

# **MONTHLY BULLETIN INSERTS**

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for You to Impact the Life of Someone in Need*
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Your Support*



## **2018 Catholic Charity Appeal**

**Diocese of Providence**

*Celebrating our 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary*

**1925 – 2018**

# 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal Prayer

*“Faith and Good Works”*

## **Our Lady of Providence**

### **Patroness of the Annual Catholic Charity Appeal**

Dear Mary, Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer, and we seek your assistance as we begin our Annual Catholic Charity Appeal.

Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you guide our works of love; help us to offer generous assistance to all who turn to the Church in their time of need.

Through your intercession, may we grow in faith, hope and love; inspire us to be generous in supporting the Catholic Charity Appeal, and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve.

Fill our hearts with a compassionate spirit, so that the Church in Providence may always fulfill your Son’s command to, “Love one another as I have loved you.”

Now filled with hope and confidence we pray: “Hail Mary, full of grace...”

### **Case Statement for the Catholic Charity Appeal**

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# 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal Begins!

*“Faith and Good Works”*

Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Appeal helps to fund our numerous diocesan ministries that provide comfort and support to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Because of you and your unwavering generosity, the Catholic Church in Providence is able to:

- ✓ Care for the Poor
- ✓ Promote Peace and Justice
- ✓ Feed the Hungry
- ✓ Foster Discipleship
- ✓ Help the Elderly
- ✓ Embrace Our Diversity
- ✓ Counsel Families
- ✓ Shelter the Homeless
- ✓ Comfort the Sick
- ✓ Bring Hope
- ✓ Educate Our Youth
- ✓ End Suffering
- ✓ Strengthen Faith
- ✓ Support Those With Disabilities
- ✓ Spread the Gospel Message

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*Supports Numerous Diocesan Ministries and Programs That Serve Over 200,000 Rhode Islanders Annually*

It is the goal of every Catholic Charity Appeal ministry to continue the redemptive work of Christ in our world.

## **What We Do:**

1. We teach God’s truth
2. We love our neighbor
3. We serve with grateful hearts

## **Why We Do It:**

1. To promote peace and justice
2. To proclaim the dignity of each person
3. To share our values

## **How We Do It:**

1. Through numerous ministries and programs
2. Through dedicated clergy, staff and volunteers
3. Through living what we believe

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## *An Opportunity for You to Impact the Life of Someone in Need*

- Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 11,767 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.
- At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 9,680 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Appeal.
- Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Direct Emergency Fund to continue to serve 29,500 clients annually. Thank you!
- Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 732 youth attended 8 multi-parish gathered thematic retreats from over 66 different parishes. Thank you for your generosity.
- Your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal helps 2,000 deaf and hard of hearing, 2,500 developmentally disabled and 800 blind individuals. Thank you for your generous gift!
- Your gift to the annual Appeal impacts the lives of 19,016 children and youth as well as 2,271 volunteer catechists and aides through the Office of Evangelization and Faith Formation. Thank you for your generosity!
- Your donation to the Catholic Charity Appeal impacts the lives of over 704 children who attended the Mother of Hope Camp in Chepachet. Thank you for your generous gift.

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*Still Encourages Your Support*

## **IT’S NOT TOO LATE!**

- ❖ If you have yet to make a gift to the 2018 Catholic Charity Appeal, please call your parish today to make a pledge.
- ❖ Your gift may be made by check, credit card, or by direct debit from your bank account.
- ❖ For more information on ways to give, please contact the Stewardship & Development Office at 277-2121.
- ❖ Thank you for your continued support that impacts and makes a difference in the lives of those in need within the Diocese of Providence.
- ❖ If you have already made a gift to this year’s Appeal, THANK YOU for sharing your God-given gift of treasure.

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**If you would like more information about the Catholic Charity Appeal,  
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