



One Family in Mission
Called to Evangelize



2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



“Every Christian is challenged here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.”

- Pope Francis

share the good news of salvation. At the end of Mass, we are sent forth like the Apostles: *“Go, and proclaim the Gospel with your life.”*

The spiritual and corporal works of mercy also embody this call. The Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) is an opportunity to support the ministries that help us as we build up the Body of Christ.

“... life does not have a mission, but is a mission...it is for that mission that each of us is alive”
- Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) and our parish communities here on Long Island.

Every year when we support the CMA, we renew the opportunity to witness Jesus. The Appeal fuels the engine of *dramatic missionary growth* in our Diocese and unites us as **One Family in Mission**.

The spirit of joining together to witness Christ in carrying out these works of mercy is what Pope Francis envisioned when he encouraged us to become an “*evangelizing community of missionary disciples*”.

As you prayerfully consider a gift to this year’s CMA, please take a moment to reflect on the many ways our families and neighbors are able to witness Christ because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. My prayers and best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre





“...Evangelization is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus...”

- Pope Francis

Campus Ministry at Stony Brook University, in partnership with The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionaries, provides for the sacramental and pastoral needs of students. The program invites them to grow in relationship with God, deepen their faith, share meals and other fellowship, as they become future leaders of our community and our Church.

“As a FOCUS missionary just out of college, I understand what students are facing. I evangelize through friendship, through time spent together in the Campus Ministry program. We also reach out to any student who may be curious. We are open to anyone who wants to pray or chat about life. We are building students’ relationships with Christ so they can share that love and joy with their friends and family.”

Nick, FOCUS Missionary

“The missionaries were so open to share their faith that they inspired me to show the face of Christ to those who don’t know Him. People always ask me why I am always so happy and smiling – I tell them it’s because knowing Christ has given me that joy!”

Michaela, Campus Ministry Participant

“A Deacon is called to serve and evangelize. One of the most important ways I can assist is to set an example to others. If I can show those I encounter that we can live a Catholic life in today’s environment, then we will inspire others to do the same – and in turn they will reach out to others. This is how we achieve *dramatic missionary growth.*”

- Deacon Michael Boldizar, St. Anne, Garden City

A colleague at work asked Deacon Boldizar to write a sponsorship letter so he could begin the path to becoming a Deacon. In writing the letter a seed was planted in Deacon Boldizar. He began to know that this was also what God was calling him to do. Ordained in May of 2019, Deacon Boldizar serves at St. Anne in Garden City where he assists with Mass, communion and reaching out to others to bring awareness of God and the Holy Spirit, especially to those who need it.

“I always helped people whenever or wherever I could. Being a Deacon offers me the opportunity to help people in so many more ways!”

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“All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God’s creation, made in His own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.”

- Pope Francis

Catholic Charities residences for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities help individuals achieve their highest level of functioning and to participate as fully as possible in the surrounding community.

When Brian was three years old, he had a massive cerebral hemorrhage and needed extensive care. As he got older his parents wanted to find a place where he could be more independent and be part of a community. Just before his thirtieth birthday, Brian moved into Catholic Charities’ Christopher Residence.

“This program means so much to Brian and our family. It gives him so much pleasure living here and it gives our family joy to see how happy he is. He’s content and safe and as we are getting older we know that he will continue to be cared for with love and dignity,” shared Mrs. Healy, Brian’s mom.

Mr. Healy wanted us to know that recently when they were all out to dinner, Brian gleamed, *“God loves me just the way I am!”* Indeed he does, and after meeting Brian – we all do!

“Many who come to us for help know that God is with them on their journey and they will find the resources that they need because of that faith.”

-Sister Judy Fay, CSJ, Director of Parish Social Ministry, St. Raphael, East Meadow

Part of the comprehensive Social Ministry Program at St. Raphael in East Meadow is the Hope Mobile. It schedules rides for seniors and homebound parishioners and brings them to Mass, food shopping and to medical appointments.

“The Hope Mobile was originally purchased several years ago by the Parish Share of the Catholic Ministries Appeal. We were able to buy the van and retrofit it to accommodate wheelchair users. On Long Island there aren’t satisfactory transportation options for the growing population of seniors. Many that we serve can’t wait outside for long periods of time for those services that are available.”

- Sister Judy

One senior shared, *“I am able to attend Mass which gives me the opportunity to receive communion, contribute to my parish and be part of a community. At home I don’t have anyone to talk to – this is a way for me to mingle with others.”*





“[May] your teaching, joy and support to the faithful of Christ be the fragrance of your life, that with word and example you can build the House of God which is the Church.”

- Pope Francis

Fr. Roger Velasquez grew up in El Salvador right next to a Church that his family took care of. *“I remember playing and praying there. That’s how I was first introduced to the life of the Church.”* The priest only came once a year for the feast of St. John the Baptist – and the town would have a huge celebration. *“It was a very joyful event*

and I remember looking to the priest as a role model and I would dream - I could be that one day.”

Fr. Velasquez’s family prayed together, said the rosary together and his mom was his catechist. *“It was at home that I learned the values I carry with me today.”*

“My goal is to be an instrument of God’s presence to the People of God on Long Island. All of us are called to holiness and we do that when we evangelize others - to take what God has given us to others.”

Highlights of people served in 2018

Living and Sharing our Faith

Baptisms: 13,219 Confirmations: 14,714 First Eucharist: 11,445 Marriages: 2,569
Children and Youth in Faith Formation: 75,727 Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

Vocations

Seminarians: 23 Diaconate Candidates: 20

Education

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 14,592
School of Missionary Disciples: 212

Caring for God's People

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000
Hospital Ministry: 200,000
Respect Life: 130,000

Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,641
Mental Health Outpatient Services: 2,254
Senior Services: 4,122
Food and Nutrition Services: 17,070
Chemical Dependence Programs: 4,105
Parish Social Ministry 2,234
Prison Ministry 3,000

Building God's Kingdom

Campus Ministry: 3,500 a month
Youth Ministry: 5,800
Young Adult Ministry: 3,500 a month
Hispanic Ministry: 250,000
Catholics of African Ancestry: 25,000





Ways to Give

Gifts of Cash – Checks should be made payable to the “Catholic Ministries Appeal,” and you can pledge your gift over ten months.

Credit Card – We accept American Express, Discover, Mastercard and Visa. Simply provide your credit card information on your pledge card/envelope or give online at www.drvc.org/CMA.

Matching Gifts – Go to www.matchinggifts.com/drvc to see if your employer will match the charitable contributions of employees.

IRA Charitable Rollover – If you are at least 70½ years old on the date you make your gift and your IRA is a traditional or Roth, you can transfer up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to charity – without incurring income taxes today or estate tax in the future.

Gift of Securities – Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

Donor Advised Funds – You can recommend a gift to the CMA through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF).

For more information on any of the **Ways to Give**, please call the CMA office at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

100% of All Funds Raised are Restricted to Support the Ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.*

*The Catholic Ministries Appeal is conducted on a calendar-year basis. Amounts received under the Appeal are time-restricted for the next fiscal year.

Gift Plans

Council of Stewards

Established in 1986, the Council of Stewards is an honorary society that provides encouragement and advice to our Bishop through the submission of suggestions by direct correspondence or if inclined, by serving on an advisory committee. The Council also assists the Diocese in providing charitable, educational and pastoral care to the people of Long Island through sacrificial support at a minimum level of \$5,000.

Leadership Patrons

Our Leadership Patrons, through their generosity, have ensured that the ministries that make the Catholic Faith Community vibrant on Long Island will thrive for generations to come. They do this with a sacrificial gift at a minimum of \$750.

COUNCIL OF STEWARDS		
	Total Gift	Ten Monthly Payments of:
Founder*	\$50,000 and above	\$5,000 and above
Herald Angel*	\$25,000 – \$49,999	\$2,500 – \$4,999.90
Guardian*	\$10,000 – \$24,999	\$1,000 – \$2,499.90
Steward*	\$5,000 – \$9,999	\$500 – \$999.90
LEADERSHIP PATRONS		
Advocate	\$2,500 – \$4,999	\$250 – \$499.90
Witness	\$1,500 – \$2,499	\$150 – \$249.90
Evangelizer	\$750 – \$1,499	\$75 – \$149.90

* Signifies Council of Stewards membership

2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal Prayer

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we ask that you bless us as we proceed with this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Thank you, Lord, for uniting us as *One Family in Mission*. Help us to develop our missionary spirit so that we can evangelize and serve one another. What we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for You.

Holy Spirit, fill our hearts so that we can truly care for our church and all of her people. Keep us mindful that we are called to embrace *dramatic missionary growth* by sharing our gifts freely and generously as He does.

Guide us as we put those gifts to good use according to Your will.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.



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