

September 2024

Dear Friend,

While our Church has been working through these times of tribulation, we know we have a sure and certain hope in Jesus Christ! In this spirit, our parish leaders, staff and volunteers work together with diocesan staff and leaders on a daily basis driven by the Great Commission Jesus gave His Church: "Go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 29:19) Reflecting on this daily collaborative work centered on four priorities--evangelization, strengthening of faith communities, vocational awareness, and care of the poor and most vulnerable—your investment in the Diocesan Appeal ensures dedicated service to you and your parish and the pursuit of new and enhanced initiatives. Supporting the Appeal is an opportunity we can seize upon together, for through strength, hope and faith we can impact the future.

Some moments carry the amazing potential to shape a lifetime. Choosing the path that says I want to be an active participant rather than just sitting on the sidelines provides immense gratification in being part of something big and valuable. There are things God does for us as well as things that God calls us to do...getting back to Mass, participating actively in our parish community, living as a joyful disciple, being constant in prayer, investing in our parishes & diocese...if not each of us, then who?

Please don't wait! Making your gift or pledge today to the Diocesan Appeal shows you have stepped forward by personally committing and participating in Christ bringing about His Kingdom here on earth. Thank you - with patience and your support, a brighter future is near!

Prayerfully,

*V. Rev. Robert Longobucco*  
Very Rev. Robert Longobucco,  
Vicar General & Pastor, St. Kateri Tekakwitha

*Matthew Frisoni*  
Very Rev. Matthew Frisoni,  
Judicial Vicar & Pastor, St. Paul;  
St. Adalbert; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

*Brian Kelly*  
Very Rev. Brian Kelly,  
Vicar for Vocations & Pastor, St. Ambrose

*Anthony Barratt*  
Very Rev. Anthony Barratt,  
Director of Pray & Worship, Pastor, Holy Trinity  
in Hudson, & Episcopal Vicar, Hudson Vicariate



## Diocesan Appeal

*"Rejoice in hope,  
be patient in  
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constant in prayer."*

ROMANS 12:12

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P.S. On the back, see the breakdown of the 2023-24 diocesan budget actuals just completed on June 30, 2024 to learn how your donation goes to work. The Donor Impact report for last fiscal year is in production and will be posted on TheDiocesanAppeal.org soon under 'Materials.'

Appeal Dates: July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

WEB: TheDiocesanAppeal.org EMAIL: Stewardship@RCDA.org PHONE: (518) 453-6680

YES, I/we want to support the 2024-25 Diocesan Appeal with a (check one) gift/pledge of:  \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Parish on record to receive credit for your Appeal gift: \_\_\_\_\_

CODE DA0924

Make your gift, pledge or recurring gift on line at: [donate.thediocesanappeal.org](https://donate.thediocesanappeal.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 6/30/25)
- Please charge my credit card for a (circle one) one-time payment/partial payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (balance due by 6/30/25)
- 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: \$12/mo. beginning 09/2024 thru 06/2025 for total gift of \$120)
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Mail your completed form to Diocesan Appeal, 40 N. Main Ave., Albany NY 12203

### PLEASE APPORTION MY GIFT AS FOLLOWS:

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

\_\_\_\_\_% General Budget Underwriting of Diocesan Services      \_\_\_\_\_% Parish Mission Support Services of the Diocese  
\_\_\_\_\_% Parish Operational Support Services of the Diocese      \_\_\_\_\_% Vocations

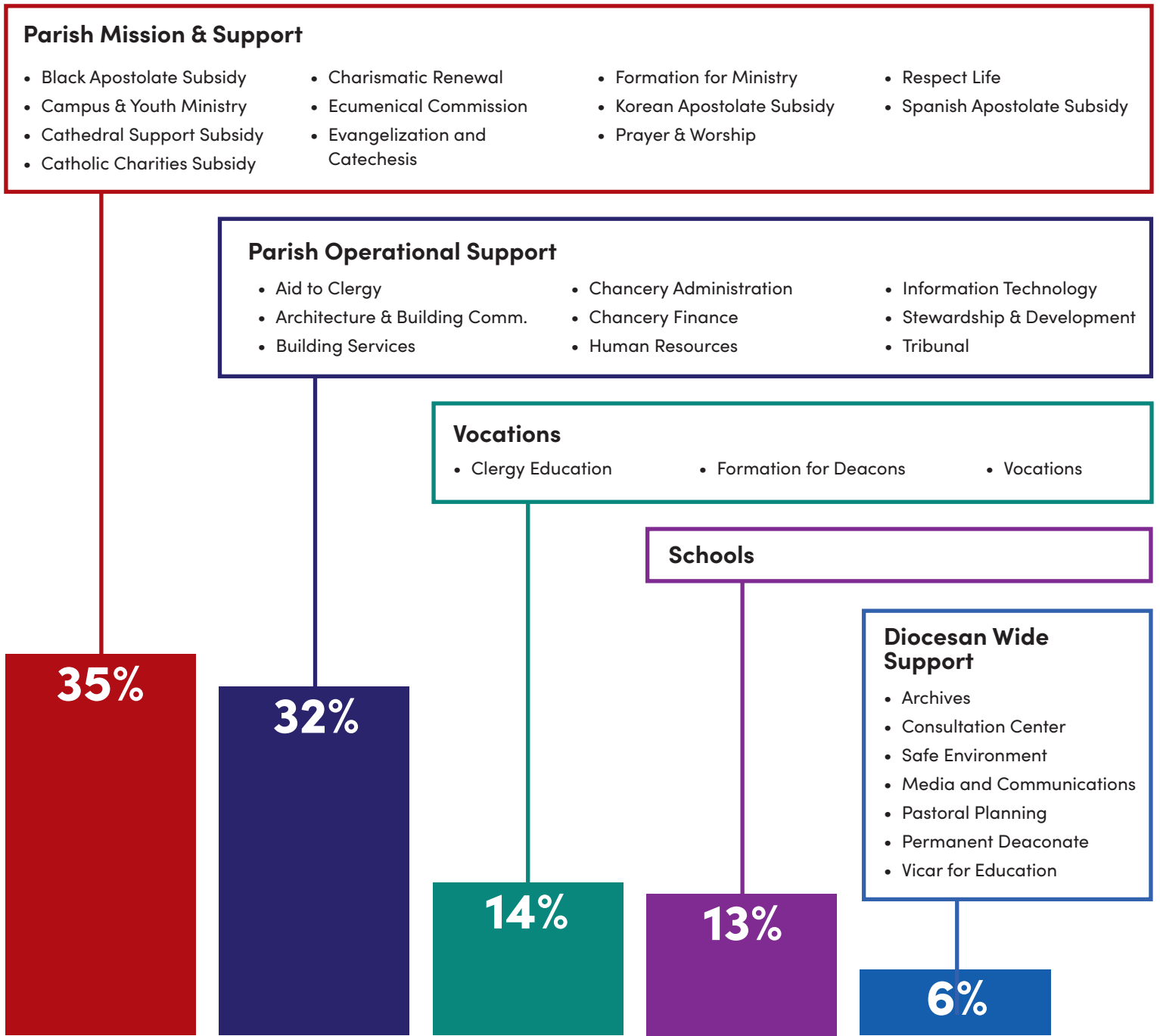
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Use our easy to use new smart giving tools to make a gift with your IRA, Stock, or DAF - learn more at: [www.rcda.org/offices/stewardship](http://www.rcda.org/offices/stewardship)



# 2023–2024 Fiscal Year Actual Spending by Diocese of Albany

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For the third consecutive year, for the 2023-24 Diocesan Appeal it cost 7 cents to raise \$1 compared to the national fundraising average of 20 cents to raise \$1.