

The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA), formerly the Archdiocesan Annual Fund Drive, is an annual effort by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati to spread the Gospel through informing and engaging the faithful with important regional ministries that benefit thousands of people throughout nineteen counties in western and southwestern Ohio. We invite you to share your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to participate in the life of our local church through these ministries.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Give thanks for God's blessings of home, family, and daily bread by supporting the vital ministries of Catholic Charities/Catholic Social Services in our area. Your gift to the CMA works wonders for more than 72,000 people each year, regardless of religious background.

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THE GROWING NEED FOR THOSE IN NEED.

Need exists in the community and, as we all have witnessed over the past year, that need is growing, be it financial, social, or spiritual. More and more low and middle-income families are turning to our agency for help. The experience in the agency's food pantry this year tells us more people lack the ability to buy food and pay their utilities and rent. For many, medical costs are beyond their reach. An increasing number of people in our community are working but not earning enough to survive without help. Over the past 15 months, our agency has stretched to provide emergency food assistance to help a growing number of needy families — we have seen the need grow by 38% in the last year. To meet the growing needs of the poor, we must count on goodwill that is extended throughout the year.

Facts about the GROWING need:

- Last year on an average morning at the Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley Food Pantry, 40-50 families received food assistance; in the past few months we have seen this number increase to more than 60 families.
- A full 25% of those we serve every month are first-time visitors to the Food Pantry.
- In one recent month, we provided emergency food assistance to more than 3,500 men, women, and children.
- Over 70% of the food assistance provided is distributed to children and senior citizens.