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BAA 2019 Campaign Progress

Goal	\$4,000,000
Total Amount Pledged	\$2,965,564
Number of Donors	9,986
Percent of Goal	68%
Percent Participation	14%

Note: Campaign figures are as of July 31, 2019.

A Message from the Bishop

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



I am so grateful for all those who 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.

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 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.

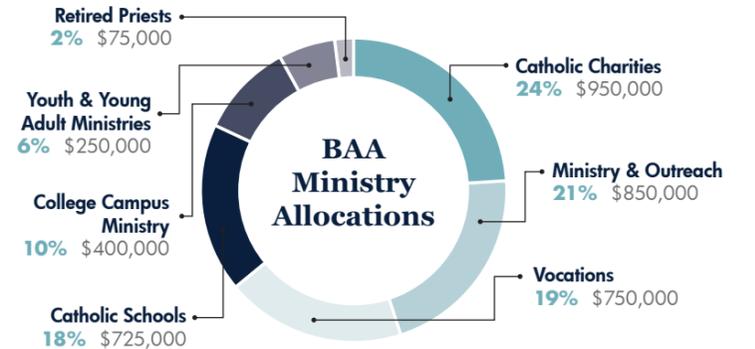
I am continually humbled by the ever-growing response of our Church family to come together in support of educating our seminarians, aiding those served by Catholic Charities, assisting our Catholic schools, and so much more.

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In the Lord's Peace,

Robert E. Guglielmone

Most Reverend Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston



Your Participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal is Essential



We want to thank you for your participation in the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Your support makes all the difference to the success of our ministries.

Here and now, lives are being changed for the better. We know that you have countless causes and organizations which you have the opportunity to support, and we are truly grateful that you choose to ensure seminarians are educated, the poor are clothed and fed, children have the opportunity to receive a Catholic education, human life is respected and saved, youth are supported as they encounter Christ, retired priests are cared for, and so much more.

Without you, we would not be able to serve so many people across South Carolina. Please continue to pray for the success of the Annual Appeal, as well as for those who come to us in need of the love and peace of Christ, as well as earthly resources. We ask God's blessings upon your generosity.

In Christ,

The Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement

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://charlestondiocese.org/bishops-annual-appeal/>

About the Crozier Society

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The Appeal Helps us be Salt and Light for Our Community

We support the Bishop's Annual Appeal because it is the beautiful and strong universality of the Catholic Church in action. Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in Matthew 22: 37-39 declares:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

The Bishop's Appeal gives us a vehicle for following our Lord's command in profound ways. It fuels the mystical body of Christ, helping us, through our sharing, accomplish larger scale corporal and spiritual works of mercy that are otherwise too demanding for a parish to accomplish alone. By supporting the Appeal, we are a part of ambitious ministries like "Clean of Heart" — laundering and shower facilities for our homeless in downtown Columbia. The Appeal helps us be "salt and light" for our community, our youth, our future leadership in the faith, and we are sharing the good news with those who might not otherwise hear it. It is our honor and we give thanks for a way to support these sacred endeavors.

May our Lord bless and perpetuate holy work in the Diocese of Charleston.

Dan and Susan Wallick
Transfiguration Catholic Church
Blythewood, SC



Now it is My Turn to Share What I Have Been Given with Others

Stewardship? I must admit that while growing up I was not aware of the idea of and my responsibility for helping other people outside my family. Even though I had been an altar server and attended a Catholic college, I was not doing much, if anything, in the way of directly helping those who were facing dire struggles in their daily lives. That part of my life got a wakeup call a few years later.

I had just graduated from college when my young wife needed to be hospitalized. Being a recent graduate awaiting entry into the military, we did not have the funds to pay the hospital and doctor bills. However, somehow those bills were paid by someone. I never knew how that occurred, but it made me very appreciative, and I vowed soon thereafter, that I would do what I could to help other people in similar situations in the future.

I give to the Bishop's Annual Appeal and other charitable organizations because I feel it is my responsibility to follow my personal vows and to do what I can to help others. I have been blessed over the years, and I am humbled by what I have been given. Now it is my turn to share what I have been given with others.

Anthony "Tony" Oglietti
St. John the Beloved Catholic Church
Summerville, SC



A Note of Thanks from the Newly Ordained Father Bruce Barnett

Throughout my life, when deciding where to share my treasure, I've always asked myself, "What would I miss if it was no longer there tomorrow?"

The Church is such a worthy place to invest our treasure. As a newly ordained priest, your financial support to the Bishop's Annual Appeal was an enormous blessing throughout my priestly formation, as well as for my brother seminarians. We would not be able to receive the education needed if it was not for your support to the Diocese. You invest a lot in us, and it is our responsibility to serve you as much and as best as we possibly can. Thank you for your abundant prayers and generosity!

Father Bruce Barnett
St. Gregory the Great Church
Bluffton, SC



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.



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.

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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Upcoming Events

Bishop's Masses of Thanksgiving

Bishop Guglielmone invites you to join in a Mass of Thanksgiving. Please look for your personal invitation to be delivered in the mail by the end of September. Following Mass, you are invited to enjoy refreshments and conversation with your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

6 p.m. | St. Joseph Church, Columbia

Thursday, October 24, 2019

6 p.m. | St. Mary Magdalene Church, Simpsonville

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

6 p.m. | Diocese of Charleston Pastoral Center, Charleston