

May 17, 2024

Dear

We can't thank you enough for all that you do in support of our parishes and our diocese. We could not do what we do without you. We understand our diocese is facing challenges and we have heard some people say they won't donate to the Diocesan Appeal until those challenges are behind us. That is why we are reaching out. Each of us has both a parish and diocesan administrative role.



Diocesan Appeal

It is certainly true that there are, naturally, various concerns and questions about the processes the Diocese is currently engaged with. However, what we have experienced first-hand is a team of dedicated employees, serving parishes daily, helping parish leaders in many areas, and helping us to be able to better serve our people.

We prayerfully ask you to consider supporting the Appeal; the funding helps all of us not only to navigate those challenges, but also to serve our people, our communities, our God. It helps us to carry out the mission of our Catholic Church. Whether your gift is \$30, \$300, \$3,000, or somewhere in between, your gift is helping all of us.

The Albany Diocese is made up of 126 parishes. The diocese itself has 30 departments with 42 full-time and 23 part-time employees who are not backing down from the current challenges. They feel called to stay the course, praying for strength to serve. The Appeal does help the parishes. We need the support of the diocese. We need each other.

Let us journey together as one Body in Christ.

Prayerfully,

Very Rev. Robert Longobucco

Very Rev. Brian Kelly

Very Rev. Matthew Frisoni

Very Rev. Anthony Barratt

Left to Right: Vicar General & Pastor, St. Kateri | Vicar for Vocations & Pastor, St. Ambrose | Judicial Vicar & Pastor, St. Paul/St. Adalbert/Our Lady of Mt. Carmel | Director of Pray & Worship, Pastor, Holy Trinity in Hudson, & Episcopal Vicar, Hudson Vicariate.

P.S. We have included the diocesan budget breakdown document to give you a better idea of how your donation goes to work. You can also access the annual audited financial reports of the Diocese at <https://www.rcda.org/offices/finance-office> (scroll to bottom of page). Questions? Please email stewardship@rcda.org or call 518-453-6680. Nancy and Terri are happy to field your questions.

Please note, mailed gifts must be postmarked by June 30, 2024 to be credited to your parish for this year's Diocesan Appeal. Online gifts must be made by 11:59pm on June 30, 2024 - Thank you!

YES, I/we want to support the 2023-24 Diocesan Appeal with a (check one) **gift/pledge** of \$_____

Parish on record to receive credit for your Appeal gift:

Make your gift, pledge or recurring gift on line at: [Donate.TheDiocesanAppeal.org](https://www.rcda.org) or choose one of the payment options below:

Check enclosed (circle one) **partial/full payment** of \$_____ (checks payable to Diocesan Appeal – balance due by 6/30/24)

Please charge my **credit card** for a (circle one) **one-time payment/partial payment** of \$_____ (balance due by 6/30/24)

I/we would like to make a **recurring credit card gift** of \$_____ **per month** beginning (MM/YYYY)_____ thru (MM/YYYY)_____

for a total gift of \$_____ (Example: \$20/mo. beginning 12/2023 thru 06/2024 for total gift of \$140)

OR I/we would like to make a **recurring gift** of \$_____ **per month until I tell the Diocese to stop**

Name on card _____ Card# Exp. date _____

Signature of card holder _____ Date _____

Donor telephone # and/or email address required if making credit card gift with form _____

Diocesan Appeal, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, NY 12203

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PLEASE APPORTION MY GIFT AS FOLLOWS:

If nothing chosen, gift will be directed toward General Budget Underwriting of Diocesan Services for parishes

_____ % General Budget Underwriting of Diocesan Services _____ % Parish Ministry Support Services of the Diocese

_____ % Parish Operational Support Services of the Diocese _____ % Vocations

Please fold this form in half and place in the return envelope enclosed.