

# The Crozier Society

## 2018 MID-YEAR REPORT

### Crozier Society 2017 vs 2018

With 2018 being only the second year since the establishment of the Crozier Society, we are so overwhelmed by your incredible generosity. It is amazing to see your leadership support reach 46% of the amount pledged to our Annual Appeal. This year, we experienced a 9% increase in Crozier Society members and an 11.5% increase in committed dollars.

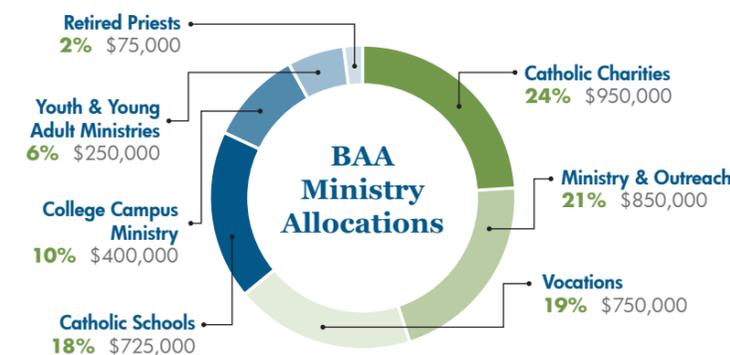
Crozier Gift Levels	2017		2018	
The Bishop's Chair Circle \$10,000 and up	\$229,500	10	\$252,100	18
The Bishop's Ring Circle \$5,000 - \$9,999	\$183,256	33	\$319,037	56
The Mitre Circle \$2,500 - \$4,999	\$331,967	109	\$349,205	121
The Shepherd's Circle \$1,000 - \$2,499	\$918,345	728	\$957,518	772
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$1,663,068</b>	<b>880</b>	<b>\$1,877,860</b>	<b>967</b>

Totals are as of Aug. 31, 2017 and Aug. 31, 2018

### BAA 2018 Campaign Progress

Goal	\$4,000,000
Total Amount Pledged	\$4,112,744
Number of Donors	16,331
Average Gift	\$343
Percent of Goal	95%
Percent Participation	21%

Note: Campaign figures are as of Aug. 31, 2018.



### A Message from the Bishop

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The crozier, mirroring a shepherd's crook, symbolizes a bishop's pastoral care. It is a reminder of the bishop's need to keep watch over his flock. I am so grateful for the many families that have supported me in my mission to look after and serve our diocese – and with such generosity. It is a great blessing to know the deep commitment you each have for our Church family.

I am incredibly thankful for both your financial and prayerful support of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. The Diocese of Charleston has been blessed with so many compassionate disciples of our Lord. Thank you for your eagerness to share your blessings with others.

Your support to the Crozier Society is so impactful. I continue to be humbled by the ever-growing response of our Church family to come together in support of educating our seminarians, aiding those served by Catholic Charities, assisting our Catholic schools, and so much more.

This is only the second year since the Crozier Society was established, and I am astounded that your giving has reached 46% of the total funds pledged this year. Your sacrifices do not go unnoticed. Let us all continue to work together in faith as one family and rejoice in thanksgiving of the blessings received from above.

In the Lord's Peace,

*Robert E. Guglielmo*

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmo  
Bishop of Charleston

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Members of the Crozier Society, with an annual gift of \$1,000 or above, take a leadership role in helping the Bishop carry out the mission of the Diocese of Charleston – to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to support those in need within our diocese. Members recognize the importance of faithful philanthropy. Through generous support at leadership levels, you support essential ministries that serve the spiritual, educational, and charitable needs of our brothers and sisters. To make a gift securely online, visit <https://sccatholic.org/donate.php>.

### About the Crozier Society



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## Thank You Mass and Receptions

In late June, many members of the Crozier Society joined Bishop Guglielmo for an evening of fellowship and celebration of the progress of the 2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Bishop Guglielmo expressed his most sincere gratitude for the prayers and financial support offered to help so many in need. We greatly missed all those who were unable to attend, and we hope to see you next year.



### Upcoming Events

#### Bishop's Masses of Thanksgiving

Bishop Guglielmo invites you, and all who participate in the Bishop's Annual Appeal, to join him in a Mass of thanksgiving.

**Sunday, November 4, 2018**

11:15 a.m. | Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Charleston

**Sunday, November 18, 2018**

11 a.m. | St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, Bluffton

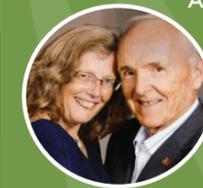
### How can we not say, "Thank you, Lord"?

We try to live a Christ-centered life, which often brings challenges. The Bishop's Annual Appeal, however, lets us more easily and confidently share the gifts with which God has blessed us. Information regarding what is funded is shared by the diocese and, as such, we enjoy knowing that someone else is doing the work to discern the needs, which simplifies our giving! We know there are many, many ways in which we can share our gifts – both financially and physically – but we certainly enjoy supporting the work of the Church through the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

Stewardship is important to us. How can we not say "Thank you, Lord" through our stewardship? An extra bonus is knowing we truly can be God's hands and feet on earth helping others.

Our lives aren't perfect, but knowing we're responding to God's constant love gives us peace through the many trials we face. And we trust and pray that we listen to God as He tugs at our hearts.

**Col. Terrance and Elizabeth Brown**  
St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Charleston, South Carolina



### Leave a Legacy: Join the Catholic Heritage Society



The Catholic Heritage Society was established to allow people to leave a legacy in gratitude for the blessings the Church has provided during their lifetime.

Have you ever wondered how you could:

- Recognize the vital role the Church has played in your life?
- Ensure the Church can continue to play an integral role in the lives of others?
- Secure the future of the faith and make a lasting impact?
- Help to bring the faith and all of its blessings to the next generation?

If so, consider leaving a legacy gift to your parish or the diocese. There are many ways to do this. Some offer immediate tax advantages and some provide an income stream during life:

- Bequests through wills or trusts
- Naming a charity as beneficiary of an IRA, 401(K) or other qualified retirement plan
- Naming a charity as beneficiary of life insurance
- Transferring ownership of a paid up policy to a charity
- Charitable gift annuities
- Charitable remainder trusts

The Catholic Heritage Society will recognize the generosity of those who are providing for the future of the Church in an Annual Report and in the Catholic Miscellany. There will also be a special Mass and reception with the Bishop for members later in the year.

Call us to learn more about how you can leave your legacy. Contact Carrie Mummert at (843) 261-0435 or [cmummert@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:cmummert@charlestondiocese.org).



### Crozier Book of Names and Prayer Intentions

The Crozier Book of Names and Prayer Intentions has scripture, Micah 6:8 prominently displayed. In the following pages, the names of every member of the Crozier Society are entered. The book is kept at the Chancery in Charleston and taken to Crozier Society events for your specific intentions to be added. You are remembered often in prayer.

### Tell Others about the Crozier Society!

Do you know anyone who would be a great addition to the Crozier family? We are always looking for new members to help support the vital ministries in our diocese.

You are encouraged to share the great works of our diocese and your personal convictions to participate in building God's kingdom here in South Carolina.



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