

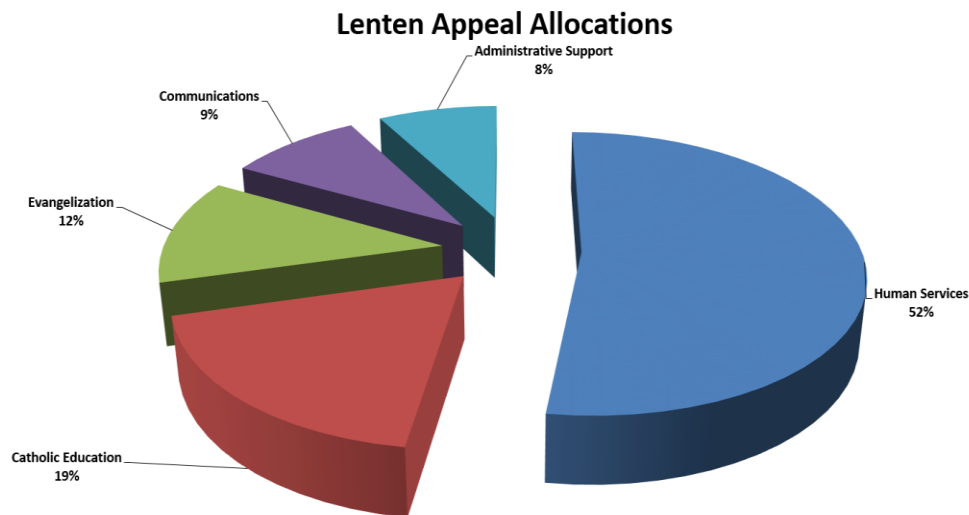


Financial Accountability

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – Matthew 6:21

Our hearts are hurting and our faith is being tested during this trying time for the Church. We hear you. We are hurting with you. As we all strive to find healing, our commitment to transparency remains firm. We understand the struggle many of you are facing when it comes to financial support for the Church. We assure you that **contributions provided to your local parish are used for the operation of that parish and its missions**. Each parish in the Diocese operates as an independent Charitable Trust. Your financial gift is used for parish operating expenses, to provide materials for your school and religious education programs, to pay the salaries of parish staff, to support the various parish ministries and programs, and to help your fellow parishioners in need.

Your financial contributions **have not been used for survivor settlements** or the Diocese’s legal fees. We also make you this pledge – the **Diocese has not and will not pay for the legal fees of perpetrators of child abuse**. Your contributions to the Diocese have and will continue to be used to help the poor, care for the sick, give hope to the hopeless and spread the Gospel.



Some of the programs provided through your generosity to the Lenten Appeal include:

- Evangelization
- Respect for Life
- Vocations
- Marriage & Family Life
- Clergy & Consecrated Life
- Liturgy and Worship
- Religious Education
- Catholic Schools
- Adult Religious Formation
- Charismatic Renewal
- Diocesan Institute
- Youth Protection
- Safe Environment Education
- Black Catholic Apostolate
- Hispanic Ministry
- Vietnamese Apostolate
- Persons with Disabilities
- Catholic Charities
- Interfaith Shelter
- Evergreen House
- Lourdeshouse
- Catholic Scouting
- Youth Ministry
- Campus Ministry
- Young Adult Ministry
- Health Care Ministry
- Prison Ministry
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Marriage Encounter
- Tribunal
- Cemeteries
- Foster Care & Adoption
- Counseling Services
- Immigration & Refugee Services

