Since 1987, the Catholic Services Appeal has been extremely successful because of the generous stewardship of the faithful in the Diocese of Gary. The dedication and enthusiastic support of the pastors, associate pastors and parish staff have been key factors in the continued success of the CSA.

The needs in both the Diocese of Gary and in the Church universal require a response from every Catholic. These needs cannot be effectively fulfilled by one individual, one family or even by a single parish. We are all “partners in Christ’s work.”

Through the CSA, the Diocese receives funding for many services and vital ministries provided by diocesan offices. These ministries and agencies enable the Diocese of Gary to reach across parish and diocesan boundaries. Through CSA funds, future priests, deacons, and lay ecclesial ministers are given spiritual, academic, personal, and pastoral formation for service to the people of Northwest Indiana.

There are also eight national and international collections that are taken up as second collections in other dioceses but rolled into the CSA in the Diocese of Gary:

- Black and Indian Missions (March 10, 2019)
- Holy Land Support (April 19, 2019)
- Catholic Home Missions (April 28, 2019)
- Catholic Communication Campaign (June 2, 2019)
- Holy Father's Charities (June 30, 2019)
- Catholic University of America (September 1, 2019)
- Retirement Fund for Religious (December 8, 2019)
- Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa (date varies)

In the area of faith formation, the CSA helps provide funding for religious education programs, as well tuition assistance for those families who could not otherwise afford a Catholic education for their children. Just last year the financial assistance made available through the Diocese was increased from $500,000 to $800,000—an increase of 60%!

Catholic Charities, through CSA monies, is able to offer both emotional and material assistance to needy individuals and families. Volunteers help with projects throughout the Diocese, and programs such as the Women’s Care Centers and Tabor House target those in critical need. The marriage tribunal accompanies those desiring to rectify their marital status in the Church. Faith-based activities such as World Youth Day, NCYC, young adult formation and retreats is funded to help implement the Synod’s vision of reaching out to Young Catholics. And the CSA helps provide support to those religious women and men who have dedicated their lives to Christ and minister to the poor, homeless and elderly within the Diocese.

Over the last 32 years the CSA has raised more than $75,000,000. Every dollar received over and above the parish goal is rebated to the parish. Last year, parishes received more than $973,000 in rebates to finance their particular local needs, such as supporting their schools, enhancing their parish facilities, repaving their parking lots, upgrading technology and other equipment, or making their churches more inviting and accessible.

With continued enthusiastic support, the Catholic Services Appeal will benefit all parishes and people in the Diocese of Gary and beyond!