

Archbishop's Appeal for Catholic Ministries Formerly the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is changing?

Beginning January 1, 2027, the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* will become the **Archbishop's Appeal for Catholic Ministries**. The name and visual identity are changing, but the *Appeal's* mission and the ministries it supports remain the same.

2. Why is the name changing?

The new name reflects the leadership of Archbishop Ronald Hicks and more clearly describes the *Appeal's* purpose: supporting Catholic ministries throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

3. When will the change take effect?

The new name will be announced during the weekend of December 5–6, 2026, and will officially take effect on January 1, 2027.

4. Do I need to do anything?

No. Existing pledges and recurring gifts will continue. Donors will be contacted directly if any action is needed for a particular payment method.

5. Does my gift go directly to Archbishop Hicks?

No. Gifts support the ministries and programs funded through the *Appeal*, not the archbishop personally.

6. Will my gift still be credited to my parish?

Yes. Gifts will continue to be credited to the donor's parish, when indicated. Parishes will also continue to receive 60% of funds raised above their assigned goals.

7. Will checks made payable to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* still be accepted?

Yes. Checks payable to the former *Appeal* will continue to be accepted and properly credited. Beginning January 1, donors should use the new name whenever possible.



8. Is the Tax ID changing?

No. The Tax ID remains **13-3089351**. Donors making gifts through donor-advised funds, IRA distributions, stock transfers, or employer matching programs should begin using the new *Appeal* name on January 1. There is no change to existing planned gifts or legacy arrangements; they will continue to be honored under the same Tax ID.

9. How is the *Appeal* different from Catholic Charities?

Catholic Charities primarily provides direct services to individuals and families. The *Appeal* supports a broader range of archdiocesan operating needs, including parishes, Catholic education, seminarian formation, retired priests, faith formation, pastoral ministries, and the Catholic Charities administration.

10. Where can I learn more?

Visit **ArchbishopsAppeal.org** or contact the *Appeal* Office at 646-794-3300 or **Archbishops.Appeal@archny.org**.