

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Why should I give to the Catholic Charity Appeal (CCA)?**

Your sacrificial gift to the CCA immediately goes to work, providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, to immigration services, to emergency rent and medical aid, regardless of their race, creed, or background. Your gift also has an immediate impact on services that include health care ministry, seminarian education, two youth centers, youth ministry programs, evangelization efforts, Pro-Life support through the Life and Family ministry, and much more.

### **What are some specific programs funded through the CCA?**

The CCA supports numerous ministries and programs of the Diocese of Providence. Specifically, your gift supports: St. Martin de Porres Center, Project Hope, Social Services and Emergency Assistance Network, Campus Ministry, Mother of Hope Camp, Office of Permanent Diaconate, Office of Vocations, Special Religious Education, Evangelization and Faith Formation, St. Clare Home, Youth Ministry, and Emmanuel House among many others. For a full listing, please scroll to the bottom.

### **How can I make a gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal?**

*There are several ways to contribute to the Catholic Charities Appeal:*

1. *Make your gift quickly and securely online at [givecentral.org/2021CCA](http://givecentral.org/2021CCA).*
2. *Text to Give is now an option! Text the word "Appeal" to 401-496-9889. A link to our secure giving page will be immediately sent back to you.*
3. *Complete the pledge card you received in the mail and return to your parish or mail to Catholic Charity Appeal, PO Box 6605, Providence RI, 02940-6605.*
4. *We also gratefully accept gifts of stock and, for those who are 70½ or older, direct transfer gifts from a traditional IRA to the Diocese of Providence can also save you from paying a capital gains tax, a double win! For more information, please contact Rich Popovic at [RPopovic@dioceseofprovidence.org](mailto:RPopovic@dioceseofprovidence.org).*
5. *Donor designated gifts to the appeal can be made through payroll deductions with your employer or by utilizing the United Way Philanthropy Fund and designating your gift to "Catholic Charities of Rhode Island."*

### **Why should I consider making my gift using my credit card?**

Using your credit card saves you and the charity time, money, paper, and postage. Your gift can be made quickly and securely by going online to [givecentral.org/2021CCA](http://givecentral.org/2021CCA). As a donor, you can choose to make a one-time gift, recurring gift, or a pledge by using your MasterCard, Visa, American Express, or Discover cards. **The "pledge" option has a start and end date, while the "recurring" option provides ongoing monthly support until you decide to end payments.**

### **How do I become a member of the Bishop's Partnership in Charity?**

This phase of the annual Catholic Charity Appeal encourages donors to be a beacon of hope to those less fortunate by taking a leadership role in giving and setting an example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow. We invite you to become a member with a gift of \$1,000 or more to the Catholic Charity Appeal. By doing so, you will join many other good stewards in our journey of faith together. Your charitable gift to the CCA qualifies for tax benefits as allowed by law.

### **Will my parish receive credit for my gift?**

*Yes, please be sure to indicate your parish when filling out your pledge card or making your gift securely online.*

**Are any of the funds for the Catholic Charity Appeal (CCA) used to pay for civil lawsuits or judgments?**

*No. None of the funds raised through the CCA can be used for settlements or judgments. Civil and Canonical laws dictate that all funds received by this charity can only be used for the programs and ministries outlined below.*

**How is the Catholic Charity Appeal different from the Grateful for God's Providence campaign?**

The CCA is an annual fund, meaning monies must be raised, collected, and spent every year by the charity. It supports the day-to-day ministries and services essential to the spiritual, pastoral, educational, and human needs of our sisters and brothers throughout Rhode Island.

The Grateful for God's Providence Campaign (GGP) is focused on the long-term needs of our diocese and parishes. Primarily, the campaign is increasing endowments that are vital for programs such as Seminarian Education, Catholic Schools Tuition Assistance, Retired Priests and Catholic Charities & Social Services. The GGP Campaign is also providing direct funding to all 130 parishes in the diocese, including the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul.

**I may be interested in supporting the CCA; however, I have more questions. Whom do I contact?**

*Please contact Tim McCaig, Director of Stewardship and Development at (401) 865-6851. He welcomes your call and the opportunity to speak with you.*

**Can I make a gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal through United Way?**

Yes. Donor designated gifts to the CCA can be done by utilizing the United Way Philanthropy Fund and designating your gift to "Catholic Charities of Rhode Island."

**I hear my employer will match my Catholic Charity gift. Is this true?**

Yes! You can multiply the value of your contribution by having your gift matched if a company with a Matching Gift Program employs either you or your spouse. When a donor makes a pledge or cash gift, their employer may match that gift to a certain amount. Please obtain and complete the appropriate Matching Gift Form from your employer's Human Resources Office and forward, along with your donation, to:

***Office of Stewardship & Development***

***1 Cathedral Square***

***Providence, RI 0290.***

***The Catholic Charity Appeal funds:***

**Ministerial Services:**

Permanent Diaconate  
Post Ordination of Priests  
Permanent Diaconate Formation  
Office for Religious  
Future Vocations  
Major Seminarian Ed Program – Grant  
Seminary of Our Lady of Providence – Grant

**Catholic Education, Spiritual Formation and Evangelization**

Special Religious Education – SPRED  
Faith Formation  
Catholic School Office  
Campus Ministry – Brown/RISD  
Campus Ministry – URI  
Father Marot CYO Center – Grant  
All Saints Academy – Grant  
Assistant Chancellor  
Diocesan School Financial Services – Grants  
High School Tuition Assist Grants  
Youth Ministry  
St. John Bosco Chapel  
Rejoice in Hope Youth Center  
Mother of Hope Camp  
Marriage Preparation and Enrichment  
Office of Worship

**Community & Pastoral Services:**

Community Services & Advocacy Programs  
St. Antoine Residence – Grant  
Human Development Grants  
St. Martin de Porres Center  
Health Care Ministries  
Social Ministries  
Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza  
Life and Family Ministry  
St. Clare's Home – Grant  
Emmanuel House – Grant  
Multi-Cultural Ministry  
Non-CCF Agency – Grants

**Other**

Appeal Administration  
Priest Retirement & Other Diocesan Grants  
Parish Over Goal Distribution  
Property Capital