

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

You call us as one body in Christ—many hearts, many hands, united in Your love.

As we begin the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2026, pour out Your Spirit upon our Diocese of Raleigh.

Renew in us the desire to serve with joy, to give with gratitude, and to love without measure.

May our efforts strengthen the mission of Your Church—to form disciples, educate hearts and minds, and bring hope to those who long for Your presence.

Remind us that every act of generosity builds up the Body of Christ and extends the reach of Your mercy.

Make us faithful stewards of the gifts You have given, so that through our unity and sacrifice.

Your light may shine ever brighter in Eastern North Carolina.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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A Message From **Bishop Luis Zarama**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When you support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you help bring the light of Christ to life across 54 counties, 81 parishes, and 14 missions. Together, we share in the work of the Gospel — building up the Body of Christ here in Eastern North Carolina through faith, worship, and service.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal allows us to put our faith into action. The Gospel calls us to serve by giving, by praying, and by volunteering both within our parish communities and beyond them. Your generosity strengthens our Church and makes possible the ministries that form disciples, educate our seminarians, support Catholic schools and faith formation, care for those in need through Catholic Charities, and nurture parish and campus ministries throughout our Diocese.

I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your faith and generosity help us continue to grow as one Church — many parts, united in the love of Christ.

May God bless you and your family for your faithful witness and generous hearts.

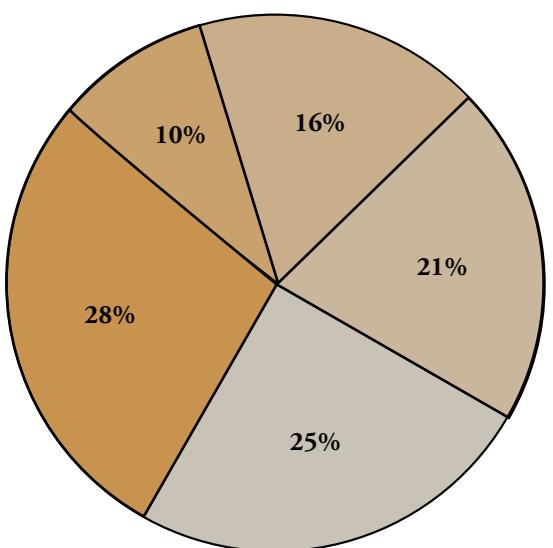
In Christ,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L.
Bishop of Raleigh

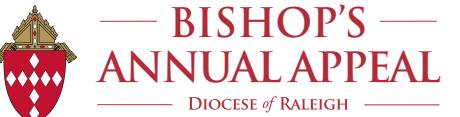


The Goal **\$8.5 Million**

Through the Bishop's Annual Appeal, the Diocese of Raleigh aims to raise \$8.5 million to strengthen faith, serve those in need, and support our parishes and ministries. Every contribution helps sustain vital programs that educate, care, and build community across eastern North Carolina.



- 28% Christian Formation and Education
- 25% Catholic Charities
- 21% Parish Support and Community Service
- 16% Seminarians and Vocations
- 10% Catholic Communication



Your Gift In Action

Because of your generosity, lives across eastern North Carolina are being transformed through faith in action. Gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal strengthen seminarians answering God's call to the priesthood, provide critical support for Catholic Charities' outreach to families in need, form the next generation through youth and campus ministry, and care for our most vulnerable neighbors through advocacy and pastoral services. Every dollar given becomes a living expression of Christ's love—building hope, nurturing vocations, and bringing the light of the Gospel to communities throughout the Diocese of Raleigh.



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