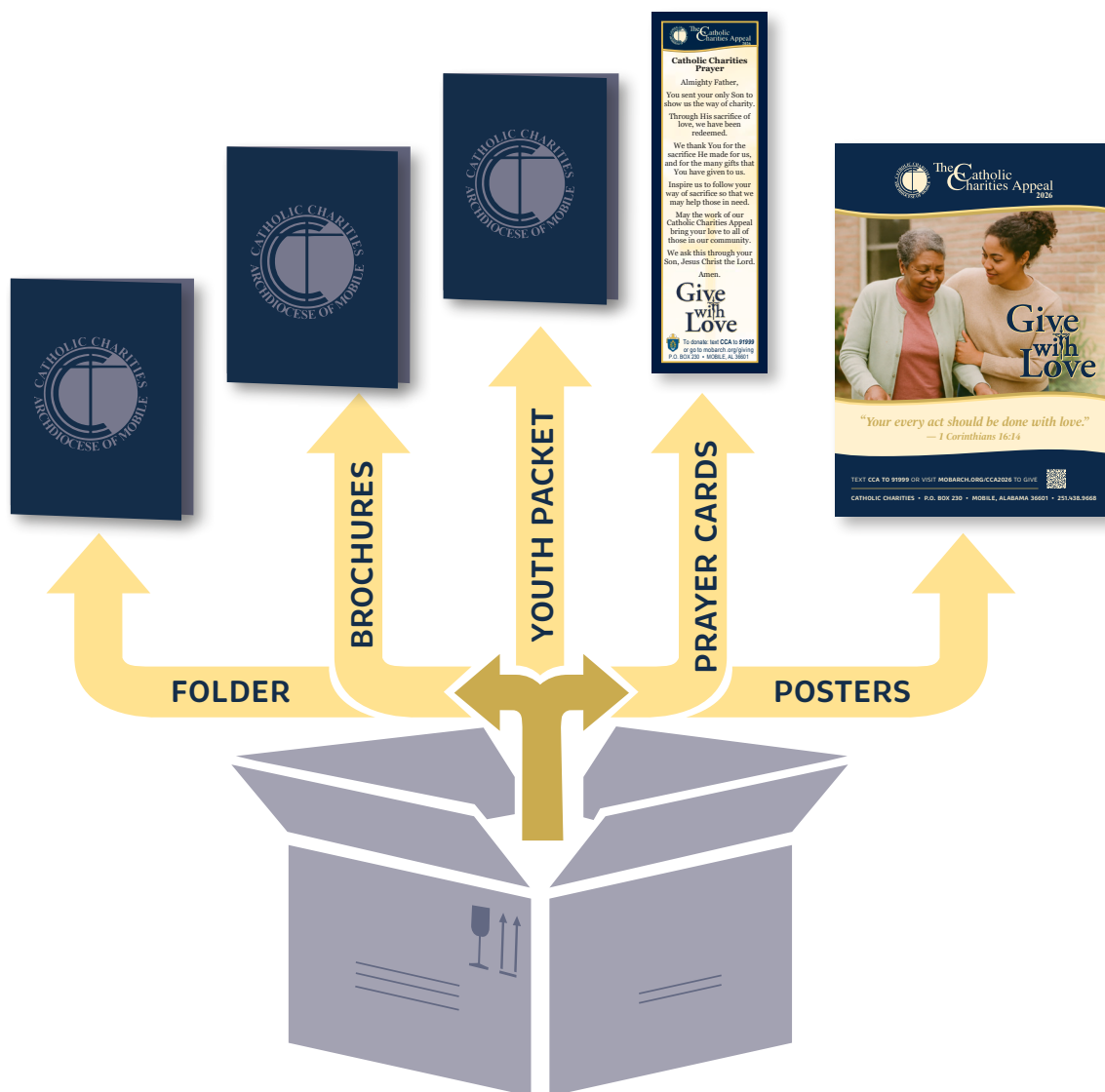
- DVD of the appeal videos
- Audio CD to be played on appeal Sunday
- Copy of letter in all languages available
- Labels for mailing to all who have not responded

CCA BROCHURE/ENVELOPE COMBO FOR IN-PEW PERSONALIZED BY PARISH

CCA PRAYER CARDS FOR THE PEWS

A PACKAGE FOR THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/YOUTH MINISTER

POSTERS



Important Dates/Timeline Check List

NOW...Recruit volunteers to help follow up during the Appeal!

STEP 4

DECEMBER 15TH (FOR ANY BULLETINS WITH EARLY DEADLINES)

- Share Parish Tools (pages 18-22) with Parish Office.

JANUARY 10TH/11TH

- 🗣️ Welcome & introduce **ministry speakers** as they will speak on behalf of the CCA at all Masses.
- Hang Posters at all entrances and all heavy traffic areas of parish hall.
- Pray the Catholic Charities Prayer and ask parishioners to pray it also.

JANUARY 17TH/18TH

- Share/Post/Play the videos at all parish functions, on social media accounts & email the videos to all parishioners.
See timeline for social media post schedule.
- Fill the pews with brochure/pledge envelope packet and CCA prayer cards.
- Parish Chairs speak on behalf of the appeal at all masses (script on page 23)

JANUARY 24TH/25TH (CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL WEEKEND)

- Fill the pews with brochure/pledge envelope packet.
- Play the archbishop's audio message. His messages combined with yours is powerful!
- ✝️ Pastor speaks with personal endorsement of Catholic Charities during homily.
- Collect CCA envelopes, process pledges & report parish results.
- Report results at link provided on page 12-13 by 7 p.m., use **password: cca2026**

JANUARY 26TH (MONDAY)

- Return 1st report (Pink sheet) with all envelopes collected.
- 📞 Follow up with parishioners who have not yet turned in their pledge envelope.

JANUARY 31/FEBRUARY 1 (WEEK 2)

- Collect CCA envelopes & process pledges
- Follow up with parishioners who have not yet turned in their pledge envelope.
- Report results at link provided on page 12-13 by 7 p.m., use **password: cca2026**

FEBRUARY 2ND (MONDAY)

- Return 2nd report (Purple sheet) with all envelopes collected.

FEBRUARY 7TH/8TH (WEEK 3)

- Collect CCA envelopes & process pledges
- Follow up with parishioners who have not yet turned in their pledge envelope.
- Report results at link provided on page 12-13 by 7 p.m., use **password: cca2026**

FEBRUARY 9TH (MONDAY)

- Return 3rd report (Gold sheet) with all envelopes collected.
- Return original Master List of Parishioners in the envelope provided with corrections and additions to your parish roster.**



STEP 4

2026 Catholic Charities Appeal

JANUARY

Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21

COMMUNICATION

Letter from Archbishop in mailboxes																			
Hang posters by Jan 9th																			
Fill & restock pews with brochure/envelopes & pens																			
Parish chair speaks/welcome speaker										OR									
Development office emails online pledges received																			
CCA team to sort & tally pledges received																			
CCA chair reports pledges online by 7:00PM																			
Mail/return pledges received with the reporting sheet on Mondays																			
Volunteer committee follow up																			
Send letter from Pastor to those who have not responded by																			

MASS

Bulletin announcements																			
Prayers of the faithful																			
Play Archbishop's CCA message & Pastor endorses the appeal																			

SOCIAL MEDIA: *Promo videos released on AOM Social Media. Please, Like, Share & Repost!*

Facebook							#1		#2		#3		#4						
Instagram								#1		#2		#3		#4					
X									#1		#2		#3		#4				

Processing Pledge Envelopes

STEP 5

PAYMENT DETAILS (For Credit Card or Automated Draft Payments, please complete the correct section below)

PLEASE SELECT ONE

- Please set up a **RECURRING** automated monthly gift of \$_____ with my credit card or bank account until I tell you to stop.
- OR**
- 10 MONTHLY GIFTS:** The balance of your pledge will be divided into 10 equal gifts and charged on the 10th day of each month March - December 2026. If a monthly transaction is declined we will retry the transaction on the 25th of that month.
- OR**
- 4 QUARTERLY GIFTS:** The balance of your pledge will be divided into 4 equal gifts and charged on the 10th day of: March, June, September & December 2026.
- OR**
- 1 TIME GIFT** of \$_____ to be charged on March 10, 2026.

Signature (required) _____

CREDIT CARD

VISA **MASTERCARD** **AMEX** **DISCOVER**

Credit Card Number: 1234 1234 1234 1234 Expiration Date: 12 / 32

Name on Card: Jenny J. Jones

DIRECT DEPOSIT FROM CHECKING ACCOUNT

Bank _____ Routing # _____

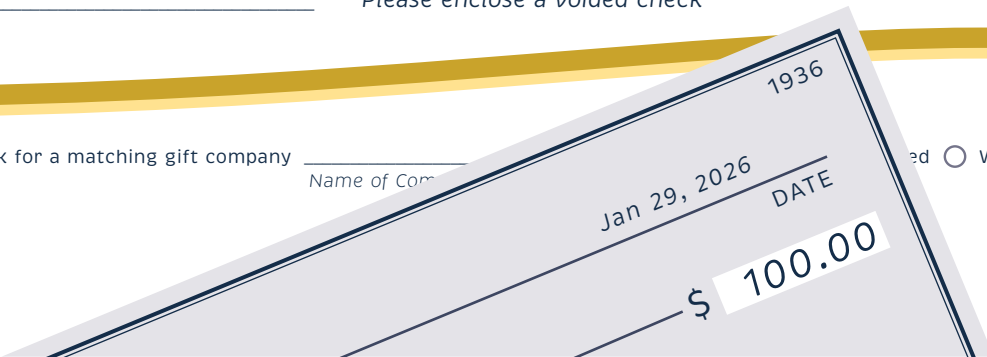
Account #: _____

Name(s): _____

Please give both names if joint account

Please enclose a voided check

MATCHING GIFTS My spouse or I work for a matching gift company _____ Will mail form



Jones **PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED ENVELOPE TO YOUR PARISH** 123-12345

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Jones [Jenny]
 123 Lovely Street
 Sunnyville, AL 35123
 jjandj@gmail.com
 (334) 123-1234
 St. John Parish

TOTAL PLEDGE AMOUNT	AMOUNT ENCLOSED TODAY
\$ \$672	\$ \$100

I am unable to give, however I will keep the Catholic Charities Appeal in my prayers

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The language I prefer is
 English Korean Spanish Vietnamese

Thank you

PLEASE USE MY GIFT FOR:

- Direct aid to the poor
- Catholic Social Services
- Catholic Education/ Youth Ministries
- Outreach Ministries
- Aging & Disabled Services
- Mission Parish Assistance
- Crisis Pregnancy Services

Undesignated will be allocated to the greatest needs.

For office use:

SUGGESTED PLEDGE

- 12 Monthly Gifts / 2026 Pledge
- \$70\$840
 - \$56\$636
- YOUR LAST GIFT**
- \$42\$504
 - Other: _____

Please enclose January & February gifts and will process the balance of your pledge according to your preferred gift method from March to December.

CHOOSE GIFT METHOD:

- Check
- Credit Card (complete CC info above)
- Direct Debit (complete info above)
- Text CCA to 91999 to give
- www.MobArch.org/giving
- Stock/Other

Processing Pledge Envelopes

STEP 5

PARISHIONER LIST

We will email the master list of all parishioners for your parish. Please add/update any information that is incorrect or missing. The first 4 columns provides a place to document the pledge amount by week. At your request, we are happy to mail a hard copy of this list. At the end of the appeal, **please email the master list (with edits made in the notes field) to cca@mobarch.org once all your pledges are collected and edits are made.**

The list includes:

- ✝ 2025 Pledge/gift amount & Greatest gift of last 5 years
- ✝ \$ Pledged and Amount Enclosed (for each week of reporting)
- ✝ Donor ID
- ✝ Last Name, Addressee, spouse's name
- ✝ Phone, email
- ✝ Address
- ✝ Notes for all edits to the information on file

COLLECT PLEDGE ENVELOPES

1. Please do not separate the checks or cash from the pledge envelope.
2. Ensure the amount of cash or check enclosed in the envelope matches the "amount enclosed" box on their envelope.
3. Document Donor ID: Find the parishioner on your master list and make sure Parish # and their Donor ID (5 digit code) is documented in the **top right** corner of their envelope. **If the ID is unknown please leave the space blank.**
4. Document amount pledged on your master list in the appropriate week's column. The total for each column should match the total pledged on your Weekly Reports.
5. If Credit Card or Direct Debit is checked on the front of the pledge card, please make sure the corresponding section on the back is completed.
6. Please include prayer only/\$0 pledge, they will be entered into our system so we do not send them follow up CCA request letters later in the year.
7. If you receive payments for the 2025 Appeal, keep them separate from the 2026 envelopes and do not include them in your Parish Appeal reports. Send them to our office with your package notes "2025 Payment".

Do not include children's envelopes in parish report! If you receive children's envelopes, we will count and process them separately. Please return them in a separate envelope.

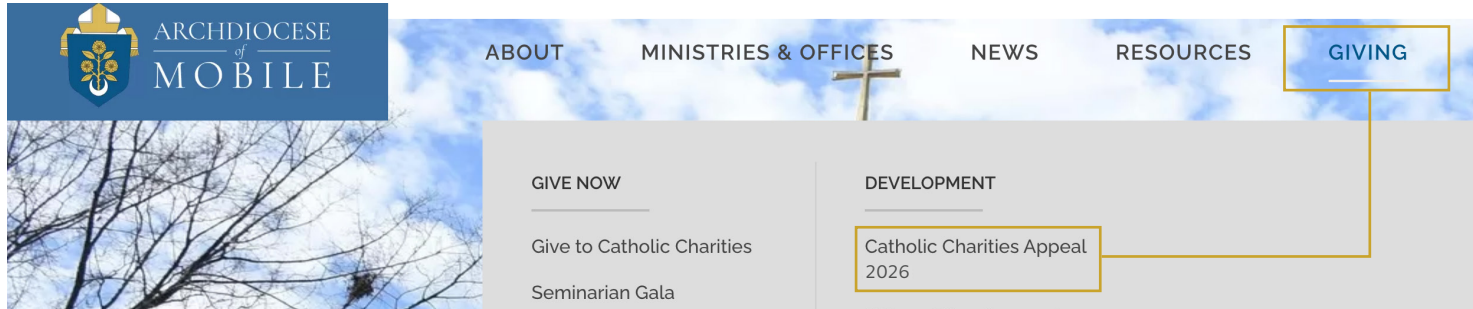
Reporting Results Online

GO TO WWW.MOBARCH.ORG/CCA2026

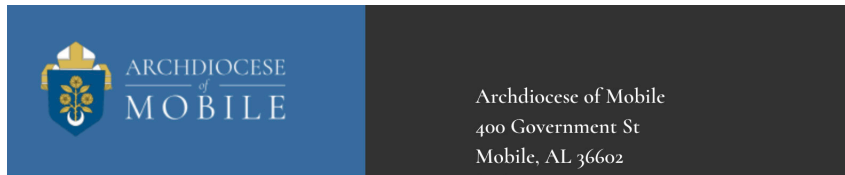
Under the GIVING tab > Catholic charities appeal 2026

OR

Scan QR Code to reporting site:
CCA password: cca2026



Scroll to the bottom of the page and locate the CCA Parish Chair Reporting Portal



CCA Parish
Chair

[Reporting Portal](#)

2026 Catholic Charities Appeal Weekly Report
CCA Parish Results for: Jan 29, Feb 5, & Feb 12

[Sign in to Google to save your progress. Learn more](#)

* Indicates required question

Parish Name & Number *

Choose

Parish Contact Person *

Your answer

Parish Contact Phone Number in the following format: 251-123-1234 *

Your answer

Email Address

Your answer

Reporting Date *

Choose

Weekly Pledge Count Total - number of pledges, not \$ (include online pledges) *

Your answer

Weekly Total Dollar\$ Pledged (include online pledges) ***Do not use \$ or commas, enter numbers as if you were entering into a calculator. Example: \$10,250.75 should be entered as: 10250.75 *

Your answer

Comments:

Your answer

Submit Page 1 of 1 Clear form

Complete the Weekly Report

It is important to click Submit!

Reporting Results

STEP 5

REPORT:

- ✝ Total number of pledges (count)
- ✝ Total Dollar amount Pledged (\$s)
- ✝ Total Cash Enclosed (\$s)
- ✝ Total of Checks Enclosed (\$s)

COMPLETE REPORT FOR THE APPROPRIATE WEEK:

- ✝ Week 1 Report - January 25th (pink)
- ✝ Week 2 Report - February 1st (purple)
- ✝ Week 3 Report - February 8th (gold)



ELECTRONIC REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS - EACH SUNDAY

Parish Chair log onto: <https://mobarch.org/cc-a-report>

Password: **cca2026** (lowercase)

Before 7 p.m. each Sunday to report your weekly appeal results.

MAIL PRIORITY OR HAND DELIVER

- ✝ Please deliver envelopes and weekly report on Monday according to the schedule below.
- ✝ If you are mailing your package, please send via certified/priority with a signature required to:

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

356 GOVERNMENT STREET

MOBILE, AL 36602

- ✝ Hand delivered packages should be delivered to the Catholic Charities Office at the above address between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

REPORTING SCHEDULE

REPORT	COLOR	ELECTRONIC REPORT	MAIL-IN/DELIVERY DATE
1ST	PINK	JANUARY 25TH	JANUARY 26TH
2ND	PURPLE	FEBRUARY 1ST	FEBRUARY 2ND
3RD	GOLD	FEBRUARY 8TH	FEBRUARY 9TH

Follow-Up! Follow-Up! Follow-Up!

STEP 5

FOLLOWING UP WITH EVERY PARISHIONER WHO HAS NOT YET RETURNED THEIR PLEDGE IS ESSENTIAL!

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACTIVATE THE TEAM OF AMAZING VOLUNTEERS YOU RECRUITED!

Please, follow-up with all parishioners who do not turn in a pledge envelope on Appeal Sunday. We realize that many volunteers are anxious about approaching parishioners. In hopes of alleviating some of the discomfort, we have created an outline that you may find useful in making personal visits or telephone calls to parishioners who have not yet pledged.



E-MAIL/SOCIAL MEDIA:

Ask your pastor or parish office to send a weekly email blast to all parishioners starting the week of January 11th sharing a link to the videos and reminding them to bring their pledge envelope to Mass this weekend. Also, work with whoever runs the parish social media site asking them to like and share every post about Catholic Charities from the Archdiocese of Mobile sites.

PERSONAL FOLLOW UP IS KEY!!:

Before any phone calls are made or letters are mailed, make sure all pledge envelopes returned have been documented on the Parishioner Spreadsheet. **Once a pledge is returned the clear mailing label should be discarded from the preprinted labels that are in your folder.**



PHONE CALL FOLLOW UP:

Following up with all those who have not yet turned in a pledge envelope may seem like an overwhelming task.

- 1 Start with the parishioners who pledged \$636 or more in 2025.
- 2 Follow up with the parishioners who made a pledge less than \$636 in 2025.
- 3 Finally, follow-up with the remaining parishioners who have never given. This is recommended for phone call follow up. If you are available to make home visitations, that is actually the preferred method for “follow-up.”

Refer to page 16 and 17 for a script for making calls. When you get voicemails, the following is an appropriate voicemail message:

“Hello, this is _____ I’m calling to make sure you received your Catholic Charities letter in the mail. As a parish we are trying to accomplish 100% participation. I am a volunteer, helping Fr. _____ contact everyone in our parish who have not turned in their Catholic Charities Appeal envelope. We are inviting everyone to be a part of this amazing effort to change lives in our community.”

Also, because the person you are calling may not recognize your phone number, don’t hesitate to text them with the following: “Hello, this is _____ a volunteer at _____ Parish reaching out for Fr. _____, call me if you get a minute. Have a blessed day.”



A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR:

Once all pledges turned in by week 2, February 1st, use the remaining labels to mail a letter on parish letterhead from the pastor. A sample letter is included on the next page, but his personal endorsement of the Catholic Charities Appeal with a personal ask for their pledge is most important. Include an in-pew piece (pledge envelope/ brochure combo) with each letter that is mailed.

Sample Letter From Pastor

STEP 5

YOUR PARISH LETTERHEAD

Dear <<Salutation>>,

Every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal allows us to unite as one family of faith to care for those most in need among us. Here in the Archdiocese of Mobile, every dollar given stays right here in our local communities, bringing hope and help to our neighbors in need. Your generosity has a profound and immediate impact, as the poverty rate in the southern half of Alabama is staggering. Through the ministries funded by Catholic Charities, the hungry are fed, the homeless find shelter, families receive counseling, and the dignity of life is upheld.

This year's theme, "Give with Love," is inspired by the words of St. Paul: "Your every act should be done with love." (1 Corinthians 16:14). Love is the measure of our discipleship. God showed us perfect love in Jesus, and now He calls us to reflect that same love in our care for others. Each gift you make to the Catholic Charities Appeal is more than a donation; it is an act of love, a visible sign of Christ's presence in the world.

Here at _____ Parish, we are still \$_____,000 below our annual goal. While _____ families have responded generously, _____ families have not yet participated in this year's Catholic Charities Appeal. Imagine the difference we could make if every family participated. Together, our combined acts of love can transform lives and renew hope.

I am deeply grateful for your past generosity. Today, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal. When we give with love, no gift is too small, and every act of love multiplies in ways we cannot imagine.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor

Suggested Script For Follow-Up Calls

With parishioners who have not yet pledged to the Appeal

STEP 5

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER:

- Emphasize you are calling on behalf of your pastor at your parish.
- The Catholic Charities Appeal only supports ministries in the southern half of Alabama that help those in physical, mental and spiritual need.
- Smile, even if they can't see you, it actually makes a difference in your tone.

1. Dial the number and pray they answer...

- “Hello, may I please speak with _____?”
If the person is not available, find out when you can reach them.
- “Can you tell me the best time to contact _____?”
Make a note on the report, say that you will call back, and thank the person for the information.

2. Introduction

- “This is _____ from _____ Parish calling on behalf of pastor.”
- “Am I catching you at a good time?”
If not, find out when you could come/call back:
- “I’m sorry. Maybe I could call back at a better time. When would be a good time?”
Make a note on the report, tell the person when you will call back, and offer your thanks.

3. Tell them why *(this is the message to leave if they don't answer)*

- “I’m calling to make sure you received your Catholic Charities packet in the mail. As a parish we are trying to accomplish 100% participation. I am a volunteer, helping pastor contact everyone in our parish who have not turned in their Catholic Charities Appeal envelope. We are inviting everyone to be a part of this amazing effort to change lives in our community.”
See handling objections if necessary.

4. The Ask

- “In addition to 100% participation our pledge goal is \$ (your parish goal) in pledges.”
- *If the person made a pledge last year:*
“Last year your generous pledge made a difference. Would you be willing to give the same amount this year?”
- *If your report shows the person did not pledge last year:*
“We are asking all our parishioners who have not yet responded to consider the basic pledge of \$56 a month or \$672 a year. Some people are able to give more, but no amount is too small or too large. Can we count on you to make a pledge to the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal?”
- *If they say YES!:* “Wonderful, I am happy to submit that pledge for you, I just need to confirm a few things...”
- *Confirm Name, address, email address and total amount of pledge. Note your parish # and their donor # in the top right corner of the envelope*
- *Note in signature line “volunteer name - per phone conversation.”*
If they insist on sending it in themselves:
“No problem, please complete the pledge envelope, choose your method of payment, sign it, and return it to the parish office or put it in the basket during mass. You are also welcome to set up monthly or quarterly gifts online at mobarch.org/ccca2026. If you prefer to send monthly checks, you will receive monthly reminders from the Catholic Charities office starting in March.”
If they say No:
“I understand and I don’t need your pledge today. Please pray about it and commit to praying for the appeal. We are asking everyone to complete and submit their envelope even if it is a commitment of prayer for the Catholic Charities Appeal.”
This is the best way for us to update our parish records.
Suggest a small pledge. If the person cannot pledge, remind them that they can support us in a very important way through their prayers!

5. In Closing

“Thank you for your time and pledge. Please pray for the success of the Appeal.”

Handling Objections

STEP 5

HANDLING OBJECTIONS

Many times an objection simply means a person needs more information or he or she doesn't fully understand what it is we are asking. This is an opportunity to share the charitable work Catholic Charities does for those in need. Take the time to engage in a personal, one-on-one conversation with the person. If they are upset with the Church hear them out. It is not necessary to argue with them or to defend Church policy. Many people have become supporters after someone cared enough to listen. Below are some possible responses to common objections:

A. Upset with the church

"I'm sorry you are upset, I'm just a volunteer you will have to talk to pastor about that. However, The Catholic Charities Appeal is our way of showing God's love for those in the greatest need right here in the southern half of Alabama.

The poverty in our archdiocese is tremendous. The needs today are just as relevant as they were 95 years ago when the Catholic Charities Appeal began during the Great Depression."

Reiterate some of the good things you've already said about the programs supported by the Catholic Charities Appeal or refer to the appeal brochure or point them to the website to watch the videos.

B. The church is always asking for money

"I'm sorry you feel that way. Giving according to our means is what we are called to do to as good stewards of the gifts God gave us. This is our opportunity to answer that call right here for our neighbors in need. While most of the second collections are for national and international needs, the Catholic Charities Appeal raises funds that go directly to assist those in need right here in our communities."

Refer to the brochure to talk about programs that may directly affect the person. You can also refer to the poverty chart on page 2 of this manual to explain the need in our archdiocese.

C. No longer members of the parish

"I'm sorry to hear that, we will miss you. Be sure to notify the parish office. This is Catholic Charities Appeal time for all the parishes in our archdiocese, I am happy to note your new parish on a pledge envelope and turn in a pledge for you if you have not already turned in your pledge."

Regardless of the response, make a note on the report and have the parish office verify the person's membership.

Priest/Parish Announcements

Parish Tools

JANUARY 10TH/11TH

- ✝ “You should have received your Catholic Charities Appeal brochure with a letter from Archbishop Rivotuso, a prayer intention card, and a pledge envelope. I ask that you prayerfully consider supporting the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal. This appeal supports more than 30 ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. Our goal is 100% participation. Please complete the pledge card you received with your intended pledge and place it in the collection basket next week or drop it by the parish office.”
- ✝ Please welcome the Parish Chair to speak briefly to endorse the Catholic Charities Appeal.

JANUARY 17TH/18TH

- ✝ “You should have received your Catholic Charities Appeal brochure with a letter from Archbishop Rivotuso, a prayer intentions card, and a pledge envelope. If you did not receive the letter in the mail, additional pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Next weekend is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday. The basic pledge is \$672 per year. Our parish goal is \$_____ however we hope to achieve 100% participation. Please return your envelope and save our Parish Chairs and Volunteer Team a phone call. If you are unable to give the basic pledge, please give what you can afford, no amount is too large or too small. I ask that you please consider making a pledge to the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal. The appeal supports more than 30 ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. Please complete the envelope you received, mark it with your pledge, update any information that is incorrect, and place it in the collection basket or drop it by the parish office. God bless you for your generosity.”
- ✝ Please welcome the Ministry Representative who will speak briefly to endorse the Catholic Charities Appeal.

JANUARY 24TH/25TH

- ✝ Play Archbishop Rivotuso’s audio message. Your personal endorsement, combined with Archbishop Rivotuso’s message, makes a powerful statement
- ✝ **I ask that all priests endorse Catholic Charities during the homily.**
- ✝ “Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday. It is our goal to have 100% participation. Please help us achieve this goal with a pledge that you can afford. The basic pledge is \$56 a month or \$672 for the year, and our parish goal is \$_____. Please return your envelope and save our Parish Chairs and Volunteer Team a phone call. If you are unable to give the basic pledge, please give what you can afford. No amount is too small or too large. The Catholic Charities Appeal supports more than 30 ministries in the southern half of Alabama. If you have not done so already, please complete one of the envelopes in the pews, mark it with your intended pledge, and place it in the collection basket today. God bless you for your generosity.”

JANUARY 31ST/FEBRUARY 1ST & 7TH/8TH

- ✝ “We are in the final weeks of the Catholic Charities Appeal, we are very close to achieving our parish goal of \$_____ however only _____% of the families in our parish have participated. If you have not returned your Catholic Charities pledge envelope, take a few minutes now to complete one. There are plenty in the pews, or raise your hand, and an usher will bring one to you. Please return your envelope and save our Parish Chair a phone call. If you are unable to give the basic pledge, please give what you can afford. We ask that everyone complete a pledge card so that our database can be updated. The Catholic Charities results will be reported in the Catholic Week very soon. Please help us reach 100% participation! God bless you for your generosity.”

Bulletin Announcements

Please share this with your parish office the first week of January.

Parish Tools

Graphic ads for bulletins and social media are available online at: <https://mobarch.org/cca2026>

JANUARY 10TH/11TH

✝ Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday is January 25th. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rivotuso announcing the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you with the letter from Archbishop Rivotuso and put it in the collection basket next weekend, or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text “CCA” to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. This year’s theme, “Give with Love,” is inspired by the words of St. Paul: “Your every act should be done with love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14) As an act of love, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal

JANUARY 17TH/18TH

✝ Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday is next weekend, January 25th. Every parishioner should have received a letter from Archbishop Rivotuso announcing the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal and asking for your prayerful generosity. Please complete the pledge card that was mailed to you with the letter from Archbishop Rivotuso and put it in the collection basket next weekend, or feel free to drop it by the parish office. If you prefer to donate online, you can text “CCA” to 91999 for a link. Catholic Charities helps thousands of people in need across our archdiocese. All the funds collected are distributed to local ministries within the Archdiocese of Mobile. This year’s theme, “Give with Love,” is inspired by the words of St. Paul: “Your every act should be done with love.” (1 Corinthians 16:14) As an act of love, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal.

JANUARY 24TH/25TH

✝ Today is Catholic Charities Appeal Sunday! In every parish across the archdiocese, each parishioner is asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge to the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal. Catholic Charities funds more than 30 ministries that help thousands of people in need in central and south Alabama. The basic Pledge is \$56 a month or \$672 for the year. We ask that everyone complete and return a pledge card and give what you can afford. If you prefer to donate online, you can text “CCA” to 91999 for a link. In the spirit of charity, we ask that you prayerfully consider a pledge to this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our parish meet our goal of \$_____ and 100% participation.

JANUARY 31ST/FEBRUARY 1ST & 7TH/8TH

✝ If you have not returned your Catholic Charities pledge card, please do so now. If you prefer to donate online, you can text “CCA” to 91999 for a link. Envelopes are available in the pew. It is our goal to have every family participate to the best of their ability. We ask that you answer the Call to Give with love for those in need through your prayerful generosity to this year’s Catholic Charities Appeal. Please, help our Parish meet our goal of \$_____ this year and 100% participation.

Campaña De Recaudacion De Fondos Para Caridades Catolicas 2026 Anuncios

Parish Tools

Comparta esto con la oficina parroquial durante la primera semana de enero.

Los anuncios gráficos para boletines y media social están disponibles en línea en: <https://mobarch.org/ccs2026>

10/11 DE ENERO

✝ El Domingo de la Campaña de Caridades Católicas es el 25 de enero. Todos los feligreses deberían haber recibido una carta del arzobispo Rivituso anunciando la Campaña de Caridades Católicas 2026 y pidiendo su generosidad en la oración. Por favor, llenen la tarjeta de compromiso que se les envió por correo junto con la carta del arzobispo Rivituso y deposítanla en la canasta de la colecta el próximo fin de semana, o pueden entregarla en la oficina parroquial. Si prefieren hacer su donación en línea, pueden enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra «CCA» al 91999 para obtener el enlace. Caridades Católicas ayuda a miles de personas necesitadas en toda nuestra arquidiócesis. Todos los fondos recaudados se distribuyen a los ministerios locales dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Mobile. El tema de este año, «Dar con amor», está inspirado en las palabras de San Pablo: «Todo lo que hagáis, hacedlo con amor» (1 Corintios 16:14). Como acto de amor, les pedimos que consideren con espíritu de oración la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de donación a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas de este año.

17/18 DE ENERO

✝ El Domingo de la Campaña de Caridades Católicas es el próximo fin de semana, 25 de enero. Todos los feligreses deberían haber recibido una carta del arzobispo Rivituso anunciando la Campaña de Caridades Católicas 2026 y pidiendo su generosidad en la oración. Por favor, llenen la tarjeta de compromiso que se les envió por correo junto con la carta del arzobispo Rivituso y deposítanla en la canasta de la colecta el próximo fin de semana, o si lo prefieren, pueden entregarla en la oficina parroquial. Si prefieren hacer su donación en línea, pueden enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra «CCA» al 91999 para obtener el enlace. Catholic Charities ayuda a miles de personas necesitadas en toda nuestra arquidiócesis. Todos los fondos recaudados se distribuyen a los ministerios locales dentro de la Arquidiócesis de Mobile. El tema de este año, «Dar con amor», está inspirado en las palabras de San Pablo: «Todo lo que hagan, háganlo con amor» (1 Corintios 16:14). Como acto de amor, les pedimos que consideren con espíritu de oración la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de donación a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas de este año.

24/25 DE ENERO

✝ ¡Hoy es el Domingo de la Campaña de Caridades Católicas! En todas las parroquias de la arquidiócesis, se pide a cada feligrés que considere con espíritu de oración la posibilidad de hacer una promesa de donación a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas 2026. Caridades Católicas financia más de 30 ministerios que ayudan a miles de personas necesitadas en el centro y el sur de Alabama. La promesa básica es de \$56 dólares al mes o \$672 dólares al año. Pedimos a todos que llenen y devuelvan una tarjeta de compromiso y que den lo que puedan. Si prefieren donar en línea, pueden enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra «CCA» al 91999 para obtener un enlace. En espíritu de caridad, les pedimos que consideren en oración la posibilidad de hacer una donación a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas de este año

Por favor, ayuden a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar nuestro objetivo de \$ _____ y una participación del 100 %.

31 DE ENERO/1 DE FEBRERO & 7/8 DE FEBRERO

✝ Si aún no han devuelto su tarjeta de compromiso con Catholic Charities, háganlo ahora. Si prefiere donar en línea, puede enviar un mensaje de texto con la palabra «CCA» al 91999 para obtener un enlace. Hay sobres disponibles en los bancos. Nuestro objetivo es que todas las familias participen en la medida de sus posibilidades. Les pedimos que respondan al Llamado a Dar con amor por los necesitados a través de su generosidad en oración a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas de este año. Por favor, ayuden a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar nuestra meta de \$ _____ este año y una participación del 100%

Prayers of the Faithful

Parish Tools

PLEASE SHARE THIS WITH YOUR PARISH OFFICE THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY.
PLEASE INCLUDE AT LEAST ONE OF THESE AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING WEEKEND MASSES:

JANUARY 10TH/11TH & 17TH/18TH

✝ That we follow Christ's command to love one another, giving generously of our gifts to bring hope to those in need through the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That through the Catholic Charities Appeal, our gifts offered with love may strengthen the ministries that feed the hungry, save the unborn, and support families in need, we pray to the Lord..

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That as we prayerfully make our commitment to the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal, we may remember God's generosity to us.

Let us pray to the Lord.

JANUARY 24TH/25TH

✝ That those who suffer from poverty, loneliness, and despair may experience the love of Christ through our generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That each family in our parish may respond with open hearts and generous spirits, giving with love so that together we can help those in need

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That, as a parish community, we will be inspired to provide for those in need through our generosity to the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That all who have given, and all who will give to the Catholic Charities Appeal, may be blessed abundantly by God for their witness of love in action.

Let us pray to the Lord.

JANUARY 31ST/FEBRUARY 1ST

✝ That we may respond to the Catholic Charities Appeal and be rewarded with the joy generous giving brings.

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That we may open our eyes and hearts to see Christ in our brothers and sisters in need, responding with love and generosity through the Catholic Charities Appeal.

Let us pray to the Lord.

FEBRUARY 7TH/8TH

✝ That the individuals and families who receive assistance through Catholic Charities may experience not only material help but also feel the love and hope of Christ.

Let us pray to the Lord.

✝ That all parishioners may come to see their time, talent, and treasure as blessings from God, to be shared with love for the benefit of others.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Oración de los Fieles

Parish Tools

COMPARTA ESTO CON LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL DURANTE LA PRIMERA SEMANA DE ENERO.
INCLUYA AL MENOS UNO DE ESTOS EN CADA DE LAS SIGUIENTES MISAS DE FIN DE SEMANA:

10/11 Y 17/18 DE ENERO

✝ Para que sigamos el mandamiento de Cristo de amarnos los unos a los otros, dando generosamente de nuestros dones para llevar esperanza a los necesitados a través de la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que, a través de la Campaña de Caridades Católicas, nuestras ofrendas ofrecidas con amor fortalezcan los ministerios que alimentan a los hambrientos, salvan a los no nacidos y apoyan a las familias necesitadas.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que, al comprometernos con la Campaña de Caridades Católicas 2026, recordemos la generosidad de Dios hacia nosotros.

Roguemos al Señor.

24/25 DE ENERO

✝ Para que aquellos que sufren pobreza, soledad y desesperación puedan experimentar el amor de Cristo a través de nuestra generosidad con la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que cada familia de nuestra parroquia responda con corazones abiertos y espíritus generosos, dando con amor para que juntos podamos ayudar a los necesitados.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que, como comunidad parroquial, nos sintamos inspirados a ayudar a los necesitados a través de nuestra generosidad con la Campaña de Caridades Católicas.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que todos los que han dado y todos los que darán a la Campaña de Caridades Católicas sean bendecidos abundantemente por Dios por su testimonio de amor en acción.

Roguemos al Señor.

31 DE ENERO/1 DE FEBRERO & 7/8 DE FEBRERO

✝ Para que respondamos al Llamado de Caridades Católicas y seamos recompensados con la alegría que trae la generosidad.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que abramos nuestros ojos y corazones para ver a Cristo en nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados, respondiendo con amor y generosidad a través del Llamado de Caridades Católicas.

Roguemos al Señor.

7/8 DE FEBRERO

✝ Para que las personas y familias que reciben ayuda a través de Caridades Católicas no solo experimenten la ayuda material, sino que también sientan el amor y la esperanza de Cristo.

Roguemos al Señor.

✝ Para que todos los feligreses lleguen a ver su tiempo, talento y tesoro como bendiciones de Dios, que deben compartir con amor para el beneficio de los demás.

Roguemos al Señor.

Suggested Parish Chair Script

- ✝ Speakers will be scheduled on either January 10/11 or January 17/18. The Parish Chair should introduce the appeal at all Masses on either January 10/11 or January 17/18 (whichever weekend your speaker is NOT scheduled).
- ✝ Good morning (or evening), my name is _____, and I am honored to serve as our parish chair for the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal. Thank you for your continued support of this important mission of our Church.

The Catholic Charities Appeal began 95 years ago, during the Great Depression, and it continues today as a powerful way to bring Christ's love to those in need—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. From crisis pregnancy and adoption services, to caring for the poor, the aging, the disabled, and the imprisoned, your gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal changes lives right here in our own communities. In fact, every dollar you give stays in the southern half of Alabama, helping thousands of our neighbors in need.

This year's theme is inspired by St. Paul's words to the Corinthians: "Your every act should be done with love." (1 Corinthians 16:14). When we give with love, we are living as true disciples of Christ. Each gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal is more than a donation—it is an act of love, a reflection of God's love working through us.

By now, you should have received your Catholic Charities Appeal materials in the mail. Inside you'll find a brochure with a letter from Archbishop Rivotuso, inspiring stories of people helped by Catholic Charities, and a pledge card already printed with your name. Please take time this week to pray about your pledge, and return your card to the parish by January 25th. Every gift—no matter the size—makes a difference and helps us reach our parish goal. You can also make your pledge online at mobarch.org/giving or by texting CCA to 91999.

If you have given before, thank you for your generosity. If you have never participated, now is the time. Please join us in answering God's call to "Give with Love" so that those most in need may experience the hope and mercy of Christ.

Finally, I ask that you keep the Catholic Charities Appeal in your prayers. Together, as one family of faith, we can ensure that Catholic Charities continues the many ministries and services that serve those in greatest need throughout central and southern Alabama.

Thank you and may God bless you.



Catholic Charities Appeal Prayer

Almighty Father,
You sent your only Son
to show us the way of charity.
Through His sacrifice of love,
we have been redeemed.

We thank You for the sacrifice He made for us,
and for the many gifts that You have given to us.

Inspire us to follow your way of sacrifice
so that we may help those in need.

May the work of our Catholic Charities Appeal
bring your love to all of those in our community.

We ask this through your Son,
Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

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Additional resources will be available by December 17th at: mobarch.org/cca2026