

Bishop's Appeal **FAQ's**

1. *When does each parish participate in the Annual Bishop's Appeal?*

The Bishop's Appeal will be celebrated on the Bishop's Visitation to your parish.

2. *What programs will the Bishop's Appeal fund?*

The Bishop's Appeal will help fund Christian Leadership Development such as:

- Expanding the College for Congregational Development
- Nurturing Diocesan Deaf Ministry and Deaf Campus Ministry at NTID/RIT
- Growing Christian Formation and Leadership Development programs for Children, Youth and Young Adults (i.e., Rise Camp, ROC the Diocese, etc.)
- Increasing seminarian scholarships

3. *Why are we asked to fund a Bishop's Appeal when parishes already pay an apportionment that support these programs?*

A Bishop's Appeal develops a new revenue stream that enables us *to grow and sustain* these programs for the future, without reversing the work we've done to reduce apportionment and draws from the endowment.

4. *Why focus on Christian Leadership Development?*

Good leaders make mission happen!

5. *What is the relationship between Bishop's Appeal and Bishop's Discretionary Fund?*

- The Bishop's Appeal will help grow Christian Leadership Development programs.
- The Bishop's Discretionary fund enables the Bishop to confidentially take care of special pastoral needs of clergy and others.

To simplify, we've combined contributions to both funds under the Bishop's Appeal.

- 80% of the Bishop's Appeal contributions will fund our leadership initiatives.
- 20% of the Bishop's Appeal contributions will go toward the Bishop's Discretionary fund.

(However, anyone may still contribute directly to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.)

6. *Who will monitor how the Bishop's Appeal funds are collected, used and reported?*

Diocesan Council will monitor the funds with an annual update at Convention.