

CDA Frequently Asked Questions

Why is our parish conducting the Charity and Development Appeal?

The Charity and Development Appeal (CDA) is the one Diocesan appeal that asks every Catholic family to financially and prayerfully support the more than 65 charitable, educational, and spiritual organizations which counsel, feed, clothe, house, educate, and comfort those in need throughout the four Arizona counties within our Diocese (Mohave, Maricopa, Coconino and Yavapai). The CDA serves the needs of our people beyond the boundaries of any one parish. As a result, more people are served across the community as well as within the parishes.

Is it important to give to the CDA even if I am already giving to my parish?

The programs and services of our local parish are very important. But there are certain specialized services for which the Diocese or another agency or organization has to take responsibility. These are services that no one parish can provide. A number of the ministries, as well as Evangelization and Education, offer direct support to parishes. A complete list of the CDA fund annual grants and allocations can be found at www.diocesephoenix.org/cda or by calling the Office of Stewardship at 602-354-2217.

What should I give to the CDA?

God has given each one of us gifts, graces, talents and abilities which are to be shared with others. Stewardship is more than occasional acts of charity and service. It is a way of life, a commitment to giving of our time, talent and financial resources in thanksgiving for all of the blessings and gifts we have received.

Why should I give to the CDA since I do not personally benefit from any of the programs or services?

The Charity and Development Appeal is your opportunity to support all of the members of our *One Family in Christ* who need our care. These may include people who sit next to you in Mass every week, someone at a neighboring parish or someone in your community who is hungry. Also, the CDA supports many of the programs and services that train catechists, youth ministers and other staff and volunteers. Priests and seminarian training and education are funded through the CDA.

How can I give to the CDA?

Every family has the opportunity to choose how they contribute to the CDA. Families can commit to a pledge or make a one time contribution by completing a donor envelope or by visiting www.diocesephoenix.org/cda to make a gift online. Pledges and one time contributions can be paid by check, cash, with a credit card or through automatic checking account withdrawals (EFT). For families who request reminders, a monthly, quarterly or annual reminder is sent and payment can be made in the form of a check, credit card or EFT. Contributions can also be made through stock transfers or company matching gifts. For more information, please call the CDA pledges line, 602-354-2197.

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What if my family is unable to commit to a financial gift?

Everyone is invited to participate through a commitment to prayer and/or a financial gift. If a family is unable to make a financial gift, we ask that you make a commitment to pray for those in our Diocese who need our care and support. Holy Cards with a CDA Stewardship Prayer were mailed to every household in early January and are also available in each parish. Please fill out a donor card or visit www.diocesephoenix.org/cda and indicate your commitment.

I would like to make my gift online. Is this possible?

There are many parishioners who have indicated that they prefer to use the convenience of the web to make their pledge. Pledges and payments can be made online by visiting our website at www.diocesephoenix.org/cda.

If I have completed a donor envelope, may I make payments online?

Yes, please visit our website at www.diocesephoenix.org/cda for more information.

If I make my pledge online, do I have to fill out a donor card at my parish?

No. In order to avoid duplication of pledges, please choose one method to make your pledge to the CDA. Your parish will still receive credit for your online donation and will be notified of your gift.

If I make my pledge online, is this method secure?

The website is secure and your information will be utilized solely for the purposes of the CDA.

Where do I find my Diocesan ID number to make a pledge online?

Diocesan ID numbers can be found with the CDA materials you received in the mail. It is located on the envelope above your name. However, you can donate online without your ID number

How do Employer Matching Gifts work?

Employer Matching Gifts can double or triple a donation to the CDA and will be credited toward the parish goal. Companies vary widely in their policies so parishioners should check with their employer. Some employers will even match gifts by retirees or spouses of deceased employees. If you are not sure whether your company provides matching funds, ask your Human Resources Department. They should be able to explain the process and give you a form.

Once the form is received, complete the employee portion. The form can be turned into the parish or mailed directly to the Office of Stewardship. Keep in mind that companies will only match what has been paid, not pledged. Also, many companies only set aside a certain amount per year for matching gifts. Once the funds are depleted, the company will no longer match gifts. For more information on matching gifts, please call Carrie at 602-354-2217.