Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I give to the Catholic Charity Appeal (CCA)?
Your sacrificial gift to the CCA multiplies God’s love in our community. A gift to the Appeal immediately helps individuals and families struggling with food insecurity, homelessness, heating assistance and more. Your support also builds up key ministries and programs of the church in the areas of Evangelization, Faith Formation, Youth Ministry, Seminarian Education, Catholic School Tuition Assistance, and Life and Family Ministry, to name a few.

What are some specific programs funded through the CCA?
The CCA supports numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence. Some examples are St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, Project Hope, St. Gabriel’s Call for mothers in need, Emergency Services Network through Catholic Social Services, Campus Ministry at Brown, RISD and URI, Mother of Hope Youth Camp in Chepachet, Keep the Heat On, Vocations, Special Religious Education for those with disabilities (SPRED), St. Clare Nursing Home, Care Breaks (Respite Care), Emmanuel House Homeless Shelter, Cabrini Fund and more.

How can I make a gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal?
There are several ways to contribute to the Catholic Charity Appeal:
1. Make your gift quickly and securely online at givecentral.org/2023CCA.
2. Mail a check, cash or pledge form to: Catholic Charity Appeal, PO Box 6605, Providence RI, 02940-6605.
3. Contact Tim McCaig for questions about gifts of Stock, Donor Advised Funds, IRA transfers, or Matching Gifts. Email: tmccaig@dioceseofprovidence.org or Phone: 401-865-6851
4. Leave a legacy in your will or estate plans. Contact Tim McCaig for more information.

Why should I consider making my gift using my credit card?
Using your credit card saves you and the charity time, money, paper, and postage. Your gift can be made quickly and securely by going online to givecentral.org/2023CCA. As a donor, you can choose to make a one-time gift, recurring gift, or a pledge by using your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover cards. The "pledge" option has a start and end date, while the "ongoing" giving option provides ongoing monthly support until you decide to end payments.
Are there giving society levels for the Catholic Charity Appeal?
Yes. There are three giving society levels for the CCA:
- Bishop’s Partner in Faith: $1,000 - $4,999
- Bishop’s Partner in Hope: $5,000-$9,999
- Bishop’s Partner in Charity: $10,000+

Participation at this level serves as an inspiring example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow. We invite you to become a Partner this year. By doing so, you will join many other good stewards in our journey of faith together. Your charitable gift to the CCA qualifies for tax benefits as allowed by law.

Will my parish receive credit for my gift?
Yes, please be sure to indicate your parish when filling out your pledge card or making your gift securely online.

Are any of the funds for the Catholic Charity Appeal (CCA) used to pay for civil lawsuits or judgments?
No. None of the funds raised through the CCA can be used for settlements or judgments. Civil and Canonical laws dictate that all funds received by this charity can only be used for the programs and ministries outlined below.

How is the Catholic Charity Appeal different from the Grateful for God’s Providence campaign?
The CCA is an annual fund, meaning monies must be raised, collected, and spent every year by the charity. It supports the day-to-day ministries and services essential to the spiritual, pastoral, educational, and human needs of our sisters and brothers throughout Rhode Island.
The Grateful for God’s Providence Campaign (GGP) is focused on the long-term needs of our diocese and parishes. Primarily, the campaign is increasing endowments that are vital for programs such as Seminarian Education, Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance, Retired Priests and Catholic Charities & Social Services. The GGP Campaign is also providing direct funding to parishes in the diocese, including the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

I may be interested in supporting the CCA; however, I have more questions. Whom do I contact?
Please contact Tim McCaig, Director of Stewardship and Development at (401) 865-6851. He welcomes your call and the opportunity to speak with you.

Can I make a gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal through United Way?
Yes. Donor designated gifts to the CCA can be done by utilizing the United Way Philanthropy Fund and designating your gift to "Catholic Charities of Rhode Island."
I hear my employer will match my Catholic Charity gift. Is this true?
Yes! You can multiply the value of your contribution by having your gift matched if a company
with a Matching Gift Program employs either you or your spouse. When a donor makes a
pledge or cash gift, their employer may match that gift to a certain amount. Please obtain and
complete the appropriate Matching Gift Form from your employer's Human Resources Office
and forward, along with your donation, to:
Office of Stewardship & Development
1 Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 0290.

Summary of Programs funded by the Appeal:

Community & Pastoral Services:
Community Services & Advocacy Programs
St. Antoine Residence – Grant
Human Development - Grants
St. Martin de Porres Center
Health Care Ministries
Office of Secretary Social Ministries
Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza

Catholic Education, Spiritual Formation and
Evangelization
Special Religious Education – SPRED
Faith Formation
Evangelization
Support for Catholic School Office
Campus Ministry – Brown/RISD
Campus Ministry – URI
All Saints Academy – Grant
Assistant Chancellor
Diocesan School Financial Services – Grants
High School Tuition Assist Grants
St. John Bosco Chapel
Rejoice in Hope Youth Center
Mother of Hope Youth Camp
Marriage Preparation and Enrichment
Support for Office of Worship
St. Raphael Academy Grant

Ministerial Services:
Permanent Diaconate
Post Ordination of Priests
Permanent Diaconate Formation
Support for Office for Religious Vocations
Digital Evangelization and Engagement
Major Seminarian Ed. Program – Grant
Seminary of Our Lady of Providence – Grant

Other:
Appeal Administration
Diocesan Grants
Parish Over Goal Distribution
Property Management and Capital