



**Your gift is helping Seminarian Hurley Mendez prepare to become a priest in our Diocese.**

*“I feel very blessed to be able to answer my call in the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The CMA has supported me by providing the necessary resources to access formation programs where I can receive the knowledge and skills to experience and encounter Christ and serve and support the needs of our Diocese. I thank all those who join this noble campaign because they help not only in the formation of seminarians but also in programs that support the most vulnerable, giving fruits of charity and love, and thus, promote the mission of saving all the People of God.”*

*“As a seminarian, my call is to mold my heart to the heart of Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, who gave His life for his sheep. To be a seminarian is to be a friend of Christ and follow His Footsteps, carry on what He began, and spread it in every place, always, and to the entire world.”*

**SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE!**

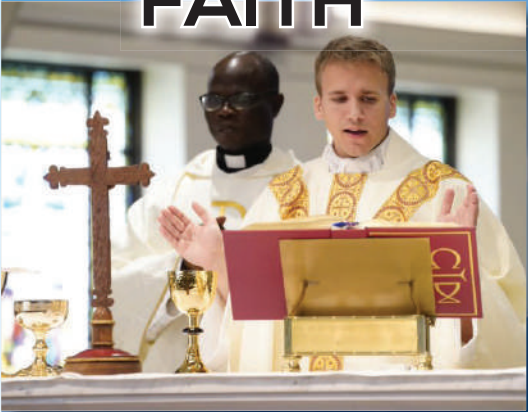
- Catholic Charities and Parish Outreach programs provided 1.2 million face-to-face services to 36,331 neighbors. There was an increase of 200% from 2020 in services provided. Rising gas, food and housing prices have caused a shift of people who are turning to their local parish outreach for assistance.
- On Saturday, June 18, 2022 the Most Reverend John O. Barres ordained three men to the priesthood for the Diocese of Rockville Centre.
- Our Office of Human Life, Family and Bioethics (Respect Life), began a monthly Rosary for Life in addition to maintaining their ongoing Respect Life initiatives that build a civilization of love and life which upholds the dignity and inviolability of all innocent human life.
- Holy Hours for Vocations are being celebrated throughout the year. Young people of the diocese, and those who desire to draw near to Our Lord in the Eucharist come together to pray, give praise and honor in Adoration. They pray for the intention of opening hearts to hear the call of Our Lord to consider vocations to the holy priesthood of Jesus Christ and religious life. Also, Campus Ministry programs at secular colleges continue to thrive.



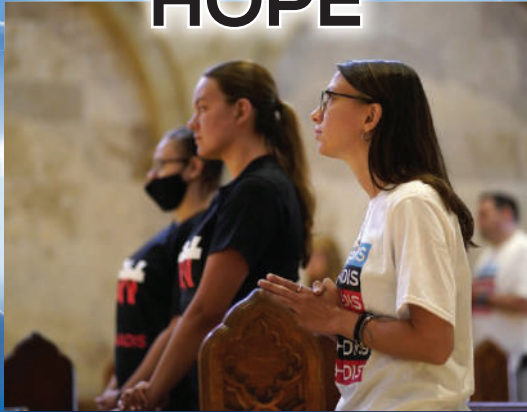
# 2022 IMPACT REPORT

*One Family in Mission – Building a Community of*

**FAITH**



**HOPE**



**& LOVE**



*“God’s love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit.”*

*– Pope Francis*





Dear Friends:

Thank you for your generous support of the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. As Pope Francis has said, "The measure of greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty."

During these difficult and volatile times, so many of our neighbors are in need – whether it is for the prime essentials of food, clothing, shelter or spiritual enrichment.

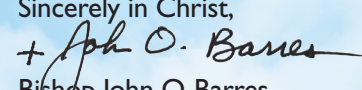
Your support of the CMA played a crucial role in keeping our ministries financially secure and vibrant so that we can minister to those who come to us in need of basic necessities and spiritual growth.

You helped Catholic Charities increase its outreach, maintain housing for seniors and people with disabilities and provide care for pregnant and new moms.

You helped us to evangelize our Youth, Young Adults, and lay ministers while strengthening vocation programs for our future priests, deacons and lay leaders. Additionally, your CMA donation bolstered programs that support the sanctity of life at all stages, keeping it at the forefront of our community and society.

Together, we are building a community of hope and they will know us by our love.

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

Sincerely in Christ,  
  
Bishop John O. Barres

## Your gift to the Catholic Ministries Appeal helped Fr. Wegiel to follow his call to be a Priest in our Diocese.

Ordained in 2021, Fr. Wegiel was inspired to consider the vocation to the priesthood by his devout parents and his parish priest. Met with challenges to defend his faith as a college student at Stony Brook, he became active in Campus Ministry, which gave him the opportunity to build on his foundation of faith, grow in his prayer through Lectio Divina, attend retreats and participate in service projects. His participation in this ministry inspired him to learn more about his faith and to form a deeper life of prayer.

*"Prayer is an invitation to the relationship with God,"* shared Fr. Wegiel, Parochial Vicar at St. Mary's Manhasset.



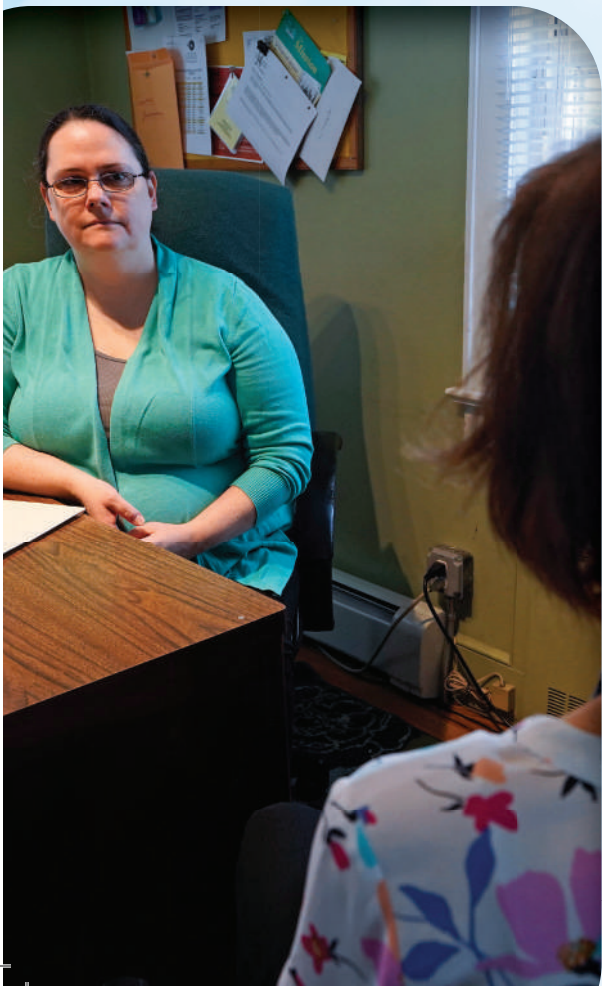
## Your gifts bring hope and love to pregnant and new moms, like Susan.

**Catholic Charities' Regina Maternity Services provide case management, crisis intervention and parenting education to low-income pregnant and parenting mothers with infants and toddlers living on Long Island.**

*"We connect moms to various services – with healthcare if they need a doctor for themselves or for their baby. We connect them to job training and education programs so they can find employment or advance their career. And we can connect them to services if they are in need of food, diapers, cribs or other essentials."*

*When you have a mom who is feeling as though she is not capable of taking care of her baby, she is not going to be a good employee, parent or productive member of society, so our goal is to get moms to a place where they feel most comfortable – grow healthy children and become productive members of society."*

- Amy Agiato, Director of Catholic Charities Nutrition and Maternity Services



## Your gift gives hope to our young adults, like Sean, who want to continue to grow in their Faith.

In its 6th year, Camp Quo Vadis 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. Campers at Quo Vadis experience faith in an uplifting atmosphere that instills tools for them to become disciples in the Catholic Church. Young women, religious, young priests, seminarians and campers experience a culture of encounter and are challenged to holiness and mission. *"I decided to participate because of the Eucharist. It is the center of my faith and it calls me to do so much that I do. I had never been to a retreat before, so I wanted to experience what that was like. I don't want to make the mistake of having my faith be just a part of my life like music or sports. I want it to guide me through my life and be the reason I do things."* – Sean, Camper

