



## Why Give to CSA?

Pope Francis tells us that true power lies not in taking care of our wants, but in humbly taking care of the needs of others. It is through the annual Catholic Services Appeal that we, the people of the Diocese of Gaylord, respond in love to God by supporting the programs and ministries that serve our friends and neighbors throughout the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan and around the world.

As Christian stewards, we are called to receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord. Through the Catholic Services Appeal, we have the opportunity of living a life of stewardship by supporting and strengthening the many ministries and services funded through the appeal as well as selfless giving to the people who are most in need.

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."* (1Pt 4:10)

## How Much Should I Give?

As Christian stewards, your gift should be made after prayerful consideration and in thanksgiving for all that God has given. The Catholic Services Appeal is meant to be an extension of the support you provide to your parish, supporting the good works throughout our diocese, programs supporting our parishes and the many special collections being taken up through this one appeal. A pledge that represents a sacrifice of 1% of each family's annual household income is a suggested starting point to prayerfully consider.

HOUSEHOLD INCOME	1% GIFT	10 MO. PAYMENTS
\$15,000	\$150	\$15
\$25,000	\$250	\$25
\$30,000	\$300	\$30
\$40,000	\$400	\$40
\$50,000	\$500	\$50
\$75,000	\$750	\$75
\$90,000	\$900	\$90
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$100
\$125,000	\$1,250	\$125
\$150,000	\$1,500	\$150
\$175,000	\$1,750	\$175
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$200

## Why are Pledges Encouraged?

Making a pledge is encouraged over one-time gifts because a PLEDGE allows you to spread your gift throughout the year, making it easier for you to pay and allowing (in most cases) a person to give a larger sacrificial gift.

Pledge statements are sent monthly by the diocese unless requested otherwise. These are simple reminders and NOT bills. Please know that you have complete flexibility to pay your pledge at any point before the end of the appeal year. If your situation changes, you may also adjust your pledge by calling the diocesan CSA office.

Please know that one-time gifts are always accepted and very much appreciated.

## Are donations tax-deductible?

Yes, gifts donated to the Diocese of Gaylord are tax-deductible. At the end of the year, the diocese will send an acknowledgement letter for tax purposes. Consult a tax professional for the actual deductibility of a gift based on individual tax situations.

## CONVENIENT WAYS TO GIVE



Complete your pledge card or envelope and return it to your parish. Several payment options are available.



Visit [www.dioceseofgaylord.org](http://www.dioceseofgaylord.org) to learn more about the CSA and make a gift online by selecting "Make a Gift."



Contact us if you have any questions about the CSA or supporting



**GIVE EARLY** using the enclosed pledge envelope to give your parish a jumpstart on its CSA target. Be sure to complete all of the information on the



**GIVE LATER** when you receive CSA information

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