

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL – COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I need to know about the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

Beginning in 2020, the Catholic Ministries Appeal has replaced Fruitful Harvest. The reason for the change is to focus on the many ministries that are supported through this appeal and to increase the transparency of how the funds raised from this appeal are utilized to support the works of Christ directly through the diocese, as well as through the ministries that support each of our local parishes.

Here are some examples on how the Catholic Ministries Appeal is helping to support St. Alphonsus and its parishioners:

- The Evangelization staff from at the diocese is on the road with their Evangelization Road Show. They have been to our parish to present evangelization ideas to our evangelization staff and leadership team.
- Andrew Morand, who is a seminarian from our parish, is being supported in his formation.
- Both Fr. Travis and Deacon Perry are being supported through additional training and continuing education.
- Our college students at Ball State, Purdue, and Wabash are being ministered to by the campus Newman Centers.

Why should I give to the Catholic Ministries Appeal? Shouldn't I focus on giving to my parish?

Giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows the parish to retain its weekly collection. Without the Catholic Ministries Appeal, the diocese could tax our weekly collection in order to fund its programs.

How is a Parish's Catholic Ministries Appeal goal calculated?

A parish's goal is determined by its "eligible income" multiplied by a progressive factor based on "eligible income." "Eligible income" is total income as reported to the diocese on the parish's 2019 Parish Annual Report less school income, approved capital campaign income, including Fruitful Harvest dovetails, and bequest, trust, and estate donations. Based on the total income St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish reported in 2019, our progressive factor is 1.0 of "eligible income". Our adjusted "eligible income" is then compared to the total for all parishes in the diocese to determine our percentage of the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal.

What is the Catholic Ministries Appeal goal for St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish?

Our goal for this Catholic Ministries Appeal is **\$225,493**.

What happens if St Alphonsus Liguori Parish does not meet its goal?

If the parish does not meet its goal, the parish will write a check to the diocese for the difference between the goal amount and the amount contributed by parishioners.

Is there a "dovetail" with the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

There is no longer a "dovetail" with the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Parishes will be allowed to run an approved capital campaign in conjunction with the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

What happens if St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish exceeds its goal for the Catholic Ministries Appeal?

If the parish exceeds its goal, the excess funds will no longer be returned to the parish. The diocese is creating an “overage” fund that will be used to assist other parishes within the diocese who are unable to meet their Catholic Ministries Appeal goal.

Where can I get accountability information?

A financial accounting for the diocese is published each fall as an insert in the *Catholic Moment* and is mailed to every Catholic household in Northcentral Indiana. In addition, the staff in the Office of Stewardship and Development and the members of the Bishop’s Cabinet are also available to respond to your questions regarding the Appeal. Call 765-742-7000 or write:

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Lafayette, IN 47902-1687

How can I contact someone at St. Alphonsus Liguori Parish if I have questions?

You can email jhill@zionsvillecatholic.com or call Jolaine Hill, Manager of Stewardship and Finance at 317-873-2885 during regular office hours.