



Go Forth With Christ

2023/2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Impact Report



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ:

I am pleased to share this Impact Report for our 2023-2024 *Catholic Ministries Appeal* (CMA). Inspired by the theme, *Go Forth With Christ*, nearly 20,000 individuals and families gave more than \$6.9 million to help our Diocese and parish communities, achieving 103% of the \$6,725,000 CMA goal. What a praiseworthy achievement!

For more than forty years, the CMA has been the Diocese of Rochester's vehicle for raising the necessary funds to invest in our parishes and ministries for fulfilling the mission of our Church. As you will see in this report, the CMA continues Christ's ministry of assisting the poor, the needy, and the most vulnerable in our communities. The CMA educates our seminarians and deacon candidates, and prepares them as our priests and permanent deacons. The Appeal also educates and trains our teachers, catechists and coaches who serve our children and young people. The CMA supports parish faith formation programs and Catholic schools, and most importantly fosters greater participation in the sacramental life of the Church. The CMA funds more than half of the diocesan operating budget, allowing the Diocese to ensure the strength of our local parishes, supporting our pastors, parochial and pastoral administrators, parish staffs, and vital parish ministries in the proclamation of the Gospel throughout the 12 counties of our Diocese.

It is my hope, and I believe certainly possible, that we can continue to increase participation in the Appeal by kind and charitable outreach to the wonderful people of our Diocese.

Thanking you once again for your generous participation in the CMA and assuring you of a continued remembrance in my prayers, I remain

+ Salvatore R. Matano

*The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano
Bishop of Rochester*

Debtor in Possession

We are tremendously grateful to the nearly 20,000 donors who committed \$6,934,926 to the 2023-2024 CMA. Gifts contributed through the CMA covered nearly 60% of the Diocese of Rochester's \$11.5 million budget. Through your support, you have made it possible for the Diocese and your parish to continue the mission of our Church. Thank you for making a difference!

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Seminarians in Formation
1 priest was ordained

840



Confirmations
From 67 parishes and faith communities

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Deacons in Formation

2,331



Catholic School Students
Educated in diocesan Catholic schools, with another 3,017 enrolled in private (non-diocesan) Catholic schools

260



Hands of Christ Awards
High school seniors received the Hands of Christ award over 3 ceremonies acknowledging their ministry and leadership

5,023



Parish Religious Education - Youth
Through parish-based programs

250,000



Catholic Charities

People assisted by our Catholic Charities agencies throughout the 12 counties of the Diocese

CMA 2023-2024 Highlights

Evangelization & Catechesis

- Equipped, supported and engaged parishes during year three of the Eucharistic Revival
- Participated in the New York State Eucharistic Congress at Our Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Auriesville, NY
- Offered Mental Health First Aid Training to volunteers and professionals in the Diocese
- Organized Confirmations for 840 teens from 67 parishes and faith communities
- Supported and Organized 115+ adult confirmations, including full reception into Catholic Church, and 86 adult baptisms
- Prepared 275 engaged couples for the Sacrament of Marriage through Fully Engaged (at no charge to couple or parish)
- Supported 115 engaged couples through the Diocese's online Pre-Cana program,
- Organized 3 Hands of Christ Award Ceremonies recognizing 260 faith-filled graduating high school seniors
- Coordinated a pilgrimage for 115 high school youth and chaperones to the 2023 National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis
- Supported Catholic Scouting and young adult ministry through the production of e-newsletters and individual consultation with ministry leaders

Pastoral Services

- Provided resources for building a culture of life through an integrated approach to education, prayer, advocacy and support for Human Life through the Office of Life Issues and LifeROC
- Served as liaison for the reinstatement of the Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court #106
- Promoted the growth of Walking with Moms in Need, an initiative from the USCCB to accompany and provide important resources for pregnant women and mothers
- Expanded Migrant Ministry in our 12-County Diocese based now in 6 faith communities and 2 migrant centers

Catholic Schools

- Organized a Spring Conference for teachers and principals with professional development sessions to enhance their skills and grow as educators
- Implemented the iReady Program, a computer-based tool for teachers to monitor student academic progress and provide interactive math and reading lessons
- Provided a New Teacher Coach to work with new teachers in our schools on Catholic identity, classroom management, lesson planning, and instruction
- Established a New Principal Mentor to work with our new school principals on skills to help them successfully lead our schools
- Implemented the FACTS Student Information System to offer a platform for schools to organize student information and communicate with families on a regular basis regarding schoolwide programs and activities, as well as student progress
- Coordinated 175 soccer and basketball teams through our CYO Program to provide opportunities for children in schools and parishes to participate in sports throughout the diocese

Seminarian, Deacon & Pastoral Leader Education, Ministry and Support

- Educated 5 seminarians:
- Educated 5 men in the Diaconate program at St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry

Information Technology

- Implemented new procedures and technology to respond quickly to cybersecurity incidents in Catholic Charities agencies, parishes, and schools
- Covered labor costs for wiring allowing for security camera systems for Catholic Charities agencies, parishes, and schools
- Migrated parishes and Catholic Charities agencies to cloud based systems
- Facilitated the acquisition of technology from a New York State grant for Catholic Charities



The final accounting for CMA 2023-2024 will be available for review in November at www.dor.org/about/financial-reports.

All monies raised in the CMA are only used for the programs, services, and ministries for which they are designated. No gifts to the CMA are used to satisfy settlement costs associated with abuse.