

2007 Allocations

Parish Rebates:	\$ 263,605
Nazareth Village:	\$ 375,000
Elementary School Support:	\$ 550,000
Seminarian Education:	\$ 667,382
Catholic Charities:	\$ 1,150,000

The 2007 Bishop's Annual Appeal funded these important ministries and programs:

Ways to Give to the 2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal

- One-time gifts or pledges paid over several months
- Credit card contributions. In addition to Mastercard, Visa and Discover, **American Express is now accepted for the 2008 Appeal.** See information on your pledge card or call 973-777-8818, ext. 218 for details.
- On-line gifts or gifts of securities. Go to www.patersondiocese.org and click on "Bishop's Annual Appeal" for instructions

Please prayerfully consider including your Church in your will and estate plans. For more information about various options available to you, call our Development Office at 973-777-8818, extension 215.

“Act as
Beacons
of
Hope”
-Pope Benedict XVI

2008 Bishop's Annual Appeal  Diocese of Paterson



Dear Friends in Christ,

The Holy Father's visit to our shores this past April was a great occasion to celebrate our Catholic faith. Virtually every local television channel and cable news network covered each address by Pope Benedict and every Mass he celebrated. Such media coverage instilled in many a great sense of pride in being Catholic.

In our own neighborhood, an important way to show our Catholic pride is by coming together as people of faith and supporting our Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Appeal is a tangible sign of our faith, as it supports many of our elementary schools, our diocesan priests' retirement residence, the education of our seminarians and the work of our Catholic Charities agencies. Imagine the great impact we'd have if every diocesan family participated sacrificially in some way.

Enclosed you will find information about our 2008 Appeal along with various giving opportunities available. Please prayerfully consider making a generous gift so that we can continue to effectively fund important ministries and serve our brothers and sisters in Christ. Together, let us "act as beacons of hope" to God's people in need.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+ *Arthur J. Serratelli*

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Bishop of Paterson



“Let your faith and love bear rich fruit in outreach to the poor, the needy and those without a voice.”

– Pope Benedict XVI
Yankee Stadium, NY
April 20, 2008

Imagine if you tended to the various needs of 60,000 people a year—those with disabilities; people with chemical addiction; families in need of food, counseling or after-care; seniors requiring special assistance in their daily living. By participating in the Bishop’s Annual Appeal, you are doing just that—and more!

How You Help: Your gift to the 2008 Bishop’s Annual Appeal provides direct assistance to literally thousands of people in need each year. It is an awesome responsibility to care for our brothers and sisters in Christ. By giving to the Appeal, it is also a great honor.



“The focus of our sacramental ministry should be to help people establish and nurture that living relationship with ‘Christ Jesus, Our Hope’.”

– Pope Benedict XVI
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC
April 16, 2008

17 retired diocesan priests are currently living at Nazareth Village in Chester. This residence is a well-earned option for our priests, and allows them the opportunity to live in community while continuing to celebrate Mass at parishes when possible.

How You Help: Your gift to the 2008 Bishop’s Annual Appeal allows our retired priests both companionship and independence. It is a wonderful way to honor the priests who have served us and who have dedicated their lives to the Church.



“First and foremost every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth.”

– Pope Benedict XVI
Catholic University of America, Washington DC
April 17, 2008

Over the years, many of our elementary schools have received financial support from the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Especially now, this support is even more necessary so that our schools can flourish as places where academics and evangelization meet.

How You Help: Your gift to the 2008 Bishop’s Annual Appeal provides financial assistance to many of our most needy schools. Only with your help will we be able to serve these wonderful Catholic institutions. Your participation is urgently needed.



“Can there be any greater mark of love than this: to follow in the footsteps of Christ, who was willing to lay down his life for his friends.”

– Pope Benedict XVI
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Thank God, the number of seminarians preparing for priestly life in our Diocese has increased dramatically in recent years. These men come from the United States as well as other countries. With this blessing of increased vocations comes the challenge to meet the increased costs associated with their formation.

How You Help: Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal enables our Diocese to provide the best possible education for our seminarians so that they will one day effectively serve you, your children and your grandchildren.