

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL NEWSLETTER

One Faith, One Hope, Many Gifts



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The season of Lent helps us to realize that God calls us to be sisters and brothers who belong to one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Prayer and fasting are two traditional ways in which we reaffirm our Christian purpose during this season of grace.

Sharing our gifts with our brothers and sisters is also fundamental to our lives as Catholics. The Catholic Ministries Appeal gives us that opportunity.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to continue important ministries and programs that express our core values. Each parish operating on its own can only do so much, but when parishes join together, linking all of the people of our Diocese, we can realize our unlimited potential. We become God's instrument of mercy and love.

Your gift to the Appeal enables us to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, foster vocations to the priesthood, and keep our Parishes vibrant for generations to come.

Please know that your support is vitally important to the success of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, and please accept my heartfelt thanks for your support.

With gratitude and prayers, 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

Helping Long Island Seniors

It's hard to believe, but across this great country one in every six senior citizens live below the federal poverty line. Long Island senior citizens face those same challenges, but because of the Catholic Ministries Appeal, they have places to turn for help.

Through Parish Outreach Programs and Catholic Charities:

- We maintain more than 1,200 units of affordable senior housing.
- We deliver more than 180,000 meals to home-bound seniors.
- We provide social activity and support at our numerous senior community centers and through Parish Social Ministry programs.



Thank you for your support!

THE APPEAL ALLOWS GIVERS TO BE TODAY'S GOOD SAMARITANS

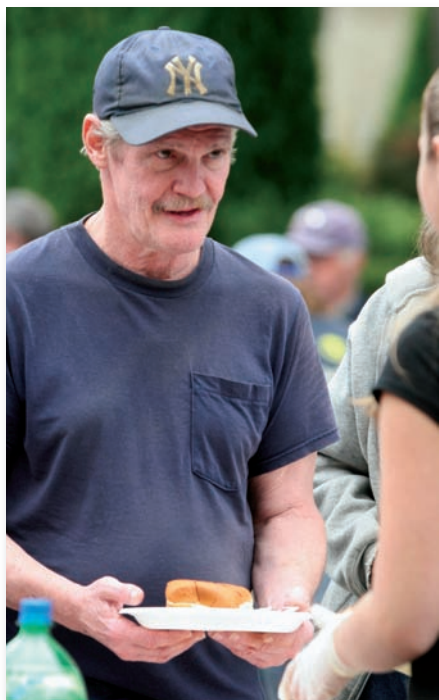
*By Deacon Tom Anderson,
St. Frances de Chantal, Wantagh*

At first it was my time in the Seminary where I was studying to be a Deacon, and now, it is as I serve my Parish community that I see all the good works made possible by the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Everyday I thank all of the Good Samaritans who support the Appeal.

The Gospels proclaimed at Mass are four distinct works with many common elements, but Luke's Gospel is the only one that recounts the story of the Good Samaritan, who comes to the aid of a stranger in the road who has been robbed, beaten and left for dead. The Samaritans as a people were not highly regarded by the high priests and temple cult of the time, and yet Jesus tells of the compassion and care rendered by a Samaritan to a stranger regardless of whether he will be repaid or recognized for his good deed.

For me, this story of selfless service is an inspiration and draws me into the core of my faith in Jesus Christ, the healer and the bearer of our burdens and the One who gives His all for us and for His Father. **The Catholic Ministries Appeal is also about selfless service.**

The call to serve is what led me to inquire about the permanent diaconate and ultimately led to four years of academic and spiritual formation at our Seminary in Huntington, where I and 9 of my classmates were ordained by Bishop Murphy last May.



Funds from the Catholic Ministries Appeal made my vocation and formation possible. It helped provide for technology and a world class research and theological library. It supported the activities of wonderful priests, deacons, religious sisters and lay faculty who instructed us, read our papers, critiqued and nurtured our attempts at preaching and gave us their support, attention and I believe their love and care.

In my parish, I have also seen how the Catholic Ministries Appeal serves our Church, as I have watched wonderful people come to us because they need help with the basic necessities of life, and I have seen wonderful people from our Parish Outreach program and Catholic Charities reach out and help them. Our Social Ministry team is led by Ms. Ele Melendez, who begins each day with the same instructions to her team, *"Today, Jesus is going to walk through that door and come to us; let's be ready for Him."*

The Appeal lets givers be today's Good Samaritans!



2011 “VOICE OF OUR YOUTH” CONTEST

How do you see the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) at work in your community, your school, your Parish?

We want to hear from you!

Send your essay and our judging panel will select a winning essay from all entries.

- The winning essay will be printed in the **CMA** Newsletter, The Long Island Catholic and posted on our Website.
- You and your family will also be invited to a special **CMA** “thank you” event at the end of the year, where you will be given the opportunity to read your essay aloud.

For more information about the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you can visit our web site at www.CatholicMinistriesAppeal.org

CONTEST RULES:

Essay entries should be no longer than 1,000 words. Contest is open to all young people ages 12-17. All entries must be received by October 15, 2011.

Essays can be submitted via email to: bkilarjian@drvc.org or mail to:

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“ASK THE EXPERT”: Q & A

A question from C.S., Moriches

Q. I read about Charitable Gift Annuities in my Parish bulletin. Can I use stocks to do this?

A. Thank you for asking this question. You can create your Charitable Gift Annuity with either cash or stock. One big advantage of using appreciated stock is that you reduce the capital gains tax you must pay and that you are able to pay that tax over many years.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a type of gift that pays you fixed payments for life. At your



passing, what remains in your annuity is transferred to your Parish, Diocesan ministry or the Catholic Ministries Appeal – whichever you choose.

Here are sample annual payments and rates for a one-life \$25,000 gift annuity. (minimum gift is \$10,000)

Every year for life,

Age	you receive	Gift Annuity Rate
70 (minimum)	\$1,450	5.8%
75	\$1,600	6.4%
80	\$1,800	7.2%
85	\$2,025	8.1%
90	\$2,375	9.5%

For more information or to receive a brochure, please call Barbara Kilarjian at 516-379-5210 or email her at bkilarjian@drvc.org.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL-SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

LIVING & SHARING OUR FAITH

In 2009:

We celebrated more than:

- 16,000 Baptisms
- 17,000 First Eucharists
- 16,000 Confirmations

We educated:

- 23 Seminarians at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
- 19,000 students in Catholic elementary schools
- More than 3,500 students in our three Diocesan Catholic high schools

CARING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

We helped the disadvantaged through:

- Parish Outreach programs that assisted more than 100,000 people
- Catholic Charities programs that delivered or served more than 500,000 meals to seniors and families in need

We gave hope to others through:

- Hospital Ministry programs that served more than 340,000 people in hospitals across Long Island

BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

We inspired our young people to live and love their Catholic Faith by:

- Bringing the Word of God to more than 50,000 students participating in campus ministry programs at secular colleges across Long Island

We celebrated our Diversity by welcoming our neighbors through:

- Hispanic Ministry
- Haitian Ministry
- Catholics of African Ancestry Ministry



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