



Supporting the work
of the church in 2020

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Dear Friends in the Diocese of Providence:

In a compelling reflection about the COVID pandemic, Pope Francis spoke of how we are all affected by, and united in, responding to the crisis. Our Holy Father wrote: “We realize that we are all in the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented . . . [But] we are invited to step out of ourselves for love of God and neighbor as an opportunity for sharing, service and intercessory prayer.”

Indeed, the crisis has occasioned many opportunities for “sharing and service,” and in the Diocese of Providence, one of the ways in which we have responded to that invitation is through the outstanding work of Catholic Charities. During this time, along with other initiatives, Catholic Charities has: provided food cards to thousands of households throughout the Diocese; enabled Emmanuel House shelter for the homeless to remain open; provided personal assistance to senior citizens at the St. Martin de Porres Center; and supplied diapers, formula, clothing and cribs to expectant and new moms.

This good work wouldn’t be possible, though, without the funding provided by the annual **Catholic Charity Appeal**. We are deeply grateful for the \$4.3 million already received from more than 14,000 donors, and if you have already given to this year’s appeal, thank you very much! But this ministry, too, has been severely affected by the pandemic restrictions, and we are far short of this year’s goal of \$7.3 million. For that reason, we are turning to you to plead for your assistance. We need you, and your financial support if the Church is to maintain its charitable mission at this unprecedented time of crisis.

Our annual in-pew weekend appeal for the Catholic Charity Appeal is scheduled for **September 12th – 13th**. If you haven’t yet donated, the in-pew appeal will give you a very convenient way to do so. There are other ways as well: you can return the enclosed pledge card, or make a secure gift online at www.givecentral.org/2020CCA.

Pope Francis has reminded us that whenever we navigate stormy seas, it’s important that we all “row together, each of us in need, comforting one another.” The Catholic Charity Appeal gives us a very tangible and effective way to “row together.” Thank you very much for your assistance, and God bless you!

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Tobin
Bishop of Providence



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D I O C E S E O F P R O V I D E N C E

Queridos amigos en la Diócesis de Providence:

Reflexionando sobre la pandemia COVID, el Papa Francisco escribió sobre la unidad que compartimos al estar todos afectados y respondiendo a la crisis juntos. El Papa comentó, “Nos damos cuenta de que todos estamos en el mismo barco, frágiles y desorientados... (pero) se nos invita a dar un paso fuera de nuestro ser para darle amor a Dios y a nuestro prójimo; una oportunidad para compartir, servir y orar.”

De hecho, la crisis ha brindado oportunidades para servir y compartir, y en la Diócesis de Providence una de las maneras que hemos respondido es a través del gran esfuerzo de Caridades Católicas. Durante este tiempo hemos proporcionado tarjetas de comida para miles de familias en la diócesis, apoyado a Casa Emanuel para que permanezca abierta para aquellos sin hogar, aportado asistencia a personas de tercera edad a través del Centro San Martín de Porres, y ofrecido pañales, fórmula infantil, ropa y cunas para madres primerizas y mujeres embarazadas; entre otras iniciativas.

Este trabajo no sería posible sin el apoyo y las donaciones del Pedido Anual Católico. Estamos profundamente agradecidos con las más de 14,000 familias e individuos quienes han donado una suma de más de \$4.3 millones. Si usted ya sacrificó de su tesoro, ¡muchas gracias! Este ministerio, como muchos, ha sido afectado por las restricciones de la pandemia y nos falta aún más apoyo para alcanzar nuestra meta de \$7.3 millones. Por lo tanto, escribo esta carta para pedir por su ayuda. Necesitamos de su apoyo para que nuestra Iglesia mantenga su misión de caridad durante esta crisis.

Este año la colecta para el Pedido Católico Anual está programada para el 12 y 13 de septiembre. Si aún no ha participado, este fin de semana le dará la oportunidad ideal para donar. También existen otras maneras para participar: puede llenar la tarjeta donativa incluida o donar en línea visitando la página www.givecentral.org/2020CCA.

El Papa Francisco nos recuerda, “al navegar por los mares tormentosos, es importante remar juntos, todos necesitados de confortarnos mutuamente.” El Pedido Anual Católico nos ofrece una manera palpable y eficaz de “remar juntos.” ¡Agradezco mucho su asistencia y que Dios le bendiga!

Sinceramente suyo,

Thomas J. Tobin
Obispo de Providence





SUPPORTING THE WORK
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**Today is our in-pew
 weekend for the 2020
 Catholic Charity Appeal**

A time for love and generosity.

As Catholics, our selflessness when responding to those in need sets us apart from others. Over the past few months our world has been altered drastically, yet our love for Christ and His mission continues. As we strive to become good stewards of faith, let us remember our Catholic Charity Appeal and pray for all those helped by this annual collection. **Thank you** to the more than 14,000 families and individuals who have supported us during this trying time. *If you have yet to give we need your help now more than ever...*

- Please consider supporting the CCA by making your gift through one of the following options:
- Visit givecentral.org/2020CCA to make your donation securely online.
 - **Text** the word "Appeal" to (401) 496-9889 and a link to the secure giving page will be immediately sent to your phone.
 - You can also **fill out the below pledge card** and mail to: Catholic Charity Appeal, P.O. Box 6605, Providence RI 02940-6605

In appreciation for God's gifts, I/We pledge the following:

\$50
 \$75
 \$100
 \$150
 \$200
 \$250
 \$500
 Other _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Parish/City _____

Total Gift: \$

Enclosed Amount: \$

Please indicate if this is:

One-time Gift

4 Monthly Payments

Make checks payable to:
 2020 Catholic Charity Appeal

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Cardholder Name (as it appears on the card)	Expiration (MM/YY)
Card #	Sec. Code
Signature	



CHARITABLE GIVING & THE CARES ACT

\$300 above-the line Charitable Deduction

The CARES Act makes a new charitable deduction available to individual taxpayers that do not itemize their deductions. This new benefit, also referred to as a *universal deduction*, allows for a charitable deduction of up to **\$300** per individual.

This is an above-the-line contribution that is deducted from the individual taxpayer's income prior to the calculation of their adjusted gross income.

Donations to a qualified charity, such as the **Catholic Charity Appeal**, must be made in cash or cash equivalents (as opposed to stock, for example).

Modification of Charitable Deduction Limitations

In addition to the new universal deduction, for 2020, the CARES Act provides incentives for both individuals and corporations by increasing the available deductions on qualified charitable contributions to:

- 100% of their adjusted gross income for individual taxpayers who itemize their deductions. Beyond the scope of the CARES Act, the deduction for qualified charitable contributions made by itemizing individual donors is limited to 60% of their adjusted gross income.
- 25% of taxable income for corporations. Up from the 10% limit which is generally applicable for corporations outside of the CARES Act.

Any deductions beyond the 100% limit may be carried over and used in the next five years. There are factors that may limit a taxpayer's ability to use this provision. Check with your tax advisor to ensure you qualify

Charitable Distribution from your IRA

The CARES Act suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMDs) for the 2020 tax year from certain defined contribution plans and IRAs.

However, making a qualified charitable distribution from an IRA account is still a convenient way to make a gift while also offering tax benefits.

If you are over 70 ½ years old, you can still donate up to \$100,000 in IRA assets directly to charity annually, without taking the distribution into taxable income. So, you benefit even if you do not itemize.

As always, before taking advantage of any of these new provisions, check with your tax advisor to ensure you qualify.

Using AmazonSmile to benefit Catholic Social Services!

Another creative way you can help those in need within the Diocese of Providence, while shopping online at Amazon, is by visiting smile.amazon.com and choosing "**Catholic Social Services**" as your charitable organization of choice. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate a small percentage of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchase. Through this option, you are helping us to continue lending a helping hand to those in need. *Thank you!*



Catholic Charity Appeal

Your gift will make a difference for so many...

*"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.
But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."*

- SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA



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Next weekend, September 12 and 13, we will have the "in-pew" weekend that was postponed due to the Coronavirus. Pledge envelopes will be available in the gathering space of the church, rather than in the individual pews. Other ways to make a gift this year are:

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