

# YOUR SUPPORT HELPED OTHERS TO FIND PATHWAYS TO PROTECT THE SANCTITY OF LIFE AT ALL STAGES:

The Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics continues to educate our diocesan family of all ages on ways to keep the sanctity of life at the forefront of our Catholic teaching. Dr. Lisa Honkanen, the Director, as a lifelong Catholic and a physician of Geriatric Medicine, has a deep Catholic faith which is unmistakably center and foremost in her work. She has upheld the dignity of all human life throughout her entire career. "Understanding the dignity of every human life and how it has been created by God – giving glory to Him in all our work – sharing that faith in our words and our actions. Giving witness every day – so we can inspire others to do the same."

- Dr. Lisa Honkanen, Director

## SERVING MORE THAN 600,000 PEOPLE WITH SPIRITUAL, NUTRITIONAL AND PHYSICAL SUPPORT WITH YOUR GIFT TO THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL!

#### **Building a Community of Faith**

Baptisms: 7,706
Confirmations: 9,893
First Eucharist: 9,240
Marriages: 1,009
Children and Youth in
Faith Formation: 71,727
Volunteer Catechists: 10,000

Vocations
Seminarians: 21
Diaconate Candidates: 12

**Education** 

Diocesan Elementary and High Schools: 12,049 students



#### **Building a Community of Hope**

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

#### **Building a Community of Love**

Parish Outreach Program: 100,000 Hospital Ministry: 200,000 Prison Ministry: 3,000

#### Catholic Charities

Housing: senior, physical disability and pastoral care: 4,091
Mental Health Outpatient
Services: 2,573
Senior Services: 4,216
Food and Nutrition Services: 7,669
Parish Social Ministry 3,403
Addiction Treatment Services 1,870







Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous support of the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. This Appeal creates pathways to faith for our diocesan family. It invigorates our journey of dramatic missionary growth and unites us as One Family in Mission as we fulfill our baptismal call to evangelize and show mercy to our brothers and sisters in need. As Pope Francis has said, "Go and show love to everyone, because your life is a precious mission."

During these unprecedented times, so many of our neighbors are in need — whether it is for the basic necessities of food, clothing, shelter, or spiritual enrichment. Your support of the CMA played a crucial role in keeping our ministries vibrant so we were able to serve them.

Your support helped Catholic Charities increase its food programs outreach, maintain housing, and strengthen mental health programs for the most vulnerable amongst us.

Your support helped our ministries to enrich our Youth, Young Adults, and lay ministers, even if when we had to do so virtually, while strengthening vocation programs for our future priests, deacons and lay leaders.

Additionally, your CMA donation strengthened programs that support the sanctity of life at all stages, which is so crucial during these times. As Pope Francis has said, "We can come out of crisis spiritually and morally stronger, That will depend on the conscience and responsibility of each one of us. Not alone, though; only together and with the grace of God."

Your support has made evident your commitment to join together to serve so many in our community. Thank you!

My blessings and prayers to you and your families for a blessed and healthy New Year.

Sincerely in Christ,

+ Aph O. Barres
Bishop John O. Barres

#### THROUGH YOUR SUPPORT, YOU BRING THE FACE OF JESUS TO OTHERS

Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach staff have continued, even in the most difficult times, to bring care, love and the face of Jesus to those in need. Local parishes and their volunteers are the lifeblood of parish social ministry on Long Island.

Most of the Diocese of Rockville Centre's 133 parishes provide services in some form to its community. Across Long Island, the combined parish ministries serve as many as 75,000 people in need each year. Catholic Charities provides support and resources to our local parish social ministry efforts on Long Island through a number of programs and services.



## YOU ARE SUPPORTING PROGRAMS THAT CREATE PATHWAYS TO EVANGELIZING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



One such program, Camp Quo Vadis (Latin for "Where are you going?"), has as its core purpose to help young people listen to God's voice, answer questions about future vocations and prepare the way for their leadership in the Church.

In the last two years under the direction of Fr. Sean Magaldi, there are two campers and three volunteers who are now in the seminary; two volunteer women have entered religious life, two women are in the process of entering women's religious life;30 female campers attended a discernment retreat for religious life and nine volunteers are now employed in lay ministry.

## YOU OPEN PATHWAYS FOR OTHERS TO FOLLOW THEIR CALL TO SERVE

Father Sean Magaldi began his journey to the priesthood after he graduated from college and became a campus minister at Adelphi. It was there that he knew he was called to ministry. That calling continued in his junior year at Chaminade where he was inspired by the dedicated Brothers there. Today Fr. Magaldi serves as the Vocations Director at the Diocese of Rockville Centre. "Looking at the different journeys that I have embarked on, the Catholic Ministries Appeal has been involved in all of them. The CMA funds Campus Ministry and my path was a result of that program. After entering the seminary, being ordained and today working as the Vocations Director, is all due to the generosity of the people who support the Catholic Ministries Appeal."

