

# 2020/2021 Tithe Grants

The tithe program (10 percent of parishioner's regular collections – offertory, pledge and holiday giving) seeks to address root causes of social injustice both locally and globally. The large grant focus this year focuses on the education achievement gap.

We are excited to partner with nine new organizations this year. All grant recipients are required to provide regular reporting on the grant. As always, thank you to our parishioners for your financial support. The tithe amount for 2020 was \$380,000. This amount is a result of your generous regular offertory and pledge collections. An additional \$45,000 was applied from social justice ministry funds, bringing the total to \$425,000. These supplemental funds were used specifically for organizations addressing food insecurity and homelessness.

Large Grants	
Higher Achievement	\$50,000
Kid Power	\$60,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>

Continuation Grants (2019 Large Grant Recipients)	
La Cocina	\$10,000
So Others Might Eat	\$20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>

Education	
Washington Jesuit Academy	\$10,000
Washington School for Girls	\$20,000
San Miguel School	\$10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>

Sister Parishes	
Maria Madre	\$35,000
St. Jean Baptiste	\$35,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>

Direct Service	
CAIR	\$15,000
Capital Area Food Bank	\$25,000
Casey Trees	\$5,000
Catholic Charities — Food Pantry	\$5,000
Catholic Charities — Immigration	\$5,000
Catholic Charities — Welcome Home	\$5,000
City Blossoms	\$10,000
City Kids – DC	\$10,000
CRS – Helping Hands	\$5,000
Fr. McKenna Center	\$7,000
Franciscan Mission Services	\$5,000
Friends in Solidarity	\$12,500
GoodLands	\$5,000
Georgetown Ministry Center	\$5,000
Hope and a Home	\$15,000
Housing Up	\$5,000
Ignatian Spirituality Project	\$2,000
Jubilee Jobs	\$10,000
Just Neighbors	\$3,500
Perry School	\$5,000
Prisons & Justice Initiative	\$5,000
Project Transformation	\$5,000
Solar United Neighbors	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$175,000</b>

## **Title Recipient Profiles**

Holy Trinity's tithe program seeks to address the root causes of poverty. The committee is also guided by the Apostolic Preferences: *Showing the Way to God; Walking with the Excluded; Journeying with Youth; and Care for Our Common Home*. We determine awardees in collaboration with members of the parish through prayer and discernment. This concrete and ongoing commitment to social justice is a priority among Holy Trinity parishioners and its careful and transparent distribution is an important responsibility of the Social Justice Committee.

## **Large Grant Recipients**

The focus of the large grant is the education achievement gap. The achievement gap is defined as the persistent disparity in academic achievement between minority and disadvantaged students and their white counterparts. Holy Trinity received 18 applicants for a large grant. Many applicants highlighted the additional impact COVID-19 had on learning for students, especially in communities of color.



### **Higher Achievement**

Higher Achievement bridges the achievement gap by supporting scholars with rigorous academic programming and social-emotional skill-building to help scholars set goals and reach them. The grant from Holy Trinity will enable Higher Achievement to support staff and scholar retention and serve 50 new scholars.



### **Kid Power**

Kid Power helps youth succeed academically, empowers them to become engaged leaders and responsible citizens, and encourages them to make healthy living choices. The grant from Holy Trinity will support capacity growth for their newest program, Mentors, Inc. and expand their school-based markets.

## **Continuation Grants**

Each year, the committee considers the achievements of the prior large grant awardees and may extend additional support to a program in its second year.



### **La Cocina VA**

La Cocina VA creates opportunities using food as an agent of social and economic change, through feeding, educating and empowering the minds of our community. Holy Trinity is partnering on the development of the Zero Barriers Training and Entrepreneurship Center. The program offers job and apprenticeship opportunities for low-income youth.



### **So Others Might Eat**

SOME is an interfaith, community-based service organization that exists to help and support residents of our nation's capital experiencing homelessness and poverty. SOME offers a variety of services, including affordable housing, counseling, addiction treatment, and job training. In addition, SOME helps meet immediate daily needs by providing food, clothing, and healthcare to those in need. The award is for their "Innovative Career Pathways to D.C.'s Green Jobs in HVAC." SOME's Center for Employment Training will help train and prepare students to enter employment in D.C.'s emerging green economy through the new HVAC job-training course. The program is open to individuals from D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Participants in the program also have access to the housing and support resources SOME offers.

## Focus: Care for Our Common Home



### Casey Trees **New!**

Casey Trees is committed to restoring, enhancing and protecting the tree canopy of the nation's capital. To fulfill this mission, they plant trees, engage thousands of volunteers of all ages in tree planting and care, provide year-round continuing education courses, monitor the city's tree canopy, develop interactive online tree tools and work with elected officials, developers, and community groups to protect and care for existing trees and to encourage the addition of new ones.



### City Blossoms **New!**

Founded in 2008, City Blossoms originated as a response to a lack of access to green space for underserved children in Washington, D.C. Funding from Holy Trinity will support their Youth Entrepreneurship Cooperative program. Using a cooperative business model, this program supports young people from the District, ages 13-19, in creating their own business while learning environmental and food justice concepts and developing job readiness skills.



### GoodLands **New!**

GoodLands is mobilizing the Catholic Church to use her land for good. They are providing the information and tools to help the Church use her property wisely to enhance all her existing ministries and missions — to care for creation, to end homelessness, to welcome the stranger, to deliver programs and services to the right places and at the right times and to support her own fiscal sustainability.



### Solar United Neighbors **New!**

Solar United Neighbors (SUN) is catalyzing a grassroots clean energy movement, connecting citizens with the tools and resources they need to start renewable energy projects in their communities. The result: a network of empowered citizens who fight for energy rights and achieve significant policy wins. Now working in five states (including Maryland and Virginia) and in D.C., SUN is paving the way to a clean energy future for us all.

## Focus: Education



### San Miguel School

San Miguel School is a tuition-free school that provides a high quality education to low-income Latino boys. With a rigorous education that nurtures the intellectual, spiritual and physical growth of students, San Miguel closes the achievement gap and ensures success in high school and beyond.



### Washington Jesuit Academy

The Washington Jesuit Academy provides a comprehensive and rigorous education for promising students in grades four through eight from underserved communities. Each student is provided a tuition-free experience defined by 11 hours of academic rigor a day, 11 months a year, and three nutritious meals a day. This extended program allows teachers additional time to teach and influence students both inside and outside of the classroom and creates a "brotherhood" among students.



### Washington School for Girls

The Washington School for Girls is a tuition-free, independent private school for girls living in low-income communities in Washington, DC. The school provides a rigorous academic experience, grounded in the Catholic educational tradition, for elementary and middle school girls in grades 3-8.

## Focus: Food Insecurity/Hunger



### Capital Area Food Bank

The Capital Area Food Bank leads our region's efforts to provide good, healthy food to people struggling with hunger and food insecurity. Each year, they source and distribute the food for over 30 million meals.



### Catholic Charities: Food Assistance

Catholic Charities is on the front lines in the fight against hunger in the region. Last year alone, they provided more than 3.5 million meals to those in need and distributed more than 3 million pounds of food to local pantries. More than 87,700 packages of affordable, nutritious groceries were made available through their SHARE Food Network. The Southern Maryland Food Bank gave out more than 12,200 'snack saks' to children and homebound seniors.

## Focus: Housing/Homelessness



### The Father McKenna Center

The Father McKenna Center serves men struggling with homelessness and families in Ward 6 dealing with food insecurity. They are a partner in our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive and Giving Tree program.



### Georgetown Ministry Center

Georgetown Ministry Center guides service-resistant, chronically homeless individuals towards stability and housing through aggressive street outreach, provision of a safe and welcoming environment where everyone is treated with respect, and advocacy for the homeless. In December, Holy Trinity hosts a 2-week Winter Shelter on campus. GMC is also a partner of the annual Giving Tree program.



### Hope and a Home

Hope and a Home serves 210 individuals (59) families through its multi-phased program: Phase One—Transitional Housing; Phase Two—Independent Housing; Phase Three—Grace Dickerson Higher Education Program. Holy Trinity partners with Hope and a Home during the Thanksgiving Drive and Giving Tree program.



### Housing Up

Housing Up builds thriving communities in Washington, DC by developing affordable housing and offering comprehensive support services to homeless and low-income families. We believe that people who have safe, affordable housing and genuine opportunities are empowered to transform their lives.



### Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP)

ISP combines the 12 Step Program with Ignatian Spirituality to give participants a way to connect with their higher power in the Ignatian tradition. This includes an Examen check-in, reflection on scripture, and striving to attain freedom from addictions and whatever else holds us back from living the lives that our loving God intends for us.

## Focus: Immigration



### Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition (CAIR)

The Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition strives to ensure equal justice for all immigrant adults and children at risk of detention and deportation in the Capital region area and beyond through direct legal representation, know your rights presentations, impact litigation, advocacy and the enlistment and training of attorneys to defend immigrants.



### Catholic Charities: Immigration Legal Services

Immigration Legal Services (ILS), a part of Catholic Charities' Newcomer Network, focuses on the provision of direct legal immigration services to foreign-born individuals and their families. Last year, they worked with more than 4,400 cases, ranging from consultations to full representation. ILS has represented individuals from more than 135 countries around the world needing legal assistance with an immigration matter. ILS also focuses on training lawyers to provide *pro bono* services and educating community groups on the latest immigration issues.



### Just Neighbors **New!**

The mission of Just Neighbors is to provide high-quality immigration legal services to low-income immigrants, asylees and refugees in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia; and to build community among clients, staff, volunteers and the larger society through education, advocacy and volunteerism.

## Focus: International



### Catholic Relief Services: Rise Against Hunger

Catholic Relief Services is the official international Catholic relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and a member of Caritas Internationalis and the National Catholic Development Conference. CRS assists the poor and vulnerable overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sanctity of human life and the dignity of all people. Rise Against Hunger (RAH) is an international hunger relief agency that has been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger for more than 15 years by bringing meal-packaging events to communities. RAH provides all necessary supplies and staff to host CRS Helping Hands events.



### Friends in Solidarity (Maternal Health)

Friends in Solidarity is a collaborative ministry initiated by Institutes of Women and Men Religious in the United States supporting the people of Africa, especially South Sudan, through capacity building initiatives that include the training of teachers, health care professionals and pastoral teams.



### Sister Parishes

Holy Trinity is blessed with two vibrant sister parish relationships with Maria Madre de los Pobres in San Salvador, El Salvador and St. Jean Baptiste in Anse d'Hainault, Haiti. Funding supports education and infrastructure projects.

## Focus: Returning Citizens



### **Catholic Charities: Welcome Home Reentry Program**

The goal of the Welcome Home Reentry Program is to help prevent returning citizens from falling back to previous mistakes by helping them find and follow a path to a new career. We do this by creating a support network centered around volunteer mentors who work closely with returning citizens. Together, we help overcome big and small obstacle on route to finding a job, a safe place to live and a community of support. Holy Trinity invites parishioners to be part of the ‘mentorship’ and virtual mentorship programs.

### **Jubilee Jobs**

The mission of Jubilee Jobs is to provide professional, compassionate job placement into marketplace jobs for persons eager and ready to work. Applicants include people experiencing homelessness, returning citizens and people in recovery. Jubilee Jobs works with all who come, meets them where they are and helps them move forward with confidence into the best job fit possible. Services are free to clients and employers.



### **Prisons and Justice Initiative [New!](#)**

Georgetown University’s Prisons and Justice Initiative was founded in 2016 to respond to the dual crisis of incarceration and recidivism. PJI brings together leading scholars, practitioners, students and those affected by the criminal justice system to tackle the problem of mass incarceration — one of the most crucial moral and political issues of our time. The grant is awarded for the Prison Scholars Program at the D.C. jail. It is the only prison education program in the country that offers courses for incarcerated men and women together, ensuring that all residents at the facility have the opportunity to pursue higher education.



## Focus: Youth



### **City Kids**

Founded in 1996, City Kids Wilderness Project (“City Kids”) is a nonprofit operating with the mission that providing enriching life experiences for DC children can enhance their lives, the lives of their families, and the greater community. City Kids currently operates school year and summer programs for approximately 130 youth annually, enrolling new participants in the sixth grade and providing continuous and extensive academic and social-emotional support through middle school and high school. This grant supports their D.C. school year programs.

### **Franciscan Mission Service [New!](#)**

This grant supports the D.C. Service Corps, an 11-month service leadership experience for young Catholics, focusing on professional and spiritual development through service in the D.C. community. Rooted in the Franciscan charism, D.C. Service Corps facilitates the integration of faith into all aspects of one’s life, forming young leaders and augmenting nonprofit capacity. Funds will be used to fill a service placement at Don Bosco Cristo Rey School.



## Focus: Youth, cont.



### **Perry School Community Services Center**

The Perry Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in northwest Washington, D.C. dedicated to serving adults and youth every year. The Perry Center uses a collaborative, comprehensive, and integrated approach to social services, economic empowerment, and youth development. The grant supports their preschool and after school programs serving low-income youth and families in D.C.



### **Project Transformation New!**

Project Transformation D.C. focuses on stopping and reversing the summer slide for children. Their model of ministry harnesses the creativity and leadership of young adults, who lead summer programs for children. The programs are held at partner churches located in low-income neighborhoods. This year's summer camp will run four days a week for seven weeks.

### **Thank You to This Year's Tithe Committee:**

**Peter Albert, Sue Blain, Mary McCabe, Eric Nicoll & Katie Randall**

The large grant theme is determined by the Social Justice Committee in November. The RFP is circulated in early January. Typically the deadline for the large grant is the end of February. Organizations interested in submitting a small grant (less than \$20,000) may apply in early March. Decisions are made by early May and recommendations are provided to the pastor for approval. Funds are released in June.

For more information about the tithe grant timelines and process, please visit our website at [www.trinity.org/tithe](http://www.trinity.org/tithe).

## **Additional Support**

Since July 1, 2020 and due to the overwhelming generosity of parishioners, HT school families and community partners, Holy Trinity Catholic Church has made financial contributions to the following organizations: A Faith that Does Justice, Catholic Charities, Catholic Charities- RGV, Christ House, Equal Justice Initiative, Food for the Poor, GRM- Matamoros, Institute for Black Catholic Studies, Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS), Kino Border Initiative, Little Sisters of the Poor, Martha's Table, N Street Village, Sacred Heart (Richmond), So Others Might Eat, the Spanish Catholic Center, St. Bernard of Clairvaux and Ward 3 Mutual Aid.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive supported 261 families at the Fr. McKenna Center, Housing Up, Hope and a Home and our HT Migrant Team. More than 2,000 presents were delivered to families at Christ House, Spanish Catholic Center, St. Ann's Center, Mary House, Hope and a Home, Fr. McKenna Center, Georgetown Ministry Center, and Northwest Center through your support of the Annual Giving Tree Project.

Your support also funded requests from organizations addressing food insecurity and individuals facing food insecurity and other financial challenges. Funds have also been used to purchase desks, Wi-Fi boosters, and other items for children in our community. Thank you for being parishioners for others during these unprecedented times.