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**Annual Catholic Appeal Raises More than \$15 million for Fourth  
Consecutive Year**

*Campaign exceeds expectations during COVID-19, thanks to support from St. Louis Archdiocesan  
community*

**ST. LOUIS** – The Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis, has announced the results of the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), the largest annual fundraising campaign of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The campaign raised more than \$15 million in 2020, for the fourth consecutive year and the fifth time in the history of the archdiocese, despite a months-long suspension of public Mass and other limitations placed on the operations of the campaign due to COVID-19.

Total funding raised by the 2020 Appeal amounts to approximately \$15.1 million, comprised of gifts from nearly 40,000 households spanning across the archdiocese. Estate gifts and anticipated corporate matching gifts would bring that total to over \$16 million. Approximately 92 cents of every dollar goes back into the community in the form of direct services to the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis—including those in most need—through support of [a large variety of ministries and programs](#), such as:

- [Catholic Charities](#), a federation of eight agencies that help a wide range of people with a mission 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. Catholic Charities has led the Basic Needs efforts of the COVID-19 Regional Response Team in the St. Louis area, helping those in most need during the pandemic.
- [Kenrick-Glennon Seminary](#), which prepares men for the ministerial priesthood of Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church.
- The [Catholic Deaf Ministry](#) of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, a reinvigorated program that helps ensure that Catholics who are deaf and hard of hearing have proper access to the sacraments, faith formation, education and more.

- The [Archdiocesan Office of Catholic Education and Formation](#), which is celebrating over 200 years of Catholic education, with nearly 100 elementary schools and 25 high schools engaging over 30,000 students in 11 counties.

The ACA also supported parishes and schools in their return to in-person Mass and learning this year, with a generous grant to provide necessary PPE and cleaning materials.

Archbishop Rozanski said:

“The generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis continues to show itself in the incredible support for the ACA this year, despite such a trying time. While some of our brothers and sisters may not have been able to give as much to the ACA this year as they did in years past, the results of this year’s campaign show that those who could give a little more stepped up for those who could not. Now we are seeing that generosity put to work in service of those who are suffering because of the pandemic. The Archdiocese of St. Louis is a strong faith community filled with people who are helping to further the mission of God’s Church, and sharing moments of hope with others who need it most, even in their own times of trial. I offer my heartfelt gratitude for this beautiful expression of our Catholic faith.”

Brian Niebrugge, Executive Director of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal, said:

“People are worried, but they still decided to make a gift to support people in need and the mission of the Church. I wish that those who gave could be present every time someone received help because of their gift. We are saying thank you now, but people who need help will be saying thank you all year long.”

More information on the ACA is available at [aca.archstl.org](http://aca.archstl.org).

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