



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Each year <<Parish Name>> and the Diocese of Brooklyn engage in the **Annual Catholic Appeal** which supports Catholic programs throughout Brooklyn and Queens and affects the lives of countless individuals and families living in our neighborhoods in addition to benefiting our parish.

How Does Our Parish Benefit?

In order for our parish to function, we need well-trained **priests and deacons** who can celebrate the sacraments and administer the parish. Without the **\$2.5 Million** from the Appeal allocated to vocations, we would not have the clergy our parish needs.

Our Children are the future of our parish, and we are called to support them as they grow in faith. The Appeal provides funding that supports every parish **religious education program** as well as tuition assistance to those seeking **Catholic Education** at Catholic Academies and Schools. Over **\$1.8 million** from the Appeal is invested in the faith of our children in addition to also providing **adult faith formation**. Instruction programs for lay people, including those in our own parish, provide training in ministries such as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors or prepare others for sacraments.

The Appeal also provides funding for the Youth Ministers working in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens. **\$150,000** each year from our donations sustains the **Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative**, which has been supported by Generations of Faith, ensuring that young people encounter Christ through the Church, forming life-long bonds of faith which will sustain our parishes for years to come.

Christ Himself has called all on us to care for those among us in need, but as one parish we lack the time, space, skills, and volunteers that it takes to address the needs of all our brothers and sisters who need our help. Therefore, through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish supports the work of **Catholic Charities** and **Catholic Migration Services** which receive a total of **\$1.4 million** from the Appeal. Together we can welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless in the name of our Church.

In our efforts to spread the Gospel of Christ, we also have a responsibility as Catholics to minister to those who are ill, students in high schools and colleges as well as those who are imprisoned, just as Christ directed us to. The Appeal provides **\$1.1 million** to ensure that **chaplains** bring the sacraments of the church to those who are ill, imprisoned, or are studying in high school and college.

Why is my participation important?

As followers of Jesus here at **St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish**, we understand our responsibility to our parish implies a responsibility to the diocese which unites us together with the entire Catholic community as the one body of Christ. When one part of the body does not participate, the entire body suffers and makes it harder to function. Likewise, your participation in this Appeal, over and above your regular Sunday offering, will determine the ability of <<Parish Name>> to faithfully support the mission of Christ while also providing the needed support we receive as one parish, which is part of the larger Catholic Church.

WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE Annual Catholic Appeal AND HOW CAN WE HELP?

Please join us to respond as the Church of Christ United in Communion, United in Charity in Brooklyn and Queens through a pledge to the **Annual Catholic Appeal** today at **AnnualCatholicAppeal.org** or text **DONATE** to **917-336-1255**

Thank you and God bless you.

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** seeks to raise a minimum of \$8 million to provide programs and ministries throughout the Diocese and support the local efforts of parishes like ours.

The goal at St. Stanislaus Kostka Parish is \$69,276.00

Once we exceed our goal, we will then receive 100% of all funds raised above this figure directly back to our parish.

For questions regarding the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, or to schedule an appointment to make a gift to the parish, please contact the Parish Office – (718) 434-2090

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United in Charity**