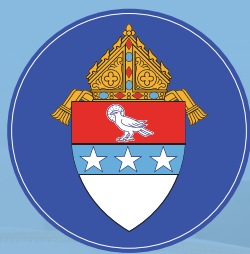


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ROMANS 5:5



2025 Parish Manual

Recommendations for a Successful Appeal



January 2025

Dear Pastors, Parish Staff, and Members of Team Catholic,

Thank you for all your hard work in 2024 to close out the *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! I am grateful for your unwavering support and dedication to our annual appeal which enables us to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ with love, builds our community and grows in faith together as we answer God's call.

As Romans 5:5 reminds us, "**Hope does not disappoint.**" This powerful truth shapes our mission, grounding us in hope and uniting us in faith and devotion to Christ. Your commitment to this mission truly makes a difference across Middle Tennessee, reaching far beyond our church walls and transforming lives in need.

With Commitment Weekend approaching soon, we ask for your continued support and help serving with love. Enclosed are materials to help ensure a successful weekend, including:

- **Parish Manual** including the timeline, gift processing notes, and more
- **Brochures** for pews and parish entrances
- **In-pew pledge cards and envelopes** to be placed in pews before each Mass
- **Posters** for display throughout your parish

Like in years past, your parishioners have already received Bishop Spalding's first letter, inviting them to prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2025 *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*. They can make a safe and secure gift online at dioceseofnashville.com/appeal, mail their gift, or bring it to Mass on Commitment Weekend.

Thank you again for your steadfast dedication to our local Church and the annual appeal. Whether through your time, resources, or prayers, you are a vital part of Team Catholic, and together, we're making a lasting impact. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at (615) 760-1013 or jen.mahr@dioceseofnashville.com.

Sincerely in Christ,

Jen Mahr
Director of Annual Giving

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YEAR'S BISHOP'S ANNUAL
APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES**

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2025 Timeline

PROJECT	DROP DATE
BAAM Mailing #1	01/22/25
2024 Tax Statement Mailing	01/29/25
BAAM Materials Arrive in Parishes	Week of 02/03/25
Announcement Weekend	02/23-24/25
Commitment Weekend	03/02/25
BAAM Mailing #2 – Pastor Mailing	03/18/25
BAAM Mailing #3	05/19/25
BAAM Mailing #4	08/26/25
Priesthood Sunday Mailing	10/16/25
Priesthood Sunday In-Pew Materials Arrive	Week of 10/20/25
Priesthood Sunday Weekend	11/01-02/25
Last Day to Deliver Donations In-Person to Diocese for 2025	12/23/25

*Note, all mailed donations must be postmarked by 12/31/25.

GIFT PROCESSING RECOMMENDATIONS

- All gifts made via check to the *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries* (BAAM) during Commitment Weekend should be sent to the Lockbox for processing using the Tyvek envelopes provided.
- All cash gifts to BAAM should be sent to the diocese for processing.
- All BAAM gifts should remain sealed inside their envelope. This enables donor information to stay with the gift itself and allow for gift acknowledgement by the diocese and parish.
- If you receive any cash donations, or gifts/payments to the Legacy Campaign or other special collections, please send them to the diocese for processing.



Areas of Support

WHERE YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Building Our Community Fostering Unity through Faith *Supports ministries that help build up the local Church*



2,731
YOUTH & ADULT
BAPTISMS



2,500+
LOCAL EUCHARISTIC
REVIVAL PARTICIPANTS



60
CHURCHES

Growing in Faith Forming Today's and Tomorrow's Catholic Faithful *Supports ministries such as SEARCH, Totus Tuus, and University Catholic*



1,800+
CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES



180
SEARCH
PARTICIPANTS



14
CAMPUSES SERVED BY
UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC

Answering God's Call Seeking and Living Out One's Purpose *Supports ministries such as seminarian education, the diaconate, and married/engaged couples*



2
PRIESTS
ORDAINED



45+
MEN IN FORMATION
FOR THE PRIESTHOOD
AND DIACONATE



170
ENGAGED COUPLE
RETREAT ATTENDEES

Serving with Love

Empowering Lives with Love
through Service, Guidance
and Opportunity

*Supports ministries such as workforce
development and counseling*





MOVE MOUNTAINS SOCIETY

The *Move Mountains Society* is a dedicated group of faithful supporters who annually give generously to the Diocese of Nashville in one of the following areas – the *Bishop’s Annual Appeal for Ministries, Advancement of Catholic Education, Seminarian Education, and A Legacy of Faith, Hope, and Love*. Through their support, they also extend Christ’s love to neighbors throughout Middle Tennessee, helping to build a stronger, more compassionate diocese that lifts others and the vital ministries throughout our diocese.

“Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”
(MATTHEW 17:20)

