

2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Impact Report



THANK YOU FOR UNITING WITH US
DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES TO
SERVE AND EVANGELIZE.
BECAUSE OF YOU — WE ARE
LONG ISLAND STRONG!

"A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelizing environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan."

- Pope Francis

Your commitment to the Catholic Ministries Appeal exemplifies Pope Francis' message.

Thanks to you, we are Long Island Strong!



RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC

Our ministries have responded to the crisis in incredible ways:

Catholic Charities provided enhanced and expanded homecare services, expanded its Meals on Wheels programs, and provided shopping services to those who are most vulnerable to the pandemic.

Parish outreach programs continued to serve and reach out to new families who were struggling in their respective communities.

Young Adult and Youth Ministry remained active and creative, evangelizing and strengthening the faith in unique ways by immediately providing resources for prayer on various online platforms. Live streamed events were conducted through YouTube and Instagram Live, and meetings were held via Zoom. There were virtual women's meetings for those discerning a vocation to Religious Life; the Sisters of Life joined the group during breakout sessions! Additionally for our Youth Ministry, each week there has been a Livestream video reflection on Facebook – hosted by Nolan Reynolds, Director of our Diocesan Youth Ministry.

LONG ISLAND CATHOLIC YOUTH LIVE!

Every Monday @ 7:30pm

Livestreaming on FB:

facebook.com/DRVCYouthMinistry

And YouTube:

bit.ly/DRVCYMYT



In *Christus Vivit*, Pope Francis constantly invites young people to an encounter and friendship with Jesus. The Holy Father has stated, “No matter how much you live the experiences of these years of your youth, you will never know their deepest and fullest meaning unless you encounter each day your best friend, the friend who is Jesus” (CV, §150).

Your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal surely keeps Christ Alive in our Young Adults and Youth on Long Island!

Providing Pastoral Care all the time... That's Dramatic Missionary Growth in Action!

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 3-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 a part of the community. Just before his 30th birthday, Brian moved into Catholic Charities' Christopher Residence.

“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 old, we know that he will continue to be cared for with love and dignity,” shared Mrs. Healy.

LIVING AND SHARING OUR FAITH



Bishop John Barres ordained nine men to the permanent diaconate for the Diocese on September 23, 2020.

CALLED TO HOLINESS

On June 20, 2020, Bishop Barres ordained two men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.

Your donation supports vocations to the priesthood in our Diocese. It ensures that our seminarians have the time, resources and guidance they need to discern their vocation, begin their human and spiritual formation and embark on a lifetime commitment of holy service as priests.



"Catholic priests are contemplative and missionary instruments of the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ expressed in the Word of God, the Catholic Mass and all the Sacraments."

— Bishop Barres

"These deacons and their families are instruments of the Divine Mercy and instruments of the evangelizing mission of our Church on Long Island and across our global, universal Church."

— Bishop Barres

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19)

The School of Missionary Disciples continues to form lay leaders with virtual sessions of instruction, prayer, faith sharing and the development of leadership skills. More than 75 adults have made the commitment to grow in their faith and deepen their understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Church. This two-year program's given in English, Spanish and Creole.

"I am very happy to be able to continue the School of Missionary Disciples virtually. I am learning a so much and the sessions help. With our Lord we will move forward in these challenging times," shared a student.

"Thank you so much for keeping the sessions every week. Virtual learning is helping me to grow in my faith and I look for the mercy of the Lord. He is with us every day," shared another student.

The New Office of Evangelization and Catechesis is created ...

It combines the Office of Faith Formation and the ministries of New Evangelization, namely Hispanic Ministry, Multicultural Diversity, Youth Ministry, Campus Ministry and Young Adult Ministry.

EDUCATING OUR CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH



Working Together We're Making It Work!

Since the beginning of the pandemic, DRVC Schools quickly adapted to remote learning and “never missed a beat” in educating its students! Initially, faculty began meeting and reviewing the technology to hold remote classes and perfected the nuances of creating lessons that would be effective in that format. Surveys of the student community were taken to assess who would need devices, and the appropriate devices were sent home with those students.

The fine reputation of our diocesan schools has led to increases in enrollments in Long Island Catholic Schools.

Thank you for making all of this and all so many wonderful things happen in our community!