



# ARCHBISHOP'S

ANNUAL APPEAL 2019



**GO** therefore  
and make disciples  
Matthew 28:19



"100% of your Appeal contributions are used for the growth of our local Church."

- *Archbishop Wilton Gregory*

Your gifts help support ministries for the nearly 16,000 individuals served by Catholic Charities through Veterans Services, Disaster Assistance and Family Counseling, just to name a few.



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## Announcement Weekend, February 16 - 17, 2019

The focus of announcement weekend is to provide substantial information about the use of Annual Appeal funds and to advise parishioners that they will be asked to give the following week during the in-pew process (on Commitment Weekend).

- Put up posters, prayer cards and brochures
- Insert Bulletin Announcements [English](#) and [Spanish](#) for Archbishop's Annual Appeal in your Parish Bulletin
- Include the campaign in the Prayers of the Faithful [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- **Prepare the Homily**
  - The homily should be a five to seven minute presentation.
  - The homily should serve as a prelude to the Archbishop's recorded homily, which will be played on February 23-24.
  - Use the Sample Homily in your Training Manual to assist pastors as they prepare their homilies (page 15 in the Training Manual).
  - It's important to include the following information:
    - The Archbishop's Annual Appeal is not another special collection, but rather the one time during the year that all Catholics are asked to make a significant pledge, payable over ten months to our Archdiocese so that it can meet the spiritual, educational and temporal needs of parishes, schools and the people throughout the Archdiocese.
    - Inform parishioners that the following week (on Commitment Weekend) they will hear a message, via recorded homily, from the Archbishop himself.
    - Ask parishioners to read the campaign information that they will receive in the bulletin.

- Ask them to donate to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal and to prayerfully reflect on the amount of their pledge.
- Share the theme of the appeal "Go, Therefore and Make Disciples."
- Mention how the parish will use any rebates it may receive.
- Mention the programs funded by the Appeal (see page 18 in Training Manual).

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## What do I need to do on Commitment Weekend?

Here are some ways you can prepare for Commitment Weekend.

1. Prepare volunteers to distribute and collect in-pew envelopes and pencils at each Mass.
2. Pastors or designated person to guide parishioners through the in-pew process.
3. DVD or CD Homily should be prepared and ready to play during the Homily. If your DVD is not working [click here](#) for a list of video links. You can also find this document in [Parish Tools](#).
4. Prayers of the Faithful.
5. Have someone available to answer questions after Mass.
6. Poster, brochures should be visible in key areas of the Parish.
7. Prayer cards should be available in key areas of the Parish.
8. Bulletin announcements for Commitment Weekend and Follow-Up Weekend.

### Materials Needed:

- In-Pew envelopes and pencils
- Script (see training manual)
- Brochures (English and Spanish) - place in the pews or a visible area in the Parish.
- Posters (English and Spanish) - digital format available in Parish Tools.
- Training Manual (English and Spanish are in the same manual).

### Materials Needed for Follow-Up Weekend on March 2-3:

- In-pew envelopes and pencils
- Script (see training manual)
- Posters, brochures, prayer cards
- Training Manual

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## 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Homily Videos

Click on the following English and Spanish [parish version](#) videos to download.



Please utilize the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Homily online public version video links below to upload/link on your website, monitors, social media beginning **January 11**.

[English Homily Public Version - Vimeo](#)

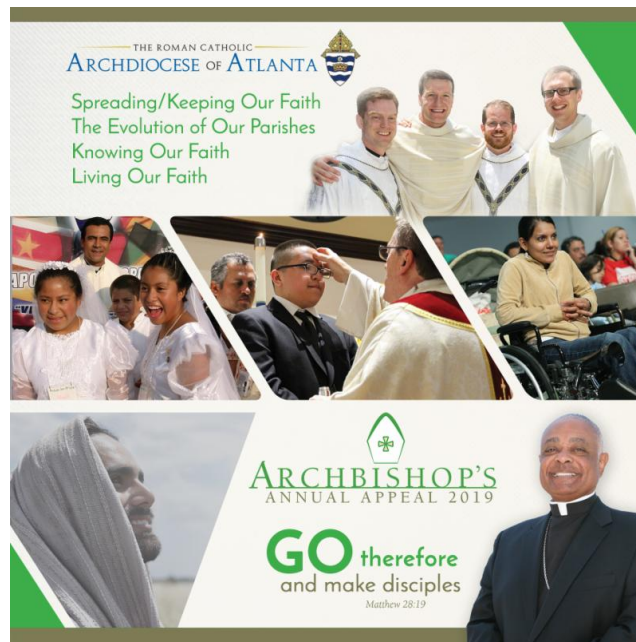
[Spanish Homily Public Version - Vimeo](#)

\*We will be uploading all materials into Parish Tools soon.

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## 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Banners

Click on the following banners to download a copy for your website, bulletin, and monitors. You can also find a JPG files in [Parish Tools](#).



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[Click here](#) for more banners for your social media outlets, monitors, bulletin and webpage

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## GivingTrend Dashboard

The data currently on the dashboard reflects 2019 information.

If you are having trouble viewing or have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of Stewardship at 404-920-7600.



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## 2018 Tax Receipts

Tax receipts for 2018 will be mailed the week of February 4.

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## Important Dates

February 1 | GivingTrend Data Update

Week of February 4 – Tax Receipts mailed

February 6 – Ash Wednesday

February 8 | DM1 Letters Mailed

Mid-February – Early March – Final Rebate checks mailed

### 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

February 16 - 17 | Announcement Weekend

February 23 - 24 | Commitment Weekend

March 2 - 3 | Follow Up Weekend

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## Archbishop's Annual Appeal Parish Ideas

This section is reserved for your parish! You are invited to share your ideas or suggestions on what makes the Archbishop's Annual Appeal successful in your parish. Your input can help other parishes reach their goal.

Here is an example below:

Saint Joseph Catholic Church of Dalton, Ga inserted the following page into their Parish Bulletin to give their parishioners information on how their gift impacts over 1,000,000 Catholics. They also included the Stewardship Prayer - There is no doubt that prayer will help parishes reach their goal and overall help the many ministries supported by the Annual Appeal.

Please email your ideas/suggestions to Nancy Stoehr at [nstoehr@archatl.com](mailto:nstoehr@archatl.com).

We thank you in advance for sharing your success stories!





## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2019

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## CAMPAÑA ANUAL DEL ARZOBISPO 2019

*Vayan, pues, y hagan discípulos.*



**Your gift impacts over 1,000,000 Catholics.**

**90** parishes, **12** missions and **2** pastoral centers enriching over **1,150,000** Catholics, **189** diocesan priests and **88** religious priests, **86** women and men religious, **279** permanent deacons and **52** seminarians. **11,558** students are being served in our **15** archdiocesan elementary schools, **3** archdiocesan high schools and **9** independent Catholic schools. **40,855** students in parish religious education programs. **15** college campus ministries for outreach and evangelization to over **7,365,000** people in north and central Georgia.

**Su donativo impacta a más de 1'000,000 de Católicos.**

La Arquidiócesis Católica Romana de Atlanta cuenta con **90** parroquias, **12** misiones y **2** centros pastorales que enriquecen a más de **1'150.000** católicos; **189** sacerdotes diocesanos, **88** sacerdotes religiosos, **86** mujeres y hombres religiosos, **279** diáconos permanentes y **52** seminaristas; **11.558** estudiantes que asisten a **15** escuelas primarias arquidiocesanas, **3** escuelas secundarias arquidiocesanas y **9** escuelas católicas independientes; **40.855** estudiantes en programas de educación religiosa parroquial; y **15** ministerios universitarios que proporcionan programas de alcance y evangelizamos a más de **7'365.000** millones de personas en el norte y centro de Georgia.

### **Stewardship Prayer**

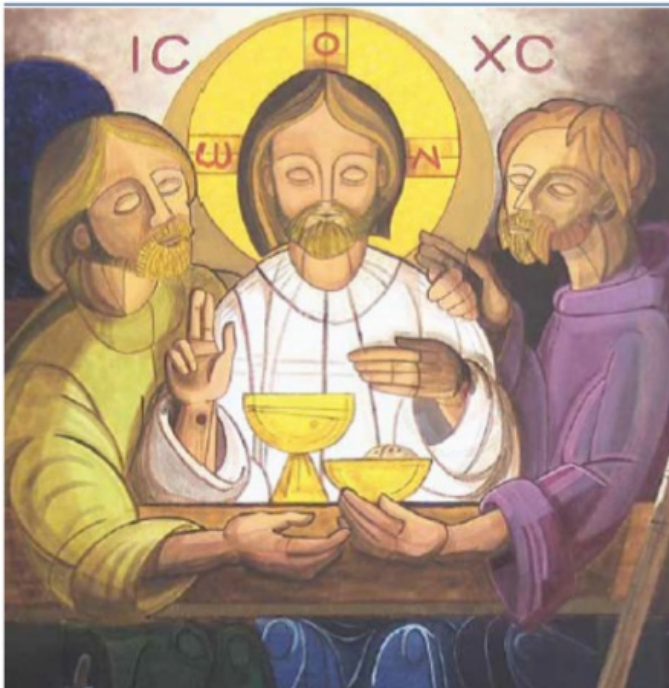
Almighty God,  
My parish is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.  
It will be friendly, if I am.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes,  
If I am generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship  
and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.  
It will be a parish family of loyalty and love,  
of fearlessness and faith, and a parish with a noble  
spirit, if I - who make it what it is -  
am filled with these same qualities.  
Therefore, with the help of God,  
I will dedicate myself to the task of being all the  
things that I want my parish to be.  
Bless my journey, Lord God, that I might  
Build the Church through Jesus Christ  
Our Lord, Amen.

### **Oración de Corresponsabilidad**

Dios Todopoderoso,  
Mi Parroquia está compuesta de gente como yo,  
Yo ayudo a que sea lo que ella es,  
Será afectuosa si yo lo soy,  
Sus bancas estarán llenas, si yo ayudo  
a que se llenen.  
Hará grandes obras, si yo trabajo.  
Contribuirá generosamente a muchas causas,  
si yo dono generosamente.  
Motivará a otros a adorar,  
si yo los motivo y los traigo.  
Será una familia parroquial fiel y amorosa,  
sin miedo y llena de fe; una parroquia con un  
noble espíritu, si yo, quien hago de ella lo que es,  
estoy lleno de estas mismas cosas.  
Por lo tanto, con la ayuda de Dios,  
me dedicaré a la tarea de ser todo lo que quiero  
que mi parroquia sea.  
Bendice mi camino, Señor, para que pueda  
Construir la Iglesia a través de Jesucristo,  
Nuestro Señor, Amén.

## Stewardship News

**International Catholic Stewardship Council's 57th  
Annual Conference!**



## JOIN US IN CHICAGO...

for the International Catholic Stewardship Council's 57th Annual Conference!

October 6-9, 2019

Sheraton Grand Chicago  
301 East North Water Street

## Stewards of the Church

### Special New Year Member Discount!

Register now for \$449. Offer good until March 5, 2019.

For Priest Scholarships to the 2019 ICSC Conference, please contact [Nancy Stoehr](#) at 404-920-7614 for application.

INTERNATIONAL CATHOLICS STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

## Catholic Stewardship

FEBRUARY 2019 E-BULLETIN

[Click here](#) for ICSC Spanish E-Bulletin

### Stewardship Saint of the Month: February

**Saint Cornelius the Centurion**



According to the *Acts of the Apostles* (10:45) the first pagan converted to Christ was an officer of the imperial Roman army. Cornelius the Centurion is described by the scriptures as a devout man who feared God, gave alms generously, and prayed constantly to God (10:1-2).

[Click here](#) to read more.

## STEWARDSHIP QUOTE OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

*"Saying 'yes' to God's love is the first step to being happy, and to making many other people happy."  
- Pope Francis*



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