

*“Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.” (1 Peter 1:13)*

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# Unioñiñ For Action



## HOPE in Action

### ACA PRAYER

Lord, inspire my heart to  
put Hope In Action and to  
respond generously to the  
Annual Catholic Appeal, as

I make an act of hope:

“O my God, relying on  
your infinite goodness and  
promises, I hope to obtain  
the pardon of my sins, the  
help of your grace, and  
life everlasting, through  
the merits of Jesus Christ,  
my Lord and Redeemer,  
**Amen.**”



**“T**he ACA is important  
to me because it is an

excellent way that our church  
family can be the hands and  
feet of Christ in our world.  
The many varied ministries  
it supports are needed in our  
community and world. My  
gifts may not change the world  
on its own, but together with  
thousands of others, they can  
become a powerful witness  
of our shared faith and hope.  
I want to be part of the good  
that this program achieves.”

— **Daniel Gosser, and the Gosser family**  
*Parishioners of St. Michael | Findlay, OH*



**“A**s a young adult trying to  
build my life and career  
in the social work field, I don't  
always have a lot to give — but

I know that giving to the Annual  
Catholic Appeal matters. My  
smaller gifts, given faithfully,  
help support the ministries  
that shape our diocese that  
strive to uphold the value  
and dignity of every person.  
I see my contribution as part  
of something much bigger  
than myself: helping others  
encounter Christ through the  
Church's presence in education,  
outreach, and spiritual  
guidance.

— **Teresa Puckrin,**  
*Parishioner of St. Mary | Sandusky, OH*





# HOPE is a seed

“Gifts to the ACA enable educators throughout our diocese to become better teacher ministers by providing us with professional development like John 3:16 workshops.

Everyday I am inspired by my students and am blessed to have the opportunity to sow the seeds of the Gospel and our Catholic faith in their hearts, minds and souls.”

– **Ruth Pifner,**  
Teacher Minister at St Francis | Willard, OH



Across our 19 counties, hope is refuge. The ACA supports Catholic Charities as they serve the hungry, the homeless, the hurting – with dignity and compassion.

# HOPE is refuge

“I didn’t know where to turn. Catholic Charities helped me feed my children, provided us with a place to live and gave us hope.”

– **Desiree and Asher,**  
Resident at Miriam House | Norwalk, OH



# HOPE is a spark

“Through the ACA, hope is the spark that gives engaged couples the strength to grow together in faith and love,” says Kate Gramza.

“Through the Joy Filled Marriage workshops offered in our diocese, my fiancée and I are growing closer to God and to each other,” says Andrew Woycik

– **Kate Gramza & Andrew Woycik,**  
Engaged to marry at St. Joseph | Maumee, OH

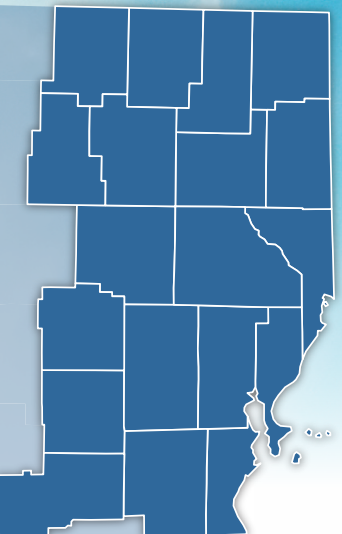


# HOPE is calling

At an Andrew Dinner, hope listens for a call. These events help men in considering a priestly vocation.

“Thanks to the ACA, I was able to discern my vocation starting in high school. And today your generosity is providing me with the freedom to focus on becoming the priest God is calling me to be for our Diocese.

– **Deacon Andrew Messer,**  
Seminararian



# HOPE is a gift

When you support the ACA, you are living out the Gospel. You sustain our ministries, you nurture vocations, you shelter the vulnerable and you help us to establish the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth.

In the Diocese of Toledo, hope isn’t just a word... it’s an action. It’s a movement. It’s a mission we all share – together.



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