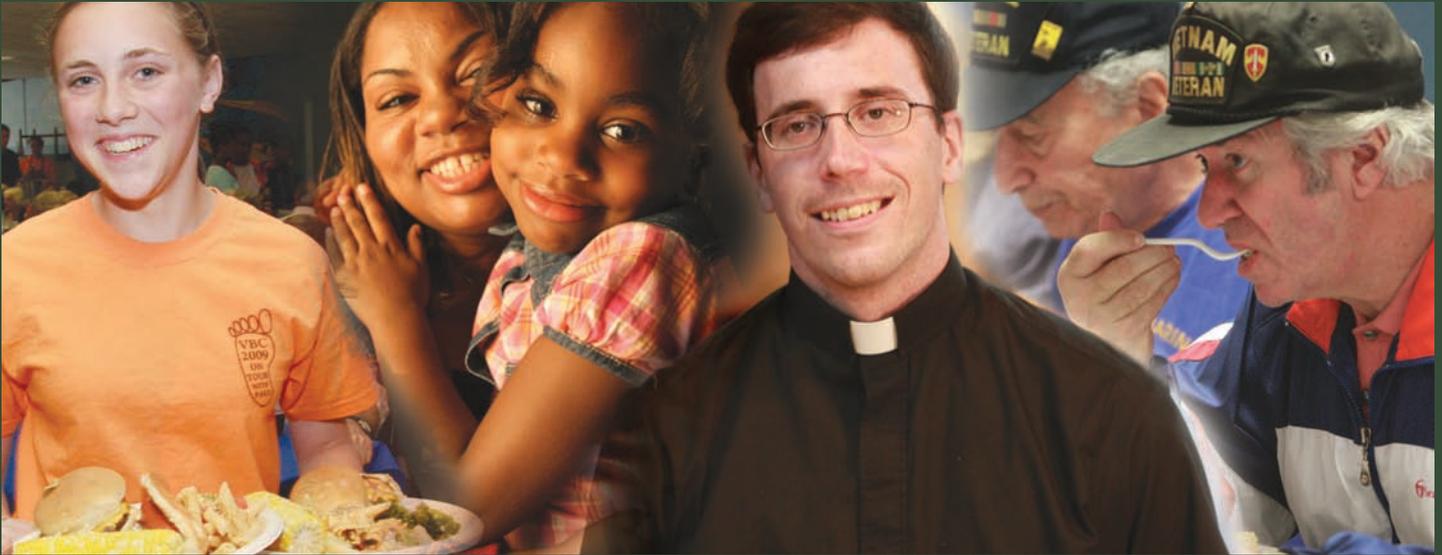


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CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters
in Christ:

The Diocese of Rockville Centre is a greatly blessed community of faith which each year responds generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Thanks to your generosity in 2010, we are once again able to support

vocations, educate our young people, care for the unborn, sustain our charities and assist our Parishes. By sharing **one faith, one hope and our many gifts**, together we touched more than 600,000 people in our community last year.

The impact of your generosity is seen all across our Long Island community. We see it when our children receive the Sacraments, when Seminarians and Deacons are ordained, when students hear the Word of God through dynamic religious education programs, and when others in need are provided with food and assistance. Your support makes all of these ministries and so much more possible.

On behalf of all those whose lives are changed through your stewardship, I thank you and ask God to continue to fill your life with His abundant graces. With my prayers and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William Murphy".

Bishop of Rockville Centre

YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Because of you, senior citizens struggling to get enough to eat are able to receive nutritious food from Catholic Charities' programs.



Last year, Catholic Charities delivered or served more than 500,000 meals to seniors and families in need.

Because of you, our children are given the opportunity to learn about and experience God's love for them.



Last year, more than 110,000 public school children attended religious education classes.



Because of you, Cristian and Joan will continue to do community service long after they graduate from their Diocesan high schools.

Our Diocesan high school students have been inspired to serve, not only the people in their own community, but people around the world. You have given them the tools and experience to be our faith-filled leaders of tomorrow.



Because of you, Fr. Mike was able to fulfill his dream and serve the people of God.

Over the last three years 15 men were ordained to serve as Priests in the Diocese of Rockville Centre.



Because of you, our Parishes will continue to meet the needs of the disadvantaged in their local community.

Last year, 19,000 people received help through Parish Outreach programs.

LIVING A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE

At a recent gathering, staff of the Catholic Ministries Appeal had the opportunity to meet Marion and her brother Richard. Marion resides at a Catholic Charities home for the developmentally disabled. Marion thanked us and asked us to thank you for your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, which helps make her home possible. In reality, her joy did more for us than we could have ever done for her.

After Marion's dad died, Marion's family was anxious about who would care for her if her Mom passed. They also worried that she wasn't living the life that God had planned for her; they sensed she was capable of doing great things.

After researching their options, her mother turned to Catholic Charities Homes for the Developmentally Disabled and wonderful things happened. "I saw my sister changing," explains Richard. "She started working and became really independent. She gained a sense of responsibility and there was a sense of camaraderie in her house. She had people she could depend on but more important, she had friends who depended on her." Today Marion lives with seven other developmentally disabled adults, and she participates in a wide range of activities in a local day program, and even travels with friends. SHE IS LIVING A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE!



ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVE

Seminarian John Sureau took time out of his busy class schedule to talk to us about why becoming a Priest in our Diocese is so important to him, and his hopes for the future. Before beginning his studies at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington, John worked at St. John the Baptist Diocesan High School and Our Lady of Lourdes Parish as a Campus Minister, Social Worker and Liturgist.

“My work experiences led me to pursue this path. I loved doing that work, but I wanted to go deeper into my faith. I was asking myself: what is the best way for me to serve God and his people?”

My goal as a Priest in the Church on Long Island is to bring the people of God to a deeper place with their faith and travel there with them, as a community, closer to God and to one another.”



The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus

-St. John Vianney

2010 CMA VOICE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ESSAY CONTEST WINNER



8th Grader,
Raffaela Anile,
student at
St. Dominic's
in Oyster Bay

The Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to continue important ministries and programs that express our

Catholic faith, by reaching out to assist others. It supports programs that aid children, families, senior citizens, people who are poor, disadvantaged and so much more!

All around the world, people of all ages are joined together by our faith, and the desire to help make the world a better place for everyone. By taking part in the Catholic Ministries Appeal,

our compassion for others strengthens our minds, bodies, and souls as we form a closer bond to God.

When you make a decision to help others, the Holy Spirit guides you to be the best person you can be. When you participate in the Catholic Ministries Appeal, your life and the lives of those you've helped are changed forever. It is amazing what you can achieve when we are joined by our Catholic faith to work together and serve others. Jesus' love for each and every one of us is shown through the act of kindness (whether the acts are big or small) we show to others.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal has done so much for people in our community and will probably do even more in the very near future. It feels wonderful to help people. Even a small act of kindness (like praying for those who need help) can make a big difference in someone else's life. The sensation you feel when you give of yourself is so inspirational and something that you want to keep with you for the rest of your life.
