

20 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Teaching Igniting Evangelizing
Teaching Igniting Evangelizing Forgiving Loving Helping Witnessing

Supporting *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in Our Community



Igniting Loving Helping Evangelizing Teaching Forgiving Witnessing

*“Growth in holiness is a journey in community,
side by side with others.”*

- Pope Francis

We are called to be Christ’s disciples in today’s world, to be His light and to live out the Gospel message by being instruments of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*.

One way to fulfill this call is by supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Your gifts fund a wide variety of ministries that serve Long Island in ways that no parish could accomplish alone. Side by side, joining together as community, we are growing in holiness.

“The Holy Spirit is asking each one of us to step up and lead in a heroic and inspirational way to advance Dramatic Missionary Growth on Long Island.”

Dear Friends:

I would like to thank all of you for the gifts that you have given in previous years to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

The Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to take the financial step that is necessary to support all the programs and services that will continue to make *Dramatic Missionary Growth* on Long Island a model for igniting and evangelizing others to “holiness and mission.”

Together we are promoting and nurturing vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate, strengthening marriages and families and caring for the poor and vulnerable.

The Holy Spirit is calling forth a new generation of saints, mystics and missionaries on Long Island and you are leading the way by helping to pave the path with your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

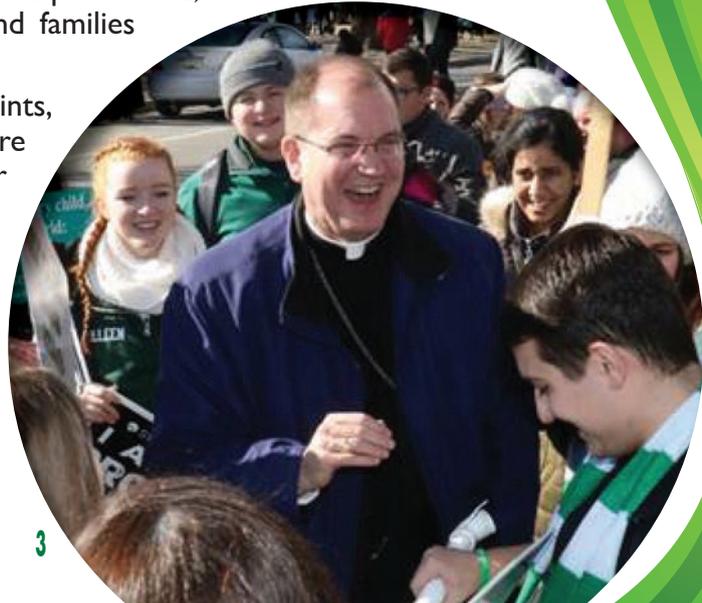
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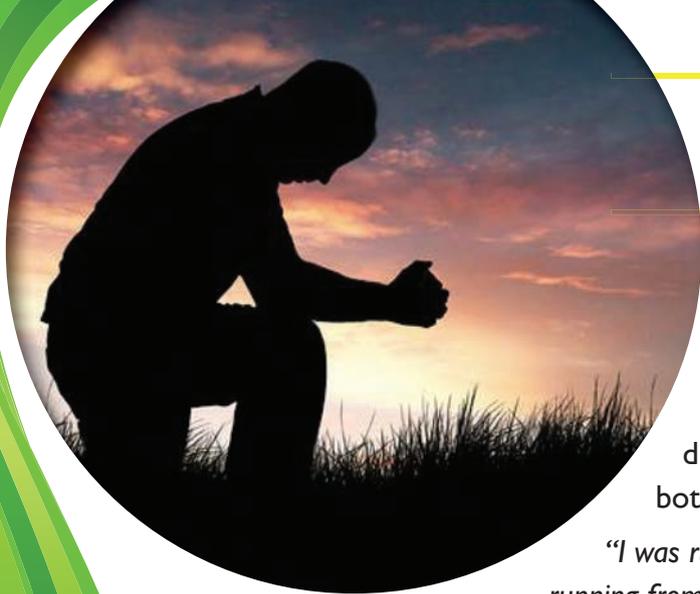
With my prayers and best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ John O. Barres

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre





When someone is fed...when someone receives guidance or receives help to break the chains of addiction – your support has helped in that care.

Mark was smoking crack, using heroin and any other drugs he could get his hands on. He had reached rock bottom and knew he had to get help.

“I was running from life – running from my responsibilities – I was running from just about everything. I had become a person I didn’t even know. I begged God for help.”

With nowhere else to turn Mark called Catholic Charities’ Talbot House.

“I could no longer be that person I had become. I could no longer go down the path that I was going. I would have killed myself if it wasn’t for Talbot House.”

Today, Mark is clean, in school and reunited with his family. He also volunteers at Talbot House to help others find the path to recovery.

“Talbot House means hope. I’m living a life today that I don’t deserve, but I am enjoying it. I have God in my life. I am blessed, grateful and happy!”

LOVING Support and Care leads those who are struggling closer to God – Dramatic Missionary Growth in Action

Street Ministry at St. John the Evangelist in Center Moriches brings food, clothing and the love of God to those who are homeless or in need of help with life's basic necessities.

Janice was homeless and struggling when she first met the folks who run the Street Ministry program. Today, she has an apartment and is one of their best ambassadors, greeting everyone with a smile.

“This ministry is the best thing that ever happened to me. Whether or not you are up or you are down and in a bad place – it doesn't matter – I still have the same heart with God. If it wasn't for Him, I wouldn't wake up – and be breathing – that's how I look at it.”

-Janice



Helping Teaching Loving Witnessing Caring Igniting Evangelizing



Witnessing Forgiving Loving Helping Igniting Teaching Evangelizing

When a priest is ordained... when a person becomes a deacon or lay minister – your gifts have helped in their formation.

Ordained in 2014, Fr. Joseph Scolaro answered the call to serve when he began the program of priestly formation at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in 2010. Today Fr. Scolaro is the Pastor of Notre Dame in New Hyde Park.

“I know firsthand how important the Catholic Ministries Appeal is. It helped to support my formation and gave me the freedom to really focus on my studies. Now as a Priest in the Diocese, I feel blessed that God has chosen me to make the Body and Blood of Christ present on the altar and to bring that gift to the people, bring God to the people – the same people who helped to bring me to this point by their support.”

TEACHING and forming our priests and lay leaders gives them the tools to fuel *Dramatic Missionary Growth* in our community.

Ordained in 2018, Deacon Matt Surico always knew he would serve the church in some way. Today, a Deacon at his home Parish, St. Thomas More in Hauppauge, Deacon Surico brings his gifts of serenity, joy and peace to all of the people he ministers to.

“As a Deacon, I have a great opportunity to reach out to many people – one family at a time – one person at a time. I hope I will be able to inspire others to serve in the Church and be an instrument of Dramatic Missionary Growth in our Diocese by using all the gifts and talents that the Lord has given me.”

- Deacon Matthew Surico



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When young people encounter Christ in their life, you have helped to empower them to live as disciples in our world today.

“It’s important to place young people in front of the Living God and to create encounters with the Sacraments and with God for the possibility of that conversion moment of instilling in them the Faith – to come face to face with God. It can change their lives.”

- Nolan Reynolds, Director, Youth Ministry

“My Faith is so important to me – because without it I would be lost. I wouldn’t know what I would be doing right or wrong. I wouldn’t have God’s voice with me at all times. He guides me!”

- Michaela

EVANGELIZING our young people to be instruments of *Dramatic Missionary Growth*.

HIGHLIGHTS OF PEOPLE SERVED IN 2017

Living and Sharing our Faith

Baptisms: 11,823 Confirmations: 11,668 First Eucharist: 11,445 Marriages: 2,177
Children and Youth in Faith Formation: 88,573 Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

Vocations

Seminarians: 23 Diaconate Candidates: 26

Education

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 14,591
School of Missionary Disciples: 200

Caring for God's People

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000
Hospital Ministry: 200,000
Respect Life: 132,607 in 32 initiatives

Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,042
Mental Health Outpatient Services: 1,895
Senior Services: 3,995
Food and Nutrition Services: 17,087
Disaster Response: 153
Parish Social Ministry 1,617

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 pledge card/envelope.

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 – 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 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. Please see page 9 for a highlight of all the ministries served by the Appeal.

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

2019 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL PRAYER

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

We, your people on Long Island, thank you for calling, uniting and sustaining us on our lifelong journey of faith. Help us to hear and respond to others in need, believing that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters, we do for You.

Nourish our hearts with Your Spirit that we may share generously the gifts we have received. Inspire each of us to live out the call for *Dramatic Missionary Growth* so that our people and parishes burn bright with service and charity.

Grant us the courage to let our light shine forth, not hiding it under a bushel basket, but rather, reflecting You – the Source of All Gratitude and Love – meant to be shared.

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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