

Share God's Gifts
to do God's Work



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Q: Why should I make a contribution to the ACA?

A: Supporting the mission of the Church is part of our responsibility as baptized Catholics. God is generous to each of us in countless ways; charitable giving is one way of showing gratitude.

Q: I support my parish, why should I also give to the diocese?

A: While the majority of the good works of the Church occur in parishes, there are many people with needs that would go unfulfilled without the help of the “Diocesan Church”. For example, the Diocese provides services and financial support to needy parishes, programs for our youth and young adults, a detention ministry outreach and a variety of services to the poor throughout Southern Arizona – services beyond the scope of any one parish. Additionally, all parishes benefit from helping train and prepare Seminarians, Deacons, and other Church ministers for service in all parishes.

Q: What benefits do we get in our parish?

A: A number of pastoral services outlined in the ACA brochure assist parish volunteers with their ministries. These include training for Catechists, Evangelization programs, Youth Ministry, and Catholic Schools, among others. Also, the parish receives a 50% rebate of all gifts and pledges paid over the amount of its goal.

Q: I don't wish to give money to the Diocese, but I do want to support our parish project.

A: ACA donations do not go to the Bishop or stay at the “Diocese”. These donations are used to serve people through the various programs supported by the appeal.

Q: Times are hard – I don't think I can afford to give now.

A: No gift is too small. The important thing is to participate, to do your part for the greater good of all in proportion to how God has blessed you. By making even very small monthly payments over a period of time, your total gift will touch many lives.