

## 2013 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS



*"As Pastor of St. Rosalie, I have witnessed the Catholic Ministries Appeal at work with the formation of our Seminarians, training of our Deacons, in our religious education program and in the number of families we serve through our Outreach program.*

*All of these wonderful programs and services are a testament to our Parishioners throughout the Diocese who support the Catholic Ministries Appeal.*

*The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us an opportunity to all join together, as Jesus invites us, to Serve God by Serving Others."*

- Father Edward Sheridan  
St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays

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# CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL NEWSLETTER

## Serving God by Serving Others

### A Message From Bishop William Murphy



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Every day I meet Catholics from across Long Island who demonstrate their "Faith in Action" by responding generously and faithfully to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

The impact of that support 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 generosity, we thank you and ask God to continue to fill your life with His abundant graces.

With gratitude and prayers, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bishop of Rockville Centre

### YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

#### Helping Long Island After Hurricane Sandy

October 28, 2012 is a day most Long Islanders will never forget. As we all braced for Hurricane Sandy, evacuations were taking place all along our coastline. The effects of this once in a century storm were devastating and affected tens of thousands of people in our community.

Catholic Charities worked hand-in-hand with our Parish Outreach programs to provide special needs shelter and to distribute much needed food and supplies. Staff and volunteers conducted person-to-person outreach in affected areas, informing storm victims of services and benefits available.



*Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is the "how and why" our Church was able to assist people affected by Hurricane Sandy. The Appeal helps fund the infrastructure to ensure that these critical programs and services are always available.*

## CAMPUS MINISTRY PARTICIPANTS JOIN THE SANDY RECOVERY EFFORT

Every year Catholic students involved in Campus Ministry plan a winter mission trip. This past Fall, recognizing the devastation that Hurricane Sandy caused on Long Island, students from Hofstra and Adelphi Universities re-evaluated traveling to a foreign country for their mission trip. Instead, they chose to serve right in their own backyard... Long Beach, NY!

The 22 person mission team split into different work groups every day to do a variety of work projects around Long Beach and Island Park. This work included demolition, rebuilding, sheet-rock, insulation, clean-up, painting, and evangelization. Each day, the mission team also came together for daily Mass, adoration, and morning, evening, and night prayer. The community grew together as a family in faith and each person was definitely changed for the better!

*"During the very first workday, I was assigned to a family whose entire basement was flooded with water and sand. Literally everything, aside from the house's supports and framework, had to be removed. Drywall was ripped off and all of the electric work was torn out. This day was so*

*incredible that I didn't think any other day would measure up to it, but day after day I was proven wrong. One of the greatest parts of mission work is spending time with the people you're helping. Whether you're helping them drill sheet rock or having a conversation about where they grew up, eventually you realize that you're doing*



*God's work. It's what He intended for all of us; to help those less fortunate than ourselves. I'm so glad I was able to experience this so early in my college career, because I'll never hesitate to volunteer my time for this type of work now. The joy I get out of it combined with the love spread to those we're helping is so great, I'd feel foolish if I did."*

- Sean Grealy  
Freshman at Hofstra University

*"Thanks to the Catholic Ministries Appeal we are able to continue to provide Campus Ministry programs for our College students. This is so important as these students are not only the future of the Church, but the 'here and now' of the Church."*

- Marianne Sheridan, Coordinator of Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministry

## ST. KILIAN YOUTH GROUP 2012 CMA CONTEST WINNERS

During Fall 2012, the Catholic Ministries Appeal held a contest for Youth Groups on the Facebook page ([www.Facebook.com/DRVCCMA](http://www.Facebook.com/DRVCCMA)), in an effort to help inform young people about the work of the Appeal. St. Kilian's Youth Group won the contest by having the highest number of "Likes" and comments on the CMA Facebook page. As the winner, they were treated to a pizza party sponsored by the Catholic Ministries Appeal.



On a cold night in January, St. Kilian's Youth (SKY) met to pray, move boxes of food for the Parish Outreach, and discuss the Gospel for that Sunday: the Baptism of the Lord. As winners of the Catholic Ministries Youth Group Contest, they also devoured some pepperoni and cheese pizzas!

Led by their dynamic core team, the group participates in their parish during the Lenten season by leading the Living Stations of the Cross, providing music at the youth Mass twice a month,

and experiencing a 30 hour fast and lock-in for solidarity with the poor. Throughout the year they attend Diocesan events like the Hunger Banquet and Holy Hour for Vocations. They also get together to go bowling, visit museums and attend plays.

Youth Groups give young people the opportunity to grow closer to the Lord through service, prayer and friendships. The future of our Church is growing now thanks in part to your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

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### **"ASK THE EXPERT:" Q&A**

**Q.** I read that the IRA charitable rollover was revived. Is that true?

**A.** Yes, what's called a rollover is actually a "qualified charitable distribution" that can be made to the Appeal or any other charity.

Here's how to do it:

1. If you are at least 70 1/2 years old on the date you make your gift
2. If your IRA is a traditional or Roth
3. If you don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions

**You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal and**

**New York State income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).**

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

Your gift must go directly from your IRA to the Parish. If you receive the money first then you'll be taxed on it like any other distribution.

For more information, please call Barbara Kilarjian at 516-379-5210 ext. 229 or email her at [bkilarjian@drvc.org](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org).

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