



NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL
FUTURE OF OUR FAITH II- MANY PARTS, ONE BODY

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Dear Pastors, Administrators, Deacons and Parish Staff,

Thank you for sharing your gifts of time and talent with the Diocese of Manchester through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: *Future of our Faith II*. Your willingness to participate in this important endeavor will help to secure our mission for the Church in New Hampshire and improve the lives of thousands of people all over the state.

The theme again for this year's Appeal is "*Many Parts – One Body*" because we recognize the unique gifts that each parish brings to their local community and yet, together, we are joined together as one Body of Christ in the Church in New Hampshire. "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." (1 Corinthians 12:12). Functioning as one body through this Appeal, we will address many of the needs that are vital to your parish and to the Church. Together, we hope to inspire the faithful to be good stewards of their gifts in service to this larger ministry. With all 88 parishes participating in this year's NHCA, we have a genuine opportunity to make a real impact on growing our Church.

Again, we are grateful for all that you will do in the coming months to ensure the success of this Appeal. This manual is designed to be your weekly guide throughout the Appeal but please remember that the Office of Development is here to assist you in whatever ways are possible. May God bless our mutual endeavors.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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APPEAL PRAYER

PRAYER FOR THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL:
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LORD GOD AND FATHER,

We are your people, united in our love for you and for one another. We thank you for the many gifts you have given to us and we welcome your presence in our lives at all times. We ask that you continue to draw us closer to you and to strengthen our resolve to assist those among us who are most in need.

Our diocese is many parts, and one body of Christ. Through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith, allow us to come together to share our time, talent, and treasure with those who need our assistance.

Let us grasp more fully that the help we extend to others is the most powerful expression of our gratitude to you, as well as a genuine testimony to our faith.

Through your son Jesus Christ, make our prayer to you one that brings hope and charity to the future of our faith in New Hampshire.

Amen.



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WHAT TO EXPECT

MARCH

The March/April issue of *Parable* includes the results of the 2022 NHCA along with an update from Catholic Charities NH regarding their Frequently Asked Questions about the NHCA.

A bulletin insert announcing the 2023 NHCA will be available. This insert will be shared via the Diocesan Digest and the diocesan website. This bulletin announcement will also be available in Spanish.

Parish goals will be distributed to parishes.

Talking points for pastors can be utilized to answer any questions regarding the appeal.

NHCA website will be updated to include the 2023 resources -
<https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

Appeal manual distributed.

NHCA Appeal Manual trainings will be held on-line through Microsoft Teams to review the appeal manual and answer any questions regarding the NHCA. All Pastors, Deacons and parish staff involved in the NHCA are strongly encouraged to attend. You only need to attend one of the meetings.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 – 2 – 3 pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

OR

Thursday, March 16, 2023 – 2-3 pm

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

APRIL

Virtual Speaker Trainings (More information to come)

[Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 2-3 pm](#)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 296 433 108 355

Passcode: E9Nu5n

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[Thursday, April 13, 2023, 2-3pm](#)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 288 805 470 176

Passcode: 7Dq3YX

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APRIL

Receive NHCA appeal materials in the mail (See “How to Use the NHCA Materials” on pages 7-9)

- Pew Envelopes
- Brochures
- Posters
- Bulletin Insert
- Prayer Cards
- Priority Mail Return Envelopes
- Pens
- Catholic Charities NH Flyer with FAQs on the NHCA

Letter from the bishop will be mailed to parishioners two weeks prior to appeal weekend.

APRIL/MAY Appeal Weekends

- **Track 1 – April 29th/April 30th**
 - April 14th /15th – Announcement Weekend
 - April 22nd /23rd – Kickoff Weekend
 - April 29th /April 30th – Appeal Weekend
- **Track 2 - May 6th/May & May 7th**
 - April 22nd /23rd – Announcement Weekend
 - April 29th /April 30th – Kickoff Weekend
 - May 6th /7th – Appeal Weekend



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MAY First progress report to parishes.

Follow up bulletin announcements (pages 16-19) and pulpit announcements (pages 21-23).

Submit gift envelopes using the USPS Priority Mail envelopes with all envelopes mailed by May 30 for Track 1

JUNE-AUGUST

Follow-up letter from the bishop will be mailed by the Diocese to all parishioners who did not donate yet to the NHCA.

Submit gift envelopes using the USPS Priority Mail envelopes with all envelopes mailed by Mid-June for Track 2

Weekly (May-July)/bi-weekly (July-August) progress reports to parishes from Diocese.

Phone-a-thon (Appeals Office).

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Progress reports switch to monthly.
First rebates processed.

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2024

Annual Report mailed to all households with unaudited financials.

MARCH 2024

Remainder rebates and/or returns processed (if applicable).
Uncollected pledge reminder/defaults



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HOW TO USE THE NHCA MATERIALS/RESOURCES

Posters: Two posters are provided for each parish in the NHCA materials box and should be hung in gathering and entrance places. Please hang these as soon as possible. If you need additional posters, please reach out to Anne Marie Ashford.

Gift Envelopes: The gift envelopes found in your materials box should be made available in the back of your Church and in the pews on Appeal Weekend and during the month of May. Please do not put the gift envelopes out prior to the appeal weekend in May. We want to make certain that everyone receives their NHCA envelope in the mail first and has an opportunity to reflect upon their participation level.

- If you receive loose cash for the appeal, please put the cash in a gift envelope and write on the envelope the total amount, anonymous donation, and the anonymous donation ID for your parish. (See Appendix A). The other option is to write out a check to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal for the amount of the loose cash and again write on the gift envelope the total amount, anonymous donation and your anonymous donation ID. Please return these envelopes with the other pew envelopes.
- If you receive loose checks with no envelopes, please put each loose check in a separate gift envelope and complete the donor information as best as possible.
- Please make sure all gift envelopes are sealed.

Brochures: With the envelopes, please make the brochures available at the back of your church and in the pews on Appeal Weekend and during the month of May. This is a resource to help your parishioners better understand the NHCA.

2022 Catholic Charities NH Flyer: In the gathering areas and entrances to your parish, please place these flyers that have frequently asked questions regarding Catholic Charities NH involvement in the NHCA. This can also be found online at [CCNH-NHCA-Report.pdf](https://www.ccnh-nhca-report.pdf) ([catholicnh.org](https://www.catholicnh.org))

Prayer Cards: During the weeks of the Appeal, we ask that each parish pray the NHCA prayer at the end of the Prayer of the Faithful or at the conclusion of Mass. Prayer cards are to be placed in the pews and remain available to parishioners for this purpose. These too are found in your materials box. Prayer cards in Spanish are available.

Bulletin Announcements: Bulletin announcements are provided in this resource manual for all weekends of the appeal to be placed in parish bulletins. These can also be used for emails if your parish uses email or Flocknote, for example, to communicate with parishioners.

Bulletin Inserts: An announcement bulletin insert (#1) is available digitally on the NHCA website and can be used any time before the second week of April. It will also be included in the Diocesan Digest. Bulletin insert #1 is optional. Bulletin insert #2 is included in your materials



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package and must be used for the Kickoff weekend and also can be downloaded at the NHCA parish resource page.

Social Media Posts: A social media tool kit can be found on the NHCA resource page or posts can be found on the Diocesan social media sites that can be shared each week on your social media sites.

Parish Website: Please post the NHCA [link](#) on your parish website. This can be found on the NHCA resource page.

Appeal Videos: There are several videos available for your use. Primarily, the summary overview video with Bishop Libasci should be utilized. Other videos available are funded-ministry specific (i.e., CCNH, seminarians, etc.). The videos are available online. If you need a flash drive with the videos, please reach out to Anne Marie Ashford. Please show the summary overview video with Bishop Libasci on Kickoff weekend. Please test your audio-visual system prior to showing the video at/after Mass. If you are unable to show the video during Mass, you can play the videos during a coffee and donut Sunday or prior to meetings at your parish or school (if applicable). Wherever your parishioners meet, there is an opportunity to share the video(s). Please be sure to put the videos on your website.

Pulpit Announcements: Pastors are requested to kick-off the Appeal by explaining the Appeal to their parishioners at all Masses. Standard announcement language will be provided. The announcements included may be read or modified to suit the pastor's style, keeping the elements of the announcements intact.

Lay Witness Speakers: Once the pastor has made the initial announcement, a lay witness speaker can make the solicitation on the appeal weekend if pastor prefers. This is a decision to be made by the pastor. The Diocese will help provide a speaker if needed. Training, a sample script, and materials for the Appeal are provided for the lay witness. It is highly encouraged that the pastor speak at the appeal weekend.

Prayers of the Faithful: We have included prayer intentions for the Prayers of the Faithful for the weeks of the Appeal.

USPS Priority Envelopes: Two priority envelopes will be enclosed in your materials box sent to you in April for you to return your gift envelopes to the appeal post office box. **No postage is necessary** for the two envelopes provided. Please mail your gift envelopes weekly so that donations may be recorded in a timely fashion. We encourage all envelopes to be returned by the end of May for Track 1 (Mid-June -Track 2)

Resources that are also available digitally on the diocesan website:

Social Media Toolkit (website only)
Appeal Manual



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Track #1 and Track# 2 Checklists

Bulletin announcements

Bulletin inserts

Prayers of the Faithful

Pulpit announcements

NHCA brochure

NHCA videos



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Track 1 – April 29th /April 30th Appeal Weekend Parish Checklist

Week of March 27th /April 3rd

- Download and insert bulletin insert #1 if using. This can be found in the Diocesan Digest of at on the NHCA resource page www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Week of April 10th

- Confirm Appeal posters are displayed in entrances.
- Submit bulletin announcement #1 to bulletin company introducing the NHCA. Bulletin announcement can also be used in an email if the parish uses email, newsletters or Flocknote, for example, to communicate with their parishioners.
- Include appeal prayer intention #1 with Prayers of the Faithful
- Use the social media tool kit for your social media pages. This can be found on the NHCA resource page on the website www.catholicnh.org/nhca. If you are unable to use the tool kit, please go to the Diocesan social media sites and share the appeal posts on your pages
- Place the image for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal on the home page of your website during the months of April and May with a link to: www.catholicnh.org/nhca. This image can be downloaded from the parish resource page.

Weekend of April 15th and April 16th (Announcement Weekend)

- Read Pulpit Announcement #1
- Read appeal prayer intention #1 in Prayers of the Faithful

Week of April 17th

- Confirm Appeal posters are displayed.
- Submit bulletin announcement #2 and bulletin insert #2 to bulletin company. This bulletin insert can be found in your box of materials or go to the online parish resources at to download the insert to send to your bulletin company. Bulletin announcement can also be used in an email if the parish uses email or Flocknote, for example to communicate with their parishioners.
- Place Appeal Prayer Cards in pews. These can be found in your materials box. Pray this prayer either after the Prayers of the Faithful or at the end of Mass.
- Use the social media tool kit for your social media pages. This will be found on the NHCA resource page on the website www.catholicnh.org/nhca. If you are unable to use



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the tool kit, please go to the Diocesan social media sites and share the appeal posts on your pages.

- Test Audio-Visual equipment for appeal video (if showing video)
- Pastor to review Pulpit Announcement # 2 for introducing the video (script provided)

Weekend of April 22nd /April 23rd – Kickoff Weekend

- Ensure bulletin insert #2 is inserted into bulletins.
- Pastor to use Pulpit Announcement #2 to introduce NHCA and show appeal video if possible.
- Read appeal prayer intention #2 at Prayers of the Faithful.
- Pray Appeal Prayer after the Prayers of the Faithful or at the end of Mass.

Week of April 24th

- Confirm lay witness speaker is prepared (if using a lay witness speaker, use Speaker Talking Points #1).
- Review Pastor's Suggested Homily/Talking Points #1
- Place appeal envelopes, brochures, and pens in the pews and at entrance to church.
- Submit bulletin announcement #3 to bulletin company. Bulletin announcement can also be used in an email if the parish uses email or Flocknote, for example to communicate with their parishioners.
- Post Bulletin Announcement #3 on social media and on website and ensure that a link to the Appeal's website is displayed.

Weekend of April 29th/April 30th – Appeal Weekend

- Pastor or Lay witness speaker to speak about the NHCA.
- After appeal talk, allow parishioners a few minutes to complete their gift envelope if not already completed at home.
- Read appeal prayer intention #3 at Prayers of the Faithful
- Pray Appeal Prayer after the Prayers of the Faithful or at the end of Mass.

Week of May 1st

- Gather all collected appeal envelopes and submit weekly using Return Envelopes. Please submit all gift envelopes by the end of May.



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- Place bulletin announcement #4 in bulletin.
- Include Prayer Intention # 4 with the Prayers for the Faithful.

Weekend of May 6th and 7th

- Read Pulpit Announcement #3.
- Pray prayer intention #4 at the Prayers of the Faithful.

Week of May 8th

- Gather all collected appeal envelopes and submit weekly using USPS priority mail envelopes. Please submit all gift envelopes by the end of May.
- Place bulletin announcement #5 in bulletin.
- Include Prayer Intention #5 with the Prayers for the Faithful.

Weekend of May 13th and 14th

- Read Pulpit Announcement #4.
- Pray prayer intention #5 at the Prayers of the Faithful.

Following Weekends:

You may continue to follow the steps from the weekend of May 13th and 14th until the middle of June.



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Track 2 – May 6th /May 7th Appeal Weekend Parish Checklist

Week of April 3rd or April 10th

- Download and insert bulletin insert #1 if using. This can be found in the Diocesan Digest of at on the NHCA resource page www.catholicnh.org/nhca

Week of April 17th

- Confirm Appeal posters are displayed in entrances.
- Submit bulletin announcement #1 to bulletin company introducing the NHCA. Bulletin announcement can also be used in an email if the parish uses email, newsletters or Flocknote, for example, to communicate with their parishioners.
- Include appeal prayer intention #1 with Prayers of the Faithful.
- Use the social media tool kit for your social media pages. This can be found on the NHCA resource page on the website www.catholicnh.org/nhca. If you are unable to use the tool kit, please go to the Diocesan social media sites and share the appeal posts on your pages.
- Place the image for the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal on the home page of your website during the months of April and May with a link to: www.catholicnh.org/nhca. This image can be downloaded from the parish resource page.

Weekend of April 22nd/April 23rd (Announcement Weekend)

- Read Pulpit Announcement #1.
- Read appeal prayer intention #1 in Prayers of the Faithful.

Week of April 24th

- Confirm appeal posters are displayed.
- Submit bulletin announcement #2 and bulletin insert #2 to bulletin company. This bulletin insert can be found in your box of materials or go to the online parish resources at www.catholicnh.org/nhca to download the insert to send to your bulletin company. Bulletin announcement can also be used in an email if the parish uses email or Flocknote, for example to communicate with their parishioners.
- Place Appeal Prayer cards in pews. These can be found in your materials box. Pray this prayer either after the Prayer of the Faithful or at the end of Mass.



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- Use the social media tool kit for your social media pages. This can be found on the NHCA resource page on the website (insert link). If you are unable to use the tool kit, please go to the Diocesan social media sites and share the appeal posts on your pages.
- Test Audio-Visual equipment for appeal video (if showing video).
- Pastor to review Pulpit Announcement # 2 for introducing the video (script provided).

Weekend of April 29th /April 30th – Kickoff Weekend

- Ensure bulletin insert #2 is inserted into bulletins.
- Pastor to use Pulpit Announcement #2 to introduce NHCA and show appeal video if possible.
- Read appeal prayer intention #2 at Prayers of the Faithful.
- Pray Appeal Prayer after the Prayers of the Faithful or at the end of Mass.

Week of May 1st

- Confirm lay witness speaker is prepared (if using a lay witness speaker, use Speaker Talking Points #2).
- Review Pastor's Suggested Homily/Talking Points #2.
- Place appeal envelopes, brochures, and pens in the pews and at entrance to church.
- Submit bulletin announcement #3 to bulletin company. Bulletin announcement can also be used in an email if the parish uses email or Flocknote, for example to communicate with their parishioners.
- Post Bulletin Announcement #3 on social media and on website and ensure that a link to the Appeal's website is displayed.

Weekend of May 6th/May 7th – Appeal Weekend

- Pastor or Lay witness speaker to speak about the NHCA
- After appeal talk, allow parishioners a few minutes to complete their gift envelope if not already completed at home
- Read appeal prayer intention #3 at Prayers of the Faithful.
- Pray Appeal Prayer after the Prayers of the Faithful or at the end of Mass.



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Week of May 8th

- Gather all collected appeal envelopes and submit weekly using Return Envelopes. Please submit all gift envelopes by the middle of June.
- Place bulletin announcement #4 in bulletin.
- Include Prayer Intention # 4 with the Prayers for the Faithful.

Weekend of May 13th and May 14th

- Read Pulpit Announcement #3.
- Pray prayer intention #4 at the Prayers of the Faithful.

Week of May 15th

- Gather all collected appeal envelopes and submit weekly using Return Envelopes. Please submit all gift envelopes by the middle of June.
- Place bulletin announcement #5 in bulletin.
- Include Prayer Intention #5 with the Prayers for the Faithful.

Weekend of May 20th and May 21st

- Read Pulpit Announcement #4.
- Pray prayer intention #5 at the Prayers of the Faithful.

Following Weekends:

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RESOURCES

Bulletin Announcements

Please be sure to include this QR code with all Bulletin Announcements.



Bulletin Announcement #1 for new parishes joining the appeal (can also be used as email to the Parish)

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Next week begins the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, 41 parishes participated in the appeal and raised over \$1.4M. This year all 88 parishes in N.H. will participate including our parish. The Appeal will take place over the next two weekends at Mass. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities NH. and more. Everyone in our parish will receive more information in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

Bulletin Announcement #1 for parishes who participated in the 2022 appeal (can also be used as email to the Parish)

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Bulletin Announcement #2 for new parishes joining the appeal (can also be used as email to the Parish)

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body**, an initiative for our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It will also consolidate six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities NH parish appeal and the *Parable* magazine drive. I am grateful for your continued generosity to our parish and to these vital ministries. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, *Parable* magazine, Catholic Charities N.H., and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarian Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in N.H.) plus to *Parable* Magazine and the Catholic Charities N.H. special collection appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$_____ and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs.

Together, we are many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail, visit the Appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170.

With gratitude,
<Pastor's Name>

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With gratitude,
<Pastor's Name>

Bulletin Announcement #3

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We thank all who made their gift to the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* this weekend. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians, and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket at Mass next weekend. *We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our Church through your generosity.*

Bulletin Announcement # 4

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$_____ toward our goal of \$_____. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in the pews. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

Bulletin Announcement #5

New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: We are grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$_____ towards our parish goal of \$_____. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend or you can make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are



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Prayer Intentions for Prayers of the Faithful

Prayer Intention #1

For the ability of the Church in New Hampshire to grow Catholic ministries and our faith with the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, we pray to the Lord...

Prayer Intention #2

For the parishioners and the faithful throughout New Hampshire, that they may engage deeper in their faith throughout the Easter season and feel inspired by the ministries of the Church in New Hampshire, we pray to the Lord...

Prayer Intention #3

For those who will come to the Church in need of material assistance, that we might be able to meet their needs through our support of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, we pray to the Lord...

Prayer Intention # 4

For our seminarians and retired priests, that we may be grateful for their sacrifices and show our support of their ministry through the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, we pray to the Lord...

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Bulletin Inserts

Bulletin Insert #1

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Bulletin Insert #2

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Pulpit Announcement # 4

I am so grateful to all of our parishioners who have made a gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, we have raised \$_____ from _____ parish families. Our parish goal is \$_____. (Insert amounts from weekly Report). If you have not made a gift to the Appeal, I encourage you to do so by filling out a gift envelope in the back of Church or making a gift online. Thank you again for your support of these important diocesan ministries.



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Suggested Sample Homily/Talking Points and Introduction of Speaker (if using)

Track 1 -Appeal Weekend April 29th/April 30th

1 Suggested Homily/Talking Points – Fourth Sunday of Easter

This Reflection is for Saturday, April 29th Gospel: John 6:60-69

Today’s gospel reading captures a moment of crisis for the followers of Jesus. Some of his disciples are now struggling to accept the claims he has been making for himself, in particular his claim to be the Bread of Life that has come down from heaven. In response, Jesus wonders aloud what they will make of his further claim to ‘ascend to where he was before’, to return to the Father who sent him through his forthcoming death and resurrection. Arising from this exchange, the evangelist tells us that ‘many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him’. Jesus could not and would not hold onto disciples against their will. There will always be people who will leave the community of disciples, for a variety of reasons. We have all become aware of that phenomenon in more recent years especially. We can all feel solemn when those who have been part of our community of faith no longer wish to remain. At this moment of crisis, Jesus took what might seem to us to be a risk. He asked those left behind, ‘What about you? Do you want to go away too?’ Jesus wanted them to stay but he needed them to want to stay too. The question ‘Do you want to go away too?’ is addressed to each one of us and we each have to make our own personal response to it. It would be hard to find a more appropriate response to Jesus’ question than the response of Peter, which we are invited to make on our own at every Eucharist, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe, we know that you are the Holy One of God’.

This weekend, we find ourselves at another moment where we are being asked to respond to the call of discipleship, specifically here in the Diocese of Manchester. The Church in New Hampshire is facing many challenges to serve the ministerial needs of our parishioners and providing funds for essential services. The diocese has always responded to those needs to the best of its ability through special collections and numerous fundraising programs. These collections have made it possible for our ministries and services to benefit parishes, families, and schools both here and abroad. As you know, Bishop Libasci has decided to merge these collections into one Appeal called the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II** and this weekend we are asking everyone to make their gift to this important mission. To help us learn more about this I have asked _____ to share more with us about the new Appeal. Please welcome him/her.

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This Reflection is for Sunday, April 30th Gospel: John 10:1-10

In today's gospel reading, Jesus says 'I am the gate'. We tend to think of gates as fixed in one place. They give access to something, whether it is a building or a field. The gate doesn't move, but people move through it. Jesus is not a gate in that fixed sense. Earlier in today's gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself not so much with the gate of the sheepfold but with the shepherd who enters the sheepfold through the gate and then leads the sheep out through the gate to pasture. He goes ahead of the flock and they follow him because they know his voice. Jesus is both the shepherd and the gate. As the shepherd he is always going ahead of us, calling us to follow him. As the gate, he invites us to keep entering through him. Because he is also a shepherd, entering through him as the gate will mean something different at different times in our lives. According to today's first reading, entering through Jesus, the risen Lord, for the early church meant breaking new ground, preaching the gospel to pagans for the first time. For us too, as followers of Jesus today, entering through Jesus, the gate, will often mean taking a new direction on our faith journey, making a new step we haven't made before. There is nothing static about our relationship with the Lord. He is always leading us to new pastures, personally and as a community of faith. Like Peter in the first reading, we need to be attentive and sensitive to the Lord's leading, even when he seems to be leading us to places that some might be wary of.

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Thank you, **PASTOR'S NAME** for inviting me to share today on the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith*. My family (or I) has been a member of **NAME OF PARISH** for ____ years (*tell a little about yourself*).

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I (or we) have made my gift to support the Appeal because I (or we) believe that it will serve the larger mission of the Church. *Here is where you can offer a personal story, an element of the case for support and the reason why you feel that giving to this Appeal is important to you.*

Today, we are asking everyone in our parish to join together and support these ministries. We are going to take just a moment now during our Mass and ask those of you who have not taken the opportunity to fill out an envelope to the Appeal to do so now.

If you are sitting on the end of the pew, you will see a small stack of the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal gift envelopes. Please pass those down to those who are in your pew. I'm going to give you just a moment to fill out your envelope before we collect them. If you are unable to make a gift today, you can do so online or mail the envelope in at a later date. Checks can be made payable to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal or NHCA; but any restricted gifts to singular programs or ministries do not go towards our parish reaching its goal.

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Track 2 -Appeal Weekend May 6th/May 7th

#2 Suggested Homily/Talking Points – Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 6th – Gospel: John 14:7-14

The liturgy gives us a second look at this Gospel passage. The great truth that Jesus is sharing with Philip is that as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, Jesus and the Father are one – they are inseparable. We worship Christ. We don't merely honor him as the best of men; he is the God-man whom we adore. What Jesus is by nature we are empowered to be by grace. With our baptism, we became adopted children of God. Brought into the family of the Trinity, the divine persons dwell in our soul as in a temple. Sometimes it is difficult for our human minds to comprehend the dignity we have been given.

Herein lies the possibility of doing the works of Jesus. If he lives in us, he can work through us. What an opportunity to cooperate with grace! When we are loving, kind and disciplined, we aren't merely good. These good deeds are more than just good; they have eternal value. After all, they are the "works of Jesus." We receive the reward for his works. Such is the generosity of the Master whom we serve!

Today, we are called to the works of Jesus to continue the mission of the Church of New Hampshire. In our diocese, we are facing many challenges to serve the ministerial needs of our parishioners and provide funds for essential services. The diocese has always responded to those needs to the best of its ability through special collections and fundraising programs. These collections have made it possible for our ministries and services to benefit parishes, families, and Catholic schools both here and abroad. As you know, Bishop Libasci has decided to merge these collections into one Appeal called the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II and this weekend we are asking everyone to make their gift to this important mission. To help us learn more about this important new campaign, I have asked _____ to share more with us about the new Appeal. Please welcome him/her.

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Sunday of the Fifth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 7th – Gospel: John 14:1-12

In today’s Gospel, we have one of the “I am” statements that is so familiar in John’s Gospel. We have the disciples trying to process everything Jesus is telling them—and Jesus is teaching the disciples directly, no parables this time (although some say the “I am” statements are a form of parables). Jesus is preparing the disciples for when He is no longer with them—when they will have to live His message without His physical presence. However, the disciples are not able to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them.

Jesus starts with asking the disciples to have faith in Him. They all have faith in God. They learned their faith from their parents, family, and friends. And now Jesus is asking them to have faith in Him. He says if they know Him, then they know the Father. The Father is in Him, and He is in the Father. Even if they don’t have faith because of that, they should have faith because of Jesus’ words and works that they have heard and seen. The disciples just are not seeing the obvious. Jesus is telling them: My teachings will guide your feet. My presence will sustain your spirit. In all the twists and turns your future path may take, ‘I am the Way.’ Jesus is asking the disciples and us to open our eyes and our hearts to the will of God.

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TALKING POINTS FOR PASTORS

- In 2019, the Diocese of Manchester conducted a study of our collections, fundraising programs, and overall financial needs of ministries and locations across the state. As clergy, we shared our concerns about the number of times and ways that our parishioners are solicited throughout the year and potentially the effect it has on parish income, and as a group, the majority of us were in favor of moving many collections, “asks”, and programs into one fundraising endeavor, such as an annual Catholic ministries appeal.
- In the spring of 2022, Bishop Libasci decided to implement this new Appeal in about half of our parishes. The Appeal is called New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, because this Appeal is dedicated to strengthening the mission of our Church across the state, together. He has also decided to fuse it with the name of a successful campaign conducted in the ‘90’s, the Future of our Faith, because the needs of our Church are very much the same: education of seminarians and investment in vocations, care of our retired clergy, Catholic education, parishes in need and individual parish support, missionaries and multicultural ministry, evangelization and *Parable* magazine, and the charitable works of the Church enabled by Catholic Charities NH.
- Traditionally each year, parishes have conducted an Appeal to support Catholic Charities. The Bishop has included the special collection appeal for Catholic Charities in the *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II* and so moving forward we will not conduct a separate parish appeal for this important ministry. Catholic Charities N.H. is a vital service to our state, and it responds to those in need with programs that heal, comfort, and empower. CCNH will receive a significant portion of the NHCA proceeds to continue and expand their charitable ministries – the charitable mission of the Church will be an essential part of this Appeal and will not suffer unnecessary revenue loss. Please note that the NHCA appeal does not fully fund CCNH nor has it in the past as the CCNH parish appeal only represented about 30% of their overall fundraising. If parishioners have additional concerns or questions regarding CCNH, please share with them the CCNH/NHCA report which explains more. [CCNH-NHCA-Report.pdf \(catholicnh.org\)](#) . We are also including this one page flyer in your materials box to share with your parishioners.
- This year all parishes will participate in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. The Appeal is very important for the present and future of the Church of New Hampshire. By making this one ask of you each year, we hope that you will be able to make a meaningful gift and help our ministries to reach more people in our diocese with the message of Christ’s love.



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- Approximately 95%, of revenue will go towards ministry, education, and parishes. The goal is for less than 5% of revenue to be spent on administering the NHCA. The 2022 administrative costs were higher as they included initial set up costs and fixed costs. The intent of the Diocese is to keep these costs as low as possible. No funds will go towards diocesan administration, the bishop's office, or any clergy abuse settlements/litigation.
- Parishes will get to keep any income raised above our set fundraising goal. Goals are set at 10% of the average of the last three years of our assessable income. Additionally, our assessment (our payments to the diocese for administration and operations) will be lowered.
- Parishioners will have a variety of ways to give to the NHCA (online, in-pew, etc.) and, as many of the second collections are being eliminated, will receive less envelopes. The second collections being eliminated in 2023 are:
 - Seminarian Fund
 - Catholic education (now optional for parishes who need it)
 - Parish to Parish Support Fund
 - NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH
 - Catholic University of America and USCCB
 - NH Priest Retirement Fund
 - Catholic Charities NH Special Collections Appeal
 - *Parable Magazine Drive* - this annual drive will no longer take place.
- We at the parish will be provided materials to assist with enabling this Appeal to be successful such as a manual for appeal operations, orientations for parish staff, marketing materials such as a brochure and videos, and 3-4 mailings will come from the NHCA and Bishop Libasci to our parishioners.
- Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our diocesan services and ministries; and I thank you for all you will do to support this new effort. God bless you.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II?

The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) is a combined campaign and fundraising effort with the parishes and ministries of the Church in New Hampshire.

What ministries and needs will be included in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal?

The following will be funded by the NHCA:

- Catholic Education and Catholic Schools
- Seminarians, Deacons, and Vocations
- Priest Retirement
- *Parable* magazine
- Parish needs (Parish to Parish Support Fund and individual parish support)
- Missionaries abroad and multicultural ministry in N.H.
- Catholic University of America and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Catholic Charities NH (The NHCA does not fully fund CCNH and CCNH special in-pew collection held in the past at the parishes represented 30% of their overall funding. The NHCA will aim to fully cover what CCNH has traditionally raised from their in-pew appeal (\$1.2 million) in the years ahead).

Many of these needs and ministries were previously funded through second collections. These second collections have been eliminated or consolidated into the NHCA. Parishioners can still give to these causes and programs separately, though it does not count towards the overall parish goal.

Does the money raised by the NHCA go to support the bishop?

No. Although the proceeds from the NHCA are remitted to the Appeals Office at Diocese of Manchester, the funds raised will go towards imperative ministries that move our faith forward. These ministries benefit all Catholics and parishes throughout the Diocese of Manchester. No proceeds will be used to support the bishop or go to the bishop's office.

Does the money raised by the NHCA pay for financial settlements?

No. Funding for financial settlements has come from insurance policies, a specific non-restricted insurance fund, diocesan savings, and diocesan investment income. All funds raised from the NHCA will be used to support the ministries listed above.

How much will it cost to run the Appeal?

The Office of Development and Communications will make every effort to keep costs down in marketing and managing the NHCA. Good stewardship of donations is essential to any Catholic



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fundraising program. The first-year administrative costs were 10% which included first year set up costs and fixed costs. The intent of the Diocese is to keep the costs at 5% or lower in future years. Expenses will be accounted for in the publication of an annual report for the NHCA – this report will include an accounting of how all dollars raised were used. All parishioners will receive this report. The expenses include the cost of producing and mailing the informational materials for the Appeal as well as for the processing of all gifts to the NHCA.

Why should I give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal if I already give to my parish?

Your participation helps the entire Church in New Hampshire where the needs are the greatest – recruiting new priests, evangelization, the vulnerable, and more. Your support makes these ministries possible that no one parish could support on its own. Your gift demonstrates your commitment to the greater Church. We are many parts in the Diocese of Manchester but one body in Christ with a common mission.

Does my parish have to support the NHCA?

Yes. Each parish in the diocese has a set goal which represents the parish share of the total Appeal. A good faith effort is requested of all parishes. Additionally, individual parishes can benefit significantly by retaining any funds raised over their set goal; administering fewer second collections; and parishes will see a reduction in fees and administrative costs (assessments) paid to the Diocese.

Are all parishes in New Hampshire participating in the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal?

After 41 parishes participating in the initial year of the Appeal in 2022, all 88 parishes will now be a part of the Appeal in 2023 and moving forward. No parishes will participate in the Catholic Charities NH special collection appeal as that collection is now part of the NHCA.

How much should I give?

Charitable giving is a reflection of our Christian stewardship of treasure. Giving back to God, either through contributions to your parish, the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, or other worthwhile charities, should require a sacrifice, one that recognizes God's generosity to us individually. Therefore, your gift is a personal decision between you and God and should be made after careful reflection. Please consider the dollars you have donated in the past to the six discontinued 2nd collections plus the Catholic Charities NH special collection and the *Parable* magazine drive to help you determine how much to give. The pledge and recurring gift option may make this amount feasible.

Should I make a pledge, recurring gift, or a one-time gift?

Making a pledge or a recurring gift allows you to spread your gift over several months, which may make it easier for you to budget, and may also allow you to give a larger gift.



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How Should I Give?

There are many ways that you can give to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.

- Donate online with credit/debit card.
- Pledge – submit your pledge (through the gift envelope, or online)
 - All check pledges will receive a monthly reminder.
- Recurring Gift – set up a monthly recurring gift (through the gift envelope, or online)
- Check – make checks payable to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal.
- Cash may be sent in using the gift envelope, but we encourage check or credit card.
- Donate stock – call (603) 663-0136 for broker instructions.
- Donate through your IRA – contact your IRA administrator and have your gift sent directly to the Office of Development and Communications at 153 Ash Street, Manchester, NH 03104 – include your name, and the parish you want the gift credit to go towards.

Can parishioners donate using their current online giving platform used for parish offertories?

Yes. However, the parish must complete the following items:

1. The parish must submit in writing their intent to add the NHCA as an option to their online giving site via email to nhca@rcbm.org. Please include your parish name, pastor name, online giving platform (i.e., VANCO, OSV, etc.) and a statement attesting that the parish acknowledges it is responsible for acknowledging all gifts received for the NHCA (for tax purposes).
2. Each week, the parish must submit a giving report to nhca@rcbm.org. This giving report must be in an Excel spreadsheet with the following fields:
 - Parishioner/Donor Name
 - Parishioner/Donor Mailing Address
 - Parishioner/Donor E-mail Address
 - Date of Gift
 - Amount of Gift
 - Recurring (Y/N) and frequency
3. The parish is obligated to send all tax letters/acknowledgement of gifts. Please send a *sample* acknowledgement letter (either the automatically generated acknowledgement by your online giving service provider or one generated by the parish to nhca@rcbm.org). The Diocese does not need copies of each donor/parishioner acknowledgement letter, just one sample per parish.
4. The parish shall remit online donations weekly to the Diocese for the month of May and then monthly or as needed through March. Please ensure that for each check remitted that there is a corresponding Excel donor report (see #2 above).



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However, parishes are strongly encouraged to link to the Diocesan giving page at <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>. The gift page will include a drop down that will list all parishes participating in the NHCA so that each parish will be credited appropriately.

A donation link for the NHCA will be provided to all parishes that can be placed on their websites to direct parishioners for online giving.

How are the goals for each parish determined?

The parish NHCA goal is calculated as 10% of the parish average assessable income over the last three fiscal years. Due to Covid concerns, we excluded fiscal year 2020 from the calculation. This year's calculation was 10% of the average assessable income for fiscal years 2022, 2021, and 2019. The goal formula will be reviewed after the 2023 appeal cycle.

If the parish goal is exceeded, does the parish get to keep the amount raised over the goal?

Yes. The NHCA will allow parishes to keep 100% of their revenue over their set goal for the first three years of the appeal. In June 2024, the Diocese will assess whether or not this has been successful or may need adjustments.

What happens if a parish does not make their goal?

If a parish does not reach its goal, it will be assessed (billed) the remainder. An abatement program is available for parishes who may qualify (and the difference will not be assessed).

What changes are being made to the collection schedule in 2023?

A total of six collections are removed from the 2023 collection schedule so parishes are requested to NOT include these collections in their parish envelope orders for 2023. An updated collection schedule can be found here (under "Links"): <https://www.catholicnh.org/about/who-we-are/administration/finance/>.

- Seminarian Fund
- Catholic education (now optional for parishes who need it)
- Parish to Parish Support Fund
- NH Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in NH
- Catholic University of America and USCCB
- NH Priest Retirement Fund



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SAMPLE PASTOR THANK YOU NOTE

All gifts to the NHCA will receive a thank you letter from the Diocese, but if you would like to send a personal thank you as well, here is a sample thank you note.

DATE

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE ZIP

Dear FIRST NAME,

Thank you for your gift to the 2023 *New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II*. Your gift will provide the means for the Church in New Hampshire to respond to the increasing needs of essential ministries, such as Catholic education and the future of our priesthood. Please know that your light is shining before others, and by your example others will follow and give glory to our Heavenly Father.

On behalf of all those who will come to know God's mercy and Christ's light this year because of your generosity, I thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

<Pastor's Name>



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APPENDIX A – ANONYMOUS DONOR IDS FOR EACH PARISH

Name	ID
Anonymous All Saints Charlestown	41603
Anonymous Blessed Sacrament Manchester	42971
Anonymous Christ the King Concord	41874
Anonymous Corpus Christi Portsmouth	41604
Anonymous Divine Mercy Peterborough	41605
Anonymous Gate of Heaven Lancaster	41606
Anonymous Good Shepherd Berlin	41607
Anonymous Holy Family Gorham	41608
Anonymous Holy Rosary Hooksett	41875
Anonymous Holy Trinity Plymouth	41876
Anonymous Immaculate Conception Nashua	41877
Anonymous Immaculate Conception Penacook	41878
Anonymous Immaculate Heart of Mary Concord	41609
Anonymous North American Martyrs Colebrook	41879
Anonymous Our Lady of Fatima New London	41880
Anonymous Our Lady of Lourdes Pittsfield	41881
Anonymous Our Lady of Mercy Merrimack	41610
Anonymous Our Lady of The Holy Rosary Rochester	41882
Anonymous Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Hampton	41611
Anonymous Our Lady of the Mountains North Conway	41612
Anonymous Parish of The Assumption Dover	41883
Anonymous Parish of The Holy Spirit Keene	41915
Anonymous Parish of The Resurrection Nashua	41884
Anonymous Parish of The Transfiguration Manchester	41885
Anonymous Sacred Heart Lebanon	42972
Anonymous Sacred Heart Manchester	41613
Anonymous Sacred Heart of Jesus Greenville	41886
Anonymous Saint Aloysius of Gonzaga Nashua	41888
Anonymous Saint Andre Bessette Laconia	41614
Anonymous Saint Anne Parish Hampstead	41615
Anonymous Saint Anne-St Augustin Manchester	41889
Anonymous Saint Anthony of Padua Manchester	41591
Anonymous Saint Anthony Sanbornville	41890
Anonymous Saint Catherine of Siena Lisbon	41891
Anonymous Saint Catherine of Siena Manchester	41617
Anonymous Saint Charles Borromeo Meredith	41892
Anonymous Saint Christopher Nashua	41618
Anonymous Saint Denis Hanover	41893
Anonymous Saint Elizabeth Seton Bedford	41619
Anonymous Saint Francis of Assisi Litchfield	41620
Anonymous Saint Gabriel Franklin	41621
Anonymous Saint Hedwig Manchester	41894
Anonymous Saint Helena Enfield	41895
Anonymous Saint Ignatius of Loyola Somersworth	41622
Anonymous Saint John Neumann Merrimack	41623



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Anonymous Saint John the Baptist Suncook	41624
Anonymous Saint John XXIII Nashua	41887
Anonymous Saint Joseph Belmont	41896
Anonymous Saint Joseph Cathedral Manchester	41625
Anonymous Saint Joseph Center Ossipee	41897
Anonymous Saint Joseph Epping	41898
Anonymous Saint Joseph Lincoln	41899
Anonymous Saint Joseph Claremont	41626
Anonymous Saint Joseph The Worker Nashua	41901
Anonymous Saint Joseph Woodsville	41900
Anonymous Saint Jude Londonderry	42973
Anonymous Saint Katharine Drexel Alton	41902
Anonymous Saint Kathryn Parish Hudson	41627
Anonymous Saint Lawrence Goffstown	41628
Anonymous Saint Leo Rochester (Gonic)	42975
Anonymous Saint Luke the Evangelist Plaistow	41903
Anonymous Saint Marguerite d'Youville Groveton	41629
Anonymous Saint Mark the Evangelist Londonderry	41630
Anonymous Saint Mary Rollinsford	41633
Anonymous Saint Mary Claremont	41632
Anonymous Saint Mary Henniker	41904
Anonymous Saint Mary Newmarket	41631
Anonymous Saint Mary Rochester	41905
Anonymous Saint Matthew Windham	41907
Anonymous Saint Michael Exeter	41634
Anonymous Saint Patrick Jaffrey	41908
Anonymous Saint Patrick Milford	41909
Anonymous Saint Patrick Nashua	42974
Anonymous Saint Patrick Newport	41636
Anonymous Saint Patrick Pelham	41635
Anonymous Saint Peter Auburn	41637
Anonymous Saint Peter Farmington	41906
Anonymous Saint Pius X Manchester	41638
Anonymous Saint Raphael Manchester	41910
Anonymous Saint Rose of Lima Littleton	41911
Anonymous Saint Stanislaus Nashua	41640
Anonymous Saint Stanislaus Winchester	41639
Anonymous Saint Theresa Henniker	41912
Anonymous Saint Theresa Rye Beach	41641
Anonymous Saint Thomas Aquinas Derry	41913
Anonymous Saint Thomas More Durham	41914
Anonymous Sainte Marie Manchester	41642
Anonymous Saints Mary and Joseph Salem	41643