



Purpose	<i>Annual appeal</i> to fund current diocesan ministries, services and programs	<i>Capital campaign</i> to fund high cost projects and programs in anticipation of diocesan growth and development
Goal	<p>Each year, parishes and missions provide financial support to diocesan ministries serving our five counties through an assessment. The amount is roughly 13% of the combined parish revenues.</p> <p>The ultimate goal for each parish and mission is to reach or exceed the assessment amount through the Annual Pastoral Appeal. If the goal is not met, the balance due is billed to parish.</p>	<p>Parish capital campaign goals were set at approximately 80% of their 2011/12 offertory. The goal is a good faith effort – if it is not met, the parish is not expected to pay the balance.</p>
Payment terms	Gift/Pledge paid over 10 months	Gift/Pledge paid over 3-5 years
Parish benefit	<p>Assessment is paid through direct parishioner donations instead of being paid out of offertory, therefore more offertory money can be dedicated to parish ministry. In addition, parishes receive all funds collected OVER the goal.</p>	<p>Parishes receive 20 cents on every dollar raised toward goal whether the goal is achieved or not. In addition, parishes receive 80 cents of every dollar raised OVER goal.</p>
What's funded	<p>Over 50 ministries, services and programs across the diocese, as well as diocesan level administrative costs are funded through the Annual Pastoral Appeal. Included in the \$11.5 million total goal is \$4.2 million earmarked for Catholic education and seminarian support in these specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catholic education tuition assistance - 3 diocesan schools operation subsidies - Seminarian formation and education - Operation of Office of Catholic Schools <p>While the services supported here may appear to overlap, the areas and amounts covered through APA help meet the current need and do not provide for any increases in the current or future years due to cost of living adjustments, rising health care costs or higher enrollment.</p>	<p><i>Forward in Faith</i> earmarks \$ 50 million dollars for future growth in Catholic education and clergy care including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$11 million for 2 new diocesan schools and \$18 million to invest for tuition assistance grants for families - \$5 million for construction and support of the St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary - \$3 million to pay for increased tuition living costs incurred through increasing numbers of seminarians and projected rising health care costs for retiring priests