

2006 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL PRAYER

*Loving God, we stand before You, faithful servants of our mission
to help bring the Good News of Jesus to all in our Archdiocese.*

*Bless our Archdiocese and strengthen our faith as our work continues to
meet the challenges of our future to serve the needs of God's people and grow
as a community of compassion.*

*In your loving kindness bless the 2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal of our
Archdiocese, and bless and encourage all of us to share a portion of our treasure
with those that are in need of our faith, our sacrifice, and our resources.*

*Throughout our Archdiocese, we are ever mindful of the gifts You have entrusted to
us. Energize us with Your Spirit to guide and sustain our efforts as we strive to be
faithful disciples of Your Son. May we reflect our love for You by providing for the
needs of our sisters and brothers through generous gifts to this year's Annual Appeal.*

*May the 2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal be a powerful expression of Catholic
solidarity in which every family of the Archdiocese plays a part.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen



The Face of Christ — Everywhere



Our Work Continues



2006 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Archdiocese of Hartford

*I was hungry and you gave me to eat;
I was thirsty and you gave me to drink;
I was a stranger and you took me in;
naked and you covered me;
sick and you visited me;
I was in prison and you came to me.*

*Amen, I say to you, as long as you did it for one of these,
the least of my brethren, you did it for me.*

MATTHEW 25: 35-36, 40

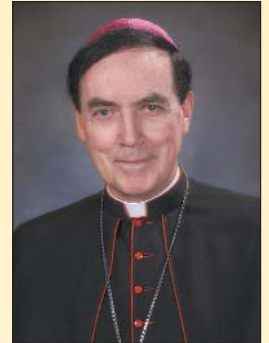


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 THE ARCHBISHOP

Dear Friends in Christ,

In last year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal we were challenged to "See the Face of Christ — Everywhere." Thanks to your generosity we achieved wonderful results. All together in God's grace we are making God's presence ever more real in the lives of many across the Archdiocese, giving them love, the courage to believe, and real hope.



This year we look to build upon that momentum as "Our Work Continues." We respond to God's commandment to love and serve one another through our own individual efforts and by our support of the ministries and programs funded by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. These ministries, activities, programs and services are the effective vehicles we use to love and serve others.

Please read the stories in this brochure and meet some of the thousands of people you help with your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. May their accounts inspire you to realize more closely the many ways God works through your life. I encourage you to continue to use the gifts you have received to help others and bring them closer to Christ.

May God in His generosity reward you abundantly for yours.

Sincerely in Christ,

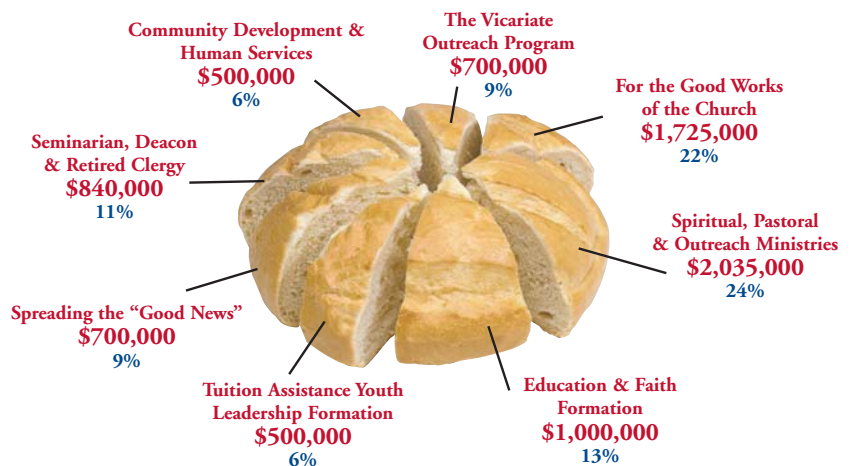
+ *Henry J. Mansell*

Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell
 ARCHBISHOP OF HARTFORD

2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Planned Allocations

The 2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal goal stands at \$8 Million.

Please be generous to this year's Appeal, so many are counting on us.



THE GOOD WORKS OF THE CHURCH

*We help not because they are Catholic —
but because we are!*

For many in our Archdiocese, living their faith means aiding the poor; feeding them in soup kitchens, or sheltering them in facilities for the homeless. Through Catholic Charities, St. Vincent DePaul Societies, and other similar ministries, gifts to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal serve the poor and those most vulnerable by providing spiritual and material support. A gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal provides help and creates hope.

- Catholic Charities
 - Family Service Centers
 - Pregnancy Counseling
 - Child Development Center
 - Hispanic Senior Center
 - Child Guidance Center
 - Residential Programs for Developmentally Disabled Adults
 - Project Apoyo
 - Migration and Refugee Services
 - Adoption and Birthparent Counseling
 - Jobs First Employment Services Program
 - Emergency Housing
 - Hartford Street Youth Program
 - Parenting Classes
 - Centro San Jose, New Haven
 - Hartford Choice
 - Institute for the Hispanic Family
 - Waterbury Alliance Program
- St. Vincent DePaul Society – Waterbury
- St. Vincent DePaul Society – Bristol
- St. Francis Home for Children
- St. Agnes Home
- National and International Catholic Causes
 - Holy Land
 - Catholic University
 - Latin America
 - Eastern Europe
 - Home Missions



Ashley Combs — Youth Volunteer

Before she began her freshman year at the University of Connecticut-Storrs in 2005, Ashley Combs lived a short walk away from the Hartford Street Youth Project's headquarters at 15 Ely Street, Hartford. This made it convenient for her volunteer efforts there, but she says she would come back to help out whenever she is needed.

"I got started seven years ago. Catholic Charities was running a program called Peer Leadership, teaching middle school kids about leadership skills," Ashley said. "I graduated at the top of the program."

Hector Glynn, program leader, said, "Ashley started coming here when she was in middle school. You always knew she was very bright. She was one of the first and was by far the youngest in the multimedia program, which teaches desktop publishing."

Because she stood out as a leader, she was offered a Matthew 25 scholarship to attend Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford. In the true spirit of Matthew 25 — using her talents and not hiding them — Ashley became involved in other aspects of the Hartford Street Youth Project. "I have been in the Taino Youth Group," she said. "They got six or seven students together to teach us about Puerto Rican culture. This included a seven-day stay in Puerto Rico."

Mr. Glynn said, "She was a leader in everything she did. She won the Senior Athlete Award. While she was going to school she worked in our finance department. She really left her mark."

"I grew up in that center, so I enjoy being there," Ashley said. "They really put a lot of effort into building up leaders they know will contribute to the betterment of society. That's what I got from the program."

The Hartford Street Youth Project is one of many youth programs under the Catholic Charities umbrella that receives funds donated to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. When volunteers like Ashley Combs get involved in these ministries, they enrich their own lives and the lives of countless others.

O U R W O R K

SPIRITUAL, PASTORAL AND OUTREACH MINISTRIES

A portion of the funds raised by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is used to assist parishes and ministry teams in all regions and cultural areas of the Archdiocese. These funds further the mission of Jesus, enhance parish life and uplift the faithful who gather and worship there.

- Marriage and Family Life Apostolate
 - *Engaged Couple Encounter*
 - *Marriage Encounter*
 - *Retrouvaille Weekends*
 - *Family Retreats*
 - *Parish Ministry Training and Certification*
 - *Project Rachel*
 - *Parish Family Advocate Training*
 - *Divorced & Separated Support Programs*
 - *Bereavement Support Programs*
 - *Special Wedding Anniversary Mass Celebrations*
- The Office for People with Disabilities
- The Catholic Deaf Apostolate
- Pro-Life Ministry
- The Pastoral Department for Small Christian Communities
- The Hispanic Apostolate
- The Office for Black Catholics
- The Charismatic Renewal Office
- The Office for Divine Worship
- The AIDS Ministry
- The Commission for Ecumenical Affairs
- The Office of Urban Affairs
 - *HomeFront Day*
 - *CenterEdge Project*
- Parish Grants and Subsidies
- Meriden Sisters Program
- Campus Ministry

George F. Claffey — *Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion*

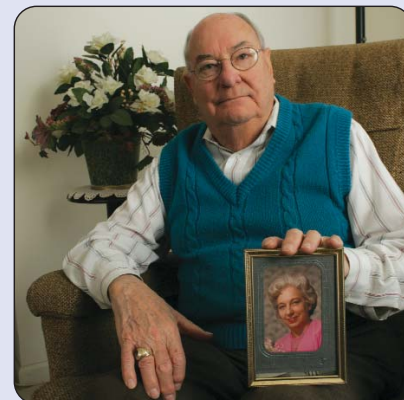
"I get as much as I give — maybe more."

George F. Claffey has been an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for many years, bringing the consecrated Host to sick and homebound Catholics. He feels that the elderly recipients of Christ's body give him much in return.

"It's a two-way street," said George, a 25-year professor at Central Connecticut State University's School of Business and a member of St. Mary Parish in Newington. "People like you to come in and talk to them. They know you're bringing the Eucharist, that you're giving Jesus in the Eucharist. In return, you feel their sense of optimism."

For nearly two decades he was assistant producer of a televised Mass sponsored by the Catholic Graduates Club of Greater Hartford, a program aimed at elderly Catholics. "Now I have elderly shut-ins in the neighborhood I give Communion to, the people in the Market Square Apartments in Newington, a low-income neighborhood," George said.

Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are trained by the Office for Divine Worship, which is funded by donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Dedicated extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion like George Claffey truly represent "The Face of Christ — Everywhere."



Clayton F. Barton — *Bereavement Facilitator*

When Clayton F. Barton lost his wife in 1990, he was at loose ends. He was 67, a former 30-year educator at Hamden High School and currently teaching biology at Southern Connecticut State University. Sister Mauryeen O'Brien, coordinator of the Ministry of Divorced, Separated and Bereaved at the Archdiocese of Hartford, approached Clayton and invited him to a bereavement retreat.

"It gave me a chance to take an inside look at myself and realize there were others who had the same problems I had," Clayton said.

It helped him so much that he became a facilitator in the program. Now 82 and retired from teaching, he figures that in 15 years he has helped more than 200 people deal with their grief.

During the 10-week program, Clayton and other facilitators stress that life is more than the life they had with the deceased.

The Bereavement Ministry, part of the Family Life, Marriage and Family Apostolate, receives the bulk of its funding from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. "The program is something that I'm very dedicated to," Clayton said. "It makes me feel good to know that I'm helping someone."

Our work continues.

C o n t i n u e s

TUITION ASSISTANCE AND YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORMATION



The Vitarelli Family — Tuition Grant Recipients

Armand Vitarelli of Waterbury had a good job in a warehouse. His wife, Kelli, worked part time at SS. Peter and Paul Rectory. Together they could afford tuition for their 7-year-old daughter Hannah, a second-grader at SS. Peter and Paul School.

Then Armand lost his job.

“Our principal [Janet Curry] knew our family situation and approached me,” Kelli said. Mrs. Curry urged the Vitarelli family to apply for a \$500 grant through the Tuition Assistance Program.

“At first I felt funny about it,” Kelli said. “But we were in financial distress, so that’s why we applied. We were granted it, and we were so thankful.”

Kelli has volunteered at the school lunch program at SS. Peter and Paul School for ten years. She has run the program for five years. “I probably wouldn’t have been able to volunteer as much. I probably would have to work more [at a paying job].”

“Receiving the grant helped immensely,” said Armand. “Losing the job was unexpected. It put everything in turmoil as far as the kids and their education were concerned. It was a huge relief to find out we were getting help. It took a lot of weight off our shoulders.”

All’s well that ends well. Armand is back to work. “The grant made it easier for me to go out and find something, without the added pressure,” he said.

The 2005 Archbishop’s Annual Appeal provided the funding for 1,600 five-hundred dollar scholarships to students in the Catholic elementary Archdiocesan schools. The need continues. Our work continues. Your generous support helps.

EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Funding Catholic Education and Formation is multi-faceted. It includes financial assistance to families who need help meeting the cost of Catholic school tuition, as well as Archdiocesan school and religious education departments and programs, campus ministry, youth and young adult ministry, CYO Sports, scouting and many more. Gifts to the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal help contribute to the religious and spiritual formation and foundation of our children, young people and adults.

- Catholic Elementary Schools
- Catholic High Schools
- Religious Education
 - ~ Catechetical Leader Training
 - ~ Sacramental Preparation
 - ~ Youth Ministry
 - ~ Young Adult Ministry
 - ~ CYO Sports
 - ~ Catechesis for Hispanics
 - ~ Catechist Formation
 - ~ R.C.I.A.
 - ~ Adult Confirmation
 - ~ Adult Education and Lay Ministry
 - ~ Scouting



Students in Archdiocesan elementary schools score annually in the top 30% nationally in the Basic Skills Test. In 2004, 97.5% of our Catholic High School students enrolled in an institution of higher education. Your gift to this year’s Annual Appeal will ensure our continued commitment of excellence in education.

Our Work

Socorro Crespo — *Religious Education Ministry*

Instructing young Catholic children in the faith comes naturally to Socorro Crespo, who has been doing it for 16 years at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Meriden. “I came from a Catholic family, and my parents tried to teach me the faith. I have three children and wanted to pass the teaching on to them, so the best way was to become a religious education instructor,” Socorro said.

Her children — Enid, Alexis and Arleen — are grown now, but Socorro is still passionate about teaching youngsters about Jesus. “It’s very important for them to get to know about Jesus; how he teaches people about the love of God, how to live the life of faith that is not easy, and that God will help us out,” she said.

Most of her students are bilingual in Spanish and English, and so is Socorro. “Sometimes I have to teach them in two languages, because I would like them to understand what I say. If they seem lost I give them an example or talk to them in English. If they ask me a question I don’t know, I talk to the priest. I never let them go without an answer.”

“Bring the kids to church,” she urges all Catholic parents. “Teach them the love of God and they will be practicing it when they grow up. What they learn now they will pass on. When they learn to pray they will do good things in the community.”

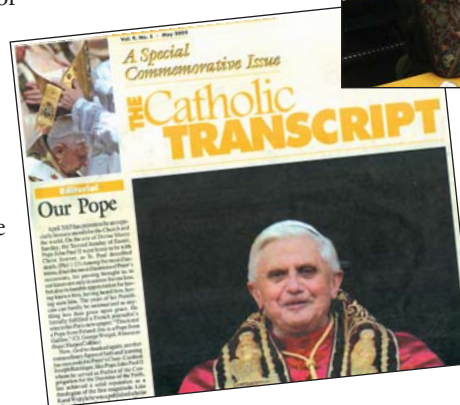
The Office of Religious Education relies, in part, on the Archbishop’s Annual Appeal to operate. Your generous support helps train dedicated and talented volunteer catechists like Socorro Crespo who then can pass along the faith to our children.



SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS

The Archdiocese of Hartford faithfully communicates the Good News of Christ in print, and by way of radio and television. The Catholic Transcript, the official newspaper of the Archdiocese of Hartford, informs, educates and inspires more than 80,000 readers every month, while the Office of Radio and Television produces programming of a distinctly Catholic and Christian perspective. These communication tools deliver an inspirational message and serve as a means of evangelization throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford.

- The Catholic Transcript
- The Office of Radio and Television
 - ~ “On This Rock, MVP”
 - ~ “Crossroads Magazine”
 - ~ “The Bishop’s Corner”
- WJMJ Radio



Gifts to the Annual Appeal help The Catholic Transcript, WJMJ and the Office of Radio and TV convey the Christian message of faith, hope and charity in print, on radio and television. These outreach efforts often plant the seeds of faith and are tools of evangelization throughout the Archdiocese.

C O N T I N U E S

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN SERVICES

Through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal we reach out regardless of age or geographic location to help people in their own communities. This includes formulating a blueprint in cooperation with private businesses, community leaders, and government agencies to help revitalize neighborhoods. Our community development initiative includes housing as well as life skills instruction and job training to prepare residents for lives that are productive.

Since 1997, the Vicariate Outreach Program has provided local charities financial assistance to help in neighborhoods all across the Archdiocese. These funds help feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, provide hope to the elderly, the sick, and families in our communities.

Community development is an integral part of the ministry of our faith. With our resources and our reputation, it becomes an element of our sacred mission. It brings the Gospel to life, every day of the week.

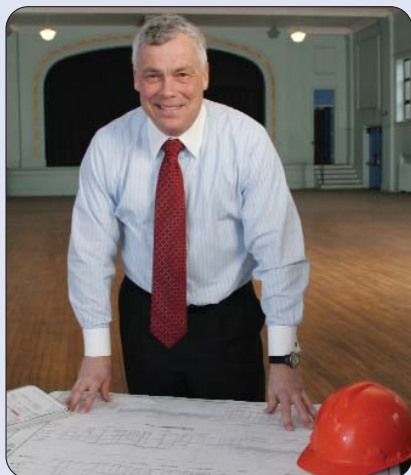
VICARIATE OUTREACH PROGRAM



Food banks, like the one pictured above, are essential outreach programs of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Since 1997, more than \$5 million from the Annual Appeal has helped local community charities serve the elderly, children and families. This year, more than 200 community charities will share in the funds contributed to the Appeal.

Community Development

Community development is an important part of Archbishop Henry J. Mansell's vision for improving neighborhoods in the Archdiocese of Hartford. To achieve this, the Archdiocese brings its resources—pastoral, financial, spiritual and personnel—and teams up with government agencies, community leaders, and private businesses to address the growing dilemma of distressed and economically challenged communities throughout the Archdiocese.



"The Archdiocese is a strategic partner, one of roughly 100 companies, firms, and institutions that are investing in projects to revitalize neighborhoods," said Oz Griebel, president and CEO of MetroHartford Alliance.

A project currently in the planning stages is Cathedral Green, the proposed renovation of the former St. Joseph Cathedral Elementary School that now sits empty near the Cathedral of St. Joseph. With "seed money" from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal the building will soon be transformed into two-and-three-bedroom affordable apartments.

Archbishop Mansell's vision to form coalitions with government agencies, community leaders and private businesses underscores his commitment to better housing, health care, life skills instruction and job training for the entire region. By serving as a catalyst with private businesses, community leaders and government agencies, the Archdiocese is a powerful force for positive change.

Donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal help rebuild neighborhoods.

O u r W o r k

Heating Season Emergency — Vicariate Outreach Program Helps

"I would be up a creek."

That's what New Haven resident Mrs. Sarah Streater says would happen without fuel assistance from Christian Community Action, Inc. The 75-year-old mother of eight grown children has had to rely on natural gas fuel assistance for four decades, including the last two years through New Haven-based CCA, a nonprofit ecumenical social service organization funded in part by donations to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Mrs. Streater is not alone. High unemployment, soaring fuel prices and frigid temperatures have conspired to make the winter of 2005-2006 a heating season emergency. Compounding the problem is the fact, as reported in Connecticut newspapers, that as people switch from paying fuel bills by check to paying online, voluntary contributions to fuel assistance programs have plummeted.



Rev. Bonita Grubbs is the Executive Director of the CCA, which receives a grant from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal through its Vicariate Outreach Program to help people struggling to pay their home heating bills.

assistance per year. The average grant is \$250. CCA also provides a food pantry, a family shelter, transitional housing and other services for qualified individuals.

CCA's funding from the Archbishop's Annual Appeal has nearly doubled in two years, up from \$3,150 in 2003 to about \$6,000 in 2005. It is one of nearly 200 community-based charities that this year share \$700,000 in Archbishop's Annual Appeal funds through the Vicariate Outreach Program.

Fuel assistance programs in the Vicariate Outreach Program also supply "crisis grants" for weather-related or supply-shortage emergencies in homes with broken furnaces or utility shutoffs. The clients of these programs do not qualify for conventional fuel and energy assistance.

It all comes down to neighbor helping neighbor. "She knows us and we know her," Rev. Grubbs said of Mrs. Streater.

"They have been doing this for a long time," Mrs. Streater said. "It's a good thing, and I appreciate it."

"The staff members here are nice," Mrs. Streater said. "I asked them if they had a fuel assistance program, and they said yes. It's very convenient to where I live, too."

The Rev. Bonita Grubbs, an American Baptist minister who has been executive director at CCA for 17 years, said that the agency receives at least 250 applications for fuel

SEMINARIANS, DEACONS AND RETIRED CLERY

Vital to our faith is the nurturing and education of men called to be priests and deacons who serve us in our parishes and ministries. Funds raised through the Archbishop's Annual Appeal provide resources used to assist in the education of our Seminarians, to operate the Vocation Office, support our retired priests, and in the formation and ongoing education of our deacons.

- Care of Retired Clergy
- Seminarian Programs
- Seminarian Education
- Vocation Office
- Diaconate Formation
- Permanent Diaconate Program
- Office for Religious



More than \$800,000 is earmarked to support our seminarians, deacons, retired clergy, and vocations. Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal will help to continue preparing our deacons and seminarians for service in our parishes throughout the Archdiocese, as well as assist retired priests who have given a lifetime of service to the people in our parishes.

C o n t i n u e s

2006 ARCHBISHOP'S CIRCLE OF CHARITY

The Circle of Charity recognizes individuals, families and organizations that have made extraordinary gifts to the Archdiocese of Hartford Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

Families contributing \$1,000 or more to the 2006 Archbishop's Annual Appeal will be invited to the Circle of Charity Dinner with Archbishop Mansell in September 2006.

CIRCLE OF CHARITY GIFT PLANS

	TOTAL GIFT	FIVE MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF
<i>Pallium Guild</i>	\$50,000	\$10,000
	\$25,000	\$5,000
<i>Crozier Guild</i>	\$20,000	\$4,000
	\$15,000	\$3,000
	\$10,000	\$2,000
<i>Cathedra Guild</i>	\$7,500	\$1,500
	\$5,000	\$1,000
<i>Miter Guild</i>	\$2,500	\$500
	\$1,000	\$200



The 2005 Annual Appeal was the most successful in the history of the Archdiocese. More than 16,000 donors increased their gift and another 14,000 were new contributors compared to the prior year.

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

Last year, the Archdiocese of Hartford Archbishop's Annual Appeal raised \$8,700,000. Without exception, these funds were used to bring a myriad of ministries, activities, programs and services to thousands in need throughout the Archdiocese.

It is our continuing pledge to you to use the funds raised during the 2006 Annual Appeal to once again provide the services and meet the needs described in this brochure.

Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash — Checks should be made payable to the "Archbishop's Annual Appeal." Please mail the enclosed gift card in the envelope provided.

Pledge your Gift over Five Months — A gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal may be paid over five months. If possible please include your first month's payment when you mail your gift card envelope.

Matching Gifts — Many corporations endeavor to match the charitable contributions of employees. Please contact your company's Human Resource professional to determine if your company participates in the Matching Gift Program. A listing of Matching Gift companies is enclosed. If you have Matching Gift questions, please contact Linda Carroll at 860-541-6491.

Credit Card — Take full advantage of the benefits offered by your card, such as bonus points and airline miles. You can make a one-time gift or monthly pledge payments using your credit card. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express. Simply provide your credit card details on your gift card.

Online Giving — The Archbishop's Annual Appeal will offer the opportunity to make your gift and pledge payments online using a credit card. Please go to www.archdioceseofhartford.org and click on the 2006 Appeal Donation banner. If you have an online giving question please contact Michele Stein at 800-781-2550.

Gift of Securities — Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the securities on the date of your gift. Please consult the enclosed information card for further details.

All gifts to the Appeal will be acknowledged by Archbishop Mansell and are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

Thank You!

*For God is not unfair. How can he forget your hard work for Him,
or forget the way you used to show your love for Him — and still do
— by helping his children?*

HEBREWS 6:10