



Bishop Clark welcomes seminarians Peter Van Lieshout and Greg Rupik to Sacred Heart Cathedral.

### My Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As I give thanks for the privilege of serving as your bishop for 30 years, I'm mindful of so many blessings, especially your inspiring faith, generosity and caring spirit.

Now we are called again to help, for these are trying times for many of our friends and neighbors. A growing number of people of all walks of life need the support and services the Catholic Ministries Appeal provides. Your financial gift to this year's CMA will allow us to continue to be a beacon of hope, comfort and inspiration for thousands.

Please pray about your gift to this year's Appeal. Whatever you can give, know that it will truly help the Church to stay strong. Know that you will help our Diocese and our parishes in "Keeping the Spirit Alive" in the hearts of those most in need, among our young people, seniors and families, and for all the generations still to come.

Your brother in Christ,  
† Matthew H. Clark  
Bishop of Rochester

## Where does my gift go?

Every dollar received in the CMA is used directly or indirectly to fund ministries affecting every Catholic and faith community in the diocese:

- Welcoming new Catholics through RCIA
- Providing faith formation programs for youth
- Giving support for families, the elderly and the sick
- Assisting Catholic Charities and Catholic education
- Reaching out to the poor, the homeless, the hungry
- Encouraging religious vocations
- Honoring marriage and preparing engaged couples
- Spreading the Gospel through communications media
- Teaming with other arch/diocese nationally and supporting Vatican ministries
- Providing parishes with services they would be pressed to provide on their own.
- A detailed financial report is available at [www.dor.org](http://www.dor.org)



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# Keeping the Spirit *Alive*

Please support your parish in the 2009/2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal

# We need your help now more than ever!



**The Catholic Ministries Appeal** is a diocesan-wide effort that asks every Catholic household to financially and prayerfully support the many diocesan and parish ministries that serve the needs of our communities beyond the boundaries of any one parish. Through the CMA, we combine our financial resources to advance the work of the Church via prayer and worship, education and service, social concerns and works of charity throughout our 12-county diocese.



**In this time of economic uncertainty, your church needs you** more than ever.... our priests need you, our youth need you, those less fortunate need you. In fact, the need has never been greater. Look deep within your heart and your faith as you consider a contribution to this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal. The foundation of our Church, your church, must remain strong – and now is the time to ensure that we keep the spirit alive for generations to come.



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