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**Annual Catholic Appeal Kicks off 2020 Campaign, Supports
Organizations Assisting in Wake of COVID-19**

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ST. LOUIS – Last week, the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) of the Archdiocese of St. Louis kicked off the 2020 fundraising campaign to support the mission of the Church through [its many ministries and programs](#), including several organizations serving those in most need during the pandemic.

Approximately 91 cents of every dollar raised goes back into the community in the form of direct services, through support of organizations and efforts such as [Catholic Charities of St. Louis](#), the [Office of Racial Harmony](#), Immigrant and Refugee Support, the Rural Parish Mobile Medical Clinic, archdiocesan elementary and high schools, Kenrick-Glennon Seminary, and more.

One of the largest benefactors of ACA fundraising each year, Catholic Charities of St. Louis has been leading the Basic Needs efforts of the [COVID-19 Regional Response Team](#)—including setting up a multi-lingual call center to assist individuals and families severely impacted by the pandemic, hosting a drive-up food and supply drive in partnership with Operation Food Search, and [much more](#). In response to the teachings of Jesus Christ, Catholic Charities of St. Louis and its federation of eight agencies serve people in need, especially those who are poor and vulnerable; work to improve social conditions for all people in the community; and call members of the Church and community to do the same to break the cycle of poverty, abuse and neglect, empower people to make permanent changes in their lives and support people to lead self-sufficient, dignified lives.

“In this great time of need, we see the work of the church in many wondrous ways: helping those who are sick, feeding those who are hungry, walking with those in despair,” said Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson, Apostolic Administrator of St. Louis. “Everyone has felt economic pain because of this pandemic. That is why I am asking those who can to consider giving something more this year in an effort to help those we serve.”

Archbishop Carlson and the Archdiocese of St. Louis are encouraging all those in the greater St. Louis region to learn more about the work of the ACA and to consider making a donation at aca.archstl.org to help those in most need at this time. Watch a video message from Archbishop Carlson [here](#).

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