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2018
CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
A P P E A L

*Supporting Dramatic Missionary Growth
on Long Island and Beyond*



**Hands of
Christ's Mercy**



Hands of Christ's Mercy

Christ encourages us to be willing stewards of the gifts with which He has blessed us and willing servants of His compassion, hope and love. He wants us to serve the poor and all those in crisis. He wants us to be Good Samaritans of mercy and forgiveness. He wants us to be instruments of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*.

Your gifts to the Catholic Ministries Appeal help us to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy** by helping our Church expand our services to the disadvantaged and underserved, enhance our children's religious and academic educations, support vocations, and strengthen our services to families.



“Each of us must respond to the gift of mercy in our hearts by getting up and putting mercy into action.”

- Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

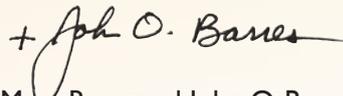
Our 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal raised more than ten million dollars to help support the ministries and programs that allow us to be the **Hands of Christ's Mercy** everyday on Long Island.

This Appeal enables us to feed the hungry, provide religious education for our children, strengthen parishes throughout our Diocese, form our future priests and deacons, and provide funding for Catholic Charities' programs and services.

We thank you so much for your extraordinary generosity as you have truly helped us to build a strong foundation for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our community.

As you consider your gift to the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal, I ask you to please be as generous as possible so that we can continue to be the hands of Christ's saving mercy and love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre



Living and Sharing Our Faith

Through your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal we are able to pass on the treasures of Faith to a new generation of Jesus' disciples.

“Teaching religion and sharing the Faith with young people – this is Jesus’ message – to proclaim the word of God. We do that by living the message every day. There is something so rich in spreading our Faith – you want to go out and share it with other people. That’s the Apostolic message.”

– Maggie Martin, Director Religious Education
St. John of God, Central Islip



Catholic educators, Catechists and other youth leaders in partnership with parents, play a critical role in preparing young Catholics to live and share their faith.

“Parents are the first and best teachers of their children, and the Parish partners with parents to ensure that our children can increase their spiritual lives and their spiritual beliefs.”

– Diana Erikson, Coordinator of Catechists
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Lake Ronkonkoma

“Sharing the faith with my children is extremely important to our family. I want them to have a solid foundation in our faith and so my husband and I work alongside their religious teachers to make that happen.”

– Deena, Parent
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Lake Ronkonkoma

“God wants families where members love each other and educate their children in goodness.”

- Pope Francis



Caring for God's People

A gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps to support programs and ministries that bring hope and healing to those in need.

As sole caregiver for her husband, Virginia was beginning to have a difficult time dealing with the escalating symptoms of her husband's Alzheimer's.

“I joined the caregiver group at my Parish and it was the best thing I could have ever done. Other people in the group were facing the same challenges as I was and they had some wonderful tips, but just having someone to talk to, who understands what you are facing, was a blessing.”

Parish Social Ministry is the answer to the call to bring the



healing hands of Christ to those who come to them for help.

“We are here to greet people with the face of Christ and meet their needs with welcome, compassion and a listening ear.”

– Sister Carol Radosti, OP, Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry, Holy Family, Hicksville

Catholic Charities strives to recognize the face of Christ in every man, woman and child who comes to them, and serve them as a way of serving Christ.

Catholic Charities' Talbot House helps people struggling with substance abuse reclaim their lives through all stages of the recovery process.

“The way I was living my life, I should not be here today. Every morning I wake up, I thank God for another day and for Talbot House.”

John was homeless, jobless, lonely and very scared when he came to Talbot House. Today, sober since 2010, John is successfully employed, has a fiancée and a new home.

“John is one of the many miracles that we witness at Talbot House. We watched him come out of the darkness and into the light.”

**- Toni DeFelice, LMSW, CASAC
Coordinator, Talbot House**

*“We are not alone; we do not walk alone.
We are part of the one flock of Christ
that walks together.”*

- Pope Francis





Life in Christ

Support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps our Church to encourage and provide the opportunity for tomorrow's priests to discern their vocation.

“My goal as a priest is to be an instrument for the salvation of souls. I would like to reach out and inspire our young people and bring hope to the older generations. Just as the Catholic Ministries Appeal touches people in every aspect of their lives – there is no aspect of our own lives that we can't use to bring Catholics home to Christ and the Church.”

**– Father Christopher Sullivan, Associate Pastor
Our Lady of Victory, Floral Park**

Ordained in June of 2017, Father Christopher Sullivan grew

up in the Parish of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore. Remaining close to the sacraments and to the Blessed Mother led Father Christopher to hear the Lord's voice calling him to the priesthood.

“Impart to everyone the Word of God which you have received with joy.”

- Pope Francis

Highlights of people served in 2016

Living and Sharing our Faith

Baptisms: 16,866 Confirmations: 14,026 First Eucharist: 14,626 Marriages: 3,134
Children and Youth in Faith Formation: 88,573 Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

Vocations

Seminarians: 26 Diaconate Candidates: 26

Education

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 15,870
School of Missionary Disciples: 90

Caring for God's People

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000
Hospital Ministry: 200,000
Respect Life: 51,522 in 31 initiatives

Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,530
Mental Health Outpatient Services: 2,118
Senior Services: 3,098
Food and Nutrition Services: 16,891
Disaster Response: 1,291
Parish Social Ministry 1,478

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.”

Pledge Your Gift Over Ten Months – A gift may be fulfilled over a ten-month period. If possible, please include your first month’s payment when you mail your gift card/envelope.

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

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 70 1/2 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 – Appreciated securities is one way to make a significant contribution at a reduced cost to you. Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of securities on the date of your gift.

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
Go to Support the Appeal
and its Ministries.**

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.

GIFT PLANS		
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